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September 9, 1970

Mr. Archie Luper
Luper Enterprises
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Dear brother Luper:

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Fraternally yours,

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August 19, 1970

John Allen Chalk
South Fifth and Highland
Abilene, Texas 79605

Dear John Allen:

It is most difficult to write a threatening letter when your heart is broken. Jimmy and I have been together for twenty-three years; notwithstanding the fact I have served as President of his West Coast Christian Corporation, he has served as President of my foundation--but more than this both of us have considered each other as the dearest of friends. Not withstanding the love I have for Jimmy, I love Jesus and His Church more.

Evidently, John Allen, you do not understand the intensity and seriousness of the trouble we are having in the Church in California due to the Pentecostals that have invaded so many of our Churches. It is a fact Pat Boone is the recognized leader of the Pentecostal movement in the Churches of Christ not only in the State of California but elsewhere. If you have read the last two issues #30 and #31 of the Pentecostal Journal entitled "Testimony", you would understand this religious journal has been dominated entirely by writings of members of the Church of Christ who have gone off into Pentecostalism.

In our congregation at East Ventura one of our elders, Bro. James Rawlins, has a brother Bill who also attends and has his membership with us with his entire family, have accepted the Pentecostal doctrines of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues. Another brother, Duane Rawlins is an elder in the Hillcrest Church of Christ in Thousand Oaks who also, with his family, have accepted these same Pentecostal doctrines. More serious than all of this, the other three elders at this church along with at least 70% of the members are now practicing these same erroneous doctrines. These three Rawlins brothers have parents who have their membership in our congregation, both are 86 years of age. The mother with tears in her eyes said to me just recently, "Please, Bro. Luper, can't you help my two boys?". The Jon Allen family also members of our congregation, are also involved in the Pentecostal movement. May I add, Jon is one of the most militant I have encountered in this movement.

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Concerning Jimmie and his Journal Action and his "Miss-a-meal" Program, these two programs have been most effective in taking the Gospel of Christ to the whole world, and I have been honored to have been a part of it. Today in my judgment and the judgment of many elderships and concerned Christians, Bro. Lovell has made a tragic mistake in choosing Pat (who is one of the most controversial persons in the Church today) as President of his new program, "Bibles for All Humanity".

As old and wise as Jimmie is (or should be), it seems incredible he would make a plea in Action for contributions from our brethern and in the same breath make a plea for contributions from people of "all faiths". I do not believe our brethern will join hands with those who teach, practice or live in activities which the Bible classifies as sinful. Added to this, my Bible says, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." II Cor. 6:17. Also my Bible has nothing to say about "all faiths" but is most explicit in stating there is one faith. Eph. 4:5. Perhaps all of us who are caught up in this difficulty would do well to read all of Chapter 4 of the Book of Ephesians, with specific emphasis on Verses 2 and 3.

Forgive me for such a long letter. I called you several times, your secretary informed me you were on vacation. I would have rather talked to you on the telephone.

In closing, may I express my love for you as a friend and brother in Christ. My fervent hope is may I continue to merit your friendship, confidence and love.

In Christ,



Archie W. Luper

AWL/d



July 17, 1970

Mr. James L. Lovell,
P. O. Box 146,
Palos Verdes Estates, California 90274

Dear Jimmie:

I am shocked at your recent decision in appointing Pat Boone to serve as President of your new Bible Foundation program. It seems inconsistent you would remove Pat's name from the Board that represents "Action" because of his acceptance, practice and teaching the Pentecostal Doctrines of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit - and speaking in tongues, and then appoint him to this place of preeminence.

Aren't you concerned Jimmie, that I have explained to you in detail the problems we are having in Ventura County with members of the church who have accepted these same Pentecostal Doctrines? Have I not explained - just twenty five miles away the Thousand Oaks congregation, according to Bill Rawlins, has reached seventy per cent who now believe and practice these erroneous doctrines? Does it not alarm you that three of their four elders are numbered with the seventy per cent? Does it not cause you deep concern that Glen Scott (a part of the seventy per cent) is holding weekly RAP Sessions oriented especially to reach the young people of the church in Ventura County to convert them to Pentecostalism?

Does it not also alarm you that Dean Dennis, who was withdrawn from by the Santa Ana elders and who was converted to Pentecostalism by Pat Boone, is supported by members of this church? Does it not disturb you that Dean Dennis is planning to go to Honolulu and the Orient to convert our people to Pentecostalism?

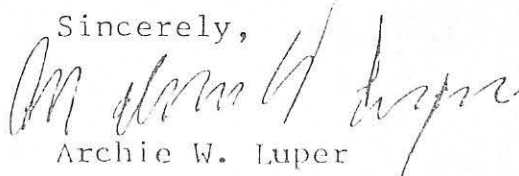
More than this, does it not concern you that Pat Boone, who still has his membership at Inglewood, is booked this coming October with Harold Bredsen (another leader in the Pentecostal movement) to deliver several keynote speeches on behalf of the Pentecostal movement throughout Sweden?

Isn't it ironic these meetings are being arranged by Lewl Petters, the recognized leader of the 100,000 Pentecostals in Sweden? Does it seem in good taste to you that a prominent member in the Lords Church would use his influence in obtaining another celebrity, such as Ingrid Bergman who now lives in Paris, France to come over to Sweden and give him a hand in this program?

Finally Jimmie, are you so naive to expect the Lords people to continue to support "Action", the "Miss-a-Meal" and your new Bible Foundation programs - plus the use of some of our brethren's names - knowing you have not only embraced one of our number who is a teacher of false doctrines, but also holding up the hand of this same person who is sowing discord among brethren?

May I inform you, as of this date, I submit my resignation as President of West Coast Christian Corporation and please remove my name and influence from "Action", the "Miss-a-Meal" and your Bible Foundation programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Archie W. Luper".

Archie W. Luper

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