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January 19, 1971

Dr. Gordon H. Clark  
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Dear Sir:

When I received the January 15th issue of "Christianity Today" my attention was particularly drawn to the front cover featuring your article entitled, "A New Discovery In The Quest Of The Historical Jesus." I submit that you portrayed neither discovery nor quest, and that a more suitable title would have been, "An Old Gimmick To Discredit The Historical Jesus".

Before I completed the first paragraph, I double checked to see if I had the right magazine; because I could NEVER IMAGINE that a publication of such "Evangelical Conviction" would condone such PURE BLASPHEMY! Continuing with your article I found that I wasn't dreaming, but that someone really "pulled a fast one on Dr. Lindsell" this time and left a "PIG In The Parlor" INDEED!!

After removing the BLASPHEMY from these two pages of FALDERAL, what's left is a disgusting biography of AN EXTREMELY MISERABLE PERSON, a sick, sick egoist who could be on the verge of insanity---holding NONE of the high qualities required of a writer for any Evangelical publication. In fact, we are observing the LOWEST BREED OF UNBELIEVER who has probably committed the UNPARDONABLE SIN already---evidenced by complete disregard for the Person or the Authority of GOD---THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Your usage of the old school teacher's trick, "How To Confuse If You CANNOT Instruct", went over like a LEAD BALLOON! Your German was "far fetched" and your Greek was neither Classical, Koine' nor modern. If you separate your Spanish from your Latin perhaps we could make a Pennsylvania Dutchman out of you. Just what is YOUR PHILOSOPHY-professor?

The tragic climax comes with your "smart aleck" attack upon the New Testament Canon, doubting the authenticity of the Gospels and distorting the real purposes for which Christ came, your SLANDERING COMMENTS about the Protestant Reformation, your MIS-QUOTATIONS from GOD'S WORD, and finally your CONTEMPTIBLE AND DAMNABLE BLASPHEMY OF MY SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST, AND MY COMFORTER, THE HOLY SPIRIT. Your Father the Devil had more respect for His Creator than this!!!

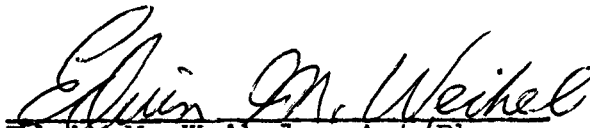
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Yes, there are many like you on the loose today with a seared conscience and a CAST IRON SOUL!!! You indicated your affinity to the likes of Goethe and I presume that Kinsolving also belongs to your unholy MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY. Eventually you can all join hands with your cohort Bishop Pike - WHERE HE IS NOW-----FAR FAR AWAY FROM US BIBLE BELIEVING EVANGELICALS.

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Very truly yours,



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January 26 1971

Mr. Edwin M. Weikel  
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Dear Mr. Weikel,

After returning from a few days absence from my office, I found your letter of Jan. 19, concerning my article in Christianity Today, and read it with great interest.

You said my German is "far fetched." One German phrase was Sitz im Leben. The other was a quotation from Feuerbach. If there is some mistake in these two phrases, please point them out to me. You say my Greek was neither classical nor koine nor modern. Since there is no Greek in the article, I fail to understand your point. Then you complain about my Spanish. Would you kindly indicate what Spanish I used. And for some reason you object to my Latin. There were two Latin phrases. If you would tell me what is wrong with them, I would appreciate it.

Surely if you can show that you have told the truth on these easily verifiable points, I would be willing to consider whether you have told the truth on other parts of your letter.

Speaking of languages, if you could understand English, you might have understood the line in italics under the title of my article on page 3.

You wouldn't want to give me written permission to publish your letter, would you?

Very truly yours,

Gordon H. Clark



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January 30, 1971

Dr. Gordon H. Clark  
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Dear Sir:

Thank you for answering my letter of January 19; however, I am disappointed that you sidetracked the REAL ISSUES connected with your article of January 15, 1971 in "Christianity Today".

It is quite natural that your reply was somewhat "caustic" in view of my letter which wasted no time getting RIGHT TO THE POINT. However I am far from being the imbecile who "...doesn't understand English..." as you stated. I was an English Major in College and although this was thirty years ago I still have the ability to read and write, which seems to be admirable today. I do not dispute the fact that your article was (truly) "Satire on scholarship"; however, if you would try less to discredit true scholars, saving your sarcastic approach for the pseudo authorities, you would be doing more justice to your own talents.

You have my full permission to publish my letter; however, this gives you no license to quote parts of it OUT OF CONTEXT as you so badly MISQUOTED God's Holy Word. Publish the entire letter, or none of it!!

As for your reference to foreign languages, we could go into ten pages on this proposition, so I'll pick a few, leaving the rest for your overworked imagination. "Sitz im Leben" (sit in life), or "DO NOTHING" might be your opinion of ancient agriculture and perhaps you are right. However, RIGHT OR WRONG---what a way to "TWIST" the verse contained in John 1:1. I didn't say your quotation from Feuerbach was incorrect as such; however MEANINGLESS with respect to what you tried to say in the surrounding phrases. This is what I call a prime example of "far fetched".

As for Greek which is neither Classical, Koine' nor modern, then it isn't Greek, is it? Congratulations for "catching my curve", but then if you can play the role of a satirist, perhaps others may follow suit, WITH OR WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION.

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HAROLD LINDSELL  
EDITOR

February 23, 1971

Mr. Edwin M. Weikel  
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Dear Mr. Weikel:

I have a copy of your letter of January 19 addressed to Dr. Gordon Haddon Clark, the professor of philosophy at Butler University.

I think that I am rather knowledgeable and I doubt that anyone pulled a fast one on me. If you will go back to the essay in question written by Dr. Clark you will discover that on the table of contents page we clearly stated in the subtitle that this was a satire. If you look up the meaning of the word "satire" you will quickly discover that Dr. Clark was poking fun at people who do worse things than the essay outlined.

Dr. Clark happens to be one of the strongest and staunchest apologetes for an inerrant Scripture. We had a number of letters somewhat similar to yours and after I wrote to the people and they noted that this was satire, they replied apologetically and asked that they be forgiven for their own mistake. Some of those who knew it was satire from the beginning wrote how beautifully they felt Dr. Clark had scalped the liberals and the higher critics and hoped that we would have more of it.

I recognize that satire is dangerous if for no other reason than you were taken in with it. Notice also our editorial recently about the use of satire.

I hope that you will find it in your heart to forgive Dr. Clark who is not guilty of what you thought he had done and also myself in the sense that I was not taken in for I recognized the piece as satire from the beginning and ran it in order to pull the legs of the liberals who do this kind of thing so often.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Harold Lindsell*

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w/ letter - 3/11/71 -*

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March 11, 1971

Dr. Harold Lindsell  
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Dear Dr. Lindsell:

Thank you for your letter of Feb. 23, 1971 which I'm just getting around to answering, due to a very busy schedule.

More than nine tenths of the world is turned off on Christianity at this moment simply because Christianity is not being practiced, by and large. Yet, millions are earnestly searching for the true Christ, and, finding Him NOT, in the physical Church, grope aimlessly, winding up in some false cult or otherwise joining ranks with atheists and pure agnostics.

The liberal is a breed of his own, representing by far the majority of Christendom and responsible for sending more souls to Hell than all other sources combined---true Pharisees of the twentieth century who must be condemned openly and viciously in the same manner in which Christ Himself exposed them.

I admire the Christ who overturned the tables of the moneychangers. A "man's man" who called a "spade-a-spade" and identified the Pharisees as vipers who could not escape the damnation of Hell. Mister DIRECT APPROACH, calling the shots for what they were and leaving no doubt about what he meant. He did not come into the world to save the liberals, He knew he would be wasting his time on these self righteous bigots. His magnificent insight told Him that the hungry sinner was the only possible candidate for Christianity, so He by-passed the guy who was NOT BUYING. He did not waste his valuable time on those who could not be sold.

Since I'm "from Missouri", please show me ONE CONVERT TO CHRIST, won by satire.

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P.S. - You may publish this  
letter, if you wish.  
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Cordially yours,

  
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March 11, 1971

Dr. Gordon H. Clark  
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Dear Dr. Clark:

I have enclosed a photo-copy of Dr. Lindsell's letter under date of February 23, 1971, as well as a carbon copy of today's letter of reply.

Now that I have had time to assay the complete purpose of your article in "Christianity Today" I realize that I was terribly wrong to identify you with the liberals. I am happy to be enlightened to the fact that you are truly Christian and I sincerely apologize for the unworthy titles I gave you in the third and final paragraphs of my letter of Jan. 19, 1971.

So far as Dr. Lindsell's suggestion that I forgive you, I don't see by my adjusted point of view where either you or he need to be forgiven. You called the shots from where you are sitting and although I disagree that the shots will land successfully on the liberals, for whom they were meant, yet you are within your rights to bang your head against a stone wall if you want to. Your methods, in my opinion, would be similar to rebuking a user of foul language by saying, "Quit your Damn Swearing, it sounds like hell".

Above all, Dr. Clark, I am glad that I was wrong in my appraisal of you, and even though we brethren were on the verge of "drawing swords" for awhile, yet I see that a lot of benefit was derived by the knowledge that we are kindred in Jesus. Let us continue to pray together for this sick world, as never before, asking Him to lead us to hungry sinners so that we may further adorn our Heavenly Bridegroom in preparation for the MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB.

Please pray for me as I enter the political field, evidenced by the enclosed photocopy of this weeks item in our Easton Express. I feel led of God to pursue this and I am determined to carry my testimony into a camp which also needs His Love. My future is entirely in His Worthy Hands.

May God richly bless you in your desire to serve Him completely.

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Condially yours,

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