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May 3, 1971

Mr. John Wessler
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Dear John:

Your letter raises one of the deepest questions ever considered by man. Unfortunately, I don't have enough time, due to my leaving town tomorrow, to give you a detailed answer.

I am convinced that injustice exists in the world because of the rule of sin over the world. Some insight regarding this question could be obtained from reading the last six chapters of my book, Jesus' Church. The opening three chapters of Genesis make it very clear that once man decided to go his own way he became separated from his fellowman and thereby capable of all kinds of inhumanity.

The answer Jesus gives in Mark 3, about the binding of the strong man, explains clearly that the principle aim of Jesus' ministry was the defeat of Satan, that is, the "strong man." I am convinced that sin (Paul Tillich explains it in his Systematic Theology, Volume 2, page 47-58) is man's revolt from God out of which all kinds of inhumanity is practiced. My understanding them, of the Biblical doctrine of sin, and my understanding of the Biblical doctrine of man's nature as a sinner explains to me why so much injustice exists in the world. Read carefully and watch the development of man after he revolted from God in Romans 1:18-32.

It's been great knowing you this school year. I pray that God will richly bless you through the summer and through the rest of your college years.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

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April 26, 1971

Dear John Allen,

A friend of mine who is a college teacher wanted me to ask you the following question. According to God's Word, "Why does injustice exist in the world?" Biblically, why does this teacher's next door neighbor drink booze constantly and generally destroy himself by every available means even though he readily admits and realizes what he is doing to himself and his family?

Thank you for your time in answering this letter and for spending all the time you have with me and many other college students in personal counseling. I hope that you and your family prosper in Austin and that you continue to lead the joyous life which is now yours.

Sincerely,



John Wessler