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From/To: Jimmie Lovell (Chalk's reply filed first)

Jimmie Lovell

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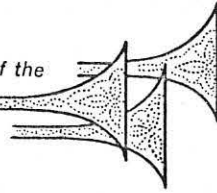
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February 11, 1969

Mr. Jimmie Lovell  
P. O. Box 146  
Palos Verdes Estates, California

Dear Jimmie:

I appreciated your characteristic note of Sunday morning, after hearing Herald of Truth. As a result of our efforts last year, and solely because God blessed them, radio response for 1968 increased 191% over radio response for 1967. I believe this represents an endorsement of what I have tried to do while with Herald of Truth: be aware of the actual problems, whatever they are, that are causing people today so much concern, bringing them from their problems to God's solution in Jesus Christ as presented so clearly in the Bible.

I almost overlooked your anguished note of Monday morning. You made the right response to the concern you felt. I believe that the two men you mentioned in your note, as well as others whom they represent, are simply being irrational and nihilistic. The present "soft-minded" approach that so many are making comes because first of all, they are not grounded in God's word; secondly, they do not make a deep and thorough-going study of it their devotion; thirdly, they do not even have the tools, academically, for doing sound Bible study; and fourthly, this leaves them having to react out of their own experiences and out of their own training in social sciences, rather than in Biblical teaching.

Jimmie, please do not react as other men of your age and generation are reacting. If you look only to these men, or others like them, there can be nothing but anguish and negative reaction. You and I, and all sensitive New Testament Christians, must look to God and to His word, and then to these men in love and in efforts to help them, as well as all other men who do not know God for their lives.

We are anxious to have you here with us. I send you my prayers for your safe keeping, and for our mutual enrichment in fellowship.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk  
Radio Evangelist

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Sunday 8:32 A. M.

*P. Send copy of both sides to Prentice*  
From — JAMES L. LOVELL

Dear Jac:

Just a quick note, first to express deep appreciation for the great message we just heard. Vivian and I listen to <sup>you</sup> each every Sunday while we have breakfast. We are always moved to higher ground.

Lesson - today on husbands loving their wives. I told Vivian and the fact that I gave her \$50 of my very own money for Christmas put me in and I was safe! The end of this lesson where you spoke of the value of the Bible was what makes me love you so much. If you will read your words again and hold that position the balance of your life you will have lived for man's greatest good.

Prentice just called and said he needed to see me and would be down for lunch this week. I wish you could be here.

I do see clouds gathering of Christian ethics versus the whole Book - Man versus the Plan idea and I so believe we need both.

I could write much to you, Sue and Helen but must run. I love all of you very dearly and daily are you in my prayers.

*James*

Over

Monday 3:40 A. M.

Low in spirit. I heard Mont Whitson teach us yesterday that the Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists and when I suggested that he might as well include the Four Square and Father Divine he did, has as much right to be included in the Universal Church as those of the Church of Christ. I heard Gary preach yesterday that so far as he was concerned there was no "us who were in and them who were without." I rolled all night and no sleep came so I'm up and will spend the day in prayer and without food. Maybe it is good that my generation is coming to an end but I find myself deeply concerned over the new.

So long my friend.