



Harding University
Scholar Works at Harding

John Allen Chalk: Personal Correspondence

John Allen Chalk

8-20-1970

From/To: R.A. Gilbertsen (Chalk's reply filed first)

R.A. Gilbertsen

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarworks.harding.edu/hst-chalk-personal>

Recommended Citation

Gilbertsen, R. (1970). From/To: R.A. Gilbertsen (Chalk's reply filed first). Retrieved from <https://scholarworks.harding.edu/hst-chalk-personal/2435>

This Letter is brought to you for free and open access by the John Allen Chalk at Scholar Works at Harding. It has been accepted for inclusion in John Allen Chalk: Personal Correspondence by an authorized administrator of Scholar Works at Harding. For more information, please contact scholarworks@harding.edu.



August 20, 1970

Mr. R. A. Gilbertsen
4026 Prescott, Apartment 3
Dallas, Texas 75219

Dear Brother Gilbertsen:

I deeply regret that the author of the article in the Oak-West Church of Christ did not write me to ascertain the true nature of the situation regarding "Midnight Cowboy" as you were willing to do. Thank you for being Christ-like enough to write for my response.

I believe that "Midnight Cowboy" as standard entertainment fare is both obscene and harmful. I tried to say that in the Abilene Reporter News and I said it very clearly to the entire Highland congregation on Sunday morning following the article's appearance in the newspaper. I made it very clear that I at no point upheld homosexuality, that I at no point condoned immorality, that I at no point encouraged anything that would be unChrist-like.

I asked the forgiveness of my brothers and sisters at the Highland congregation for the burden and the pain I had caused them. I ask your forgiveness for any burden or pain that I have also caused you.

Sincerely yours,

John Allen Chalk

JAC:lc

C
O
P
Y

Apartment 3
4026 Prescott
Dallas, Texas 75219
August 4, 1970

Mr. John Allen Chalk, minister
Highland Church of Christ - Herald of Truth
Abilene, Texas 79600

Dear brother Chalk,

I recently read some comments you are purported to have made in a newspaper interview about the movie, "Midnight Cowboy." I find it rather difficult to believe that a Christian and especially a gospel preacher would say the things that are attributed to you. Therefore, following the New Testament principle in regard to this matter, I am asking you personally whether you actually said these things. I myself am a Christian and a gospel evangelist. If you did say the things attributed to you in the inclosed photocopy of an article, then please do not attempt to "explain" what you meant. I am intelligent and well-educated enough to know what you said and I assume that a member of the body of Christ would not say something if he did not mean it. Consequently, please just tell me whether you said it or not.

"Midnight Cowboy" is a dirty, rotten, filthy, homo-sexual, sinful movie. If you did say the things attributed to you in the inclosed article, consider yourself dis-fellowshiped from me until such time as you repent and make things right with God and the church. If you are innocent, tell me.

Respectfully yours,


R. A. Gilbertsen