

Dear Ralph: herewith copies of Dr. Knox's letter to me and my reply, some of which are self-explanatory. I trust you can work out a good advertising arrangement with the EM with Knox. Better to sell many WTJ at wholesale than a few at retail. It would be fine if you can get the Wesleyan Publishing house and others to advertise the WTJ also. You may need Executive Committee approval, but they should give it freely. My trip to Colombia was most rewarding and April 16 we shall be enroute to Tokyo. Enclosed is a schedule as far as I know it now. Yeotmal has written and secured permission, without my consent, for me to lecture there through September 15. I was surprised that Taylor Administration April 11, 1969 willingly granted it. I am not sure, however, if I will stay beyond the middle of August as I Dr. Lloyd H. Knox, Publisher Light and Life Press Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

I want a stopover in Palestine enroute home.

Dear Dr. Knox:

When I returned from a visit to Medillen, So. Am., where I was lecturing at the the Union Biblical Seminary and the missionaries of the OMS mission during the past few weeks, night before last your letter of March 26 (which must have been somewhat delayed) awaited me. I shall reply at once as I shall be leaving Marion for Tokyo Japan on April 16 for an extended lecture and preaching tour until about the first of September when I shall again take up my responsibilities as head of the Philosophy Department at Taylor University. I am on sabbatical leave this semester which makes possible the foreign service I shall be rendering. At Medillen I met and became acquainted with the OMS Field Director who is a Free Methodist whom you doubtless know- the Rev. Bert Biddulph. In the Orient I shall be ministering to pastors' conferences of various denominations, including Free Methodists in united groups, in Taiwan, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Kong Kong and Yeotmal Union Biblical Seminary in India, then return via Palestine and Europe. I am enclosing herewith a tentative schedule of my tour. It is in no sense a world tour or sightseeing tour in that sense of the term, but rather a service tour with some very challenging engagements. Now concerning the two items of which you write.

My article, "The Continuing Validity of Biblical Morality" was published in both the 1967 Wesleyan Theological Journal, the official organ of the Wesleyan Theological Society, an interdenominational organization of the leading Wesleyan holiness scholars of America including several men of the Asbury Seminary and from all of the Wesleyan-Arminian Churches. I am the Chairman of the Editorial Committee of this organization. My article was one of four on the "New Morality" which we gave as a pannel or forum at ATS at the national convention of the WTS and then by request gave it again Theol in New York at the national convention of the Evangelical Society in 1966. Gilbert James of ATS, Nerne Harris of Vennard College and Kenneth Grider of Nazarene Seminary were the other members of the pannel. My article was later published, just a few months ago, in the Free Methodist by my permission at the request of Dr. Lamson, editor. It was published in two issues I believe. However, I am sending you under separate cover a copy of the 1967 WTJ which contains three of the four articles on the "New Morality." Dr. Grider's article on the

P.S. I shall have to write as matter occur to me. Our daughter-in-law (Rowena), Mrs. Norman L. Carter, whom you may address here at my home address in Marion, is taking care of our business while I am away. She is instructed to send any orders for WTJ that come here to me on to you for fulfillment. If they are paid in cash she will send payment to you. If they are paid for by check she will deposit the check to my account here in the bank and issue a check on my account in the equivalency to you.

By the way, I have not yet received a statement from you for the 25 copies of the Journal of which I received directly from Edwards Brothers. Unless you have already sent the statement I may not get it before leaving April 16, and thus you may have to wait until I return for payment, unless you send the bill to Rowena. CWC.

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" New Morality in Theological Perspective" had been promised for another publication and thus I did not have it to include in the WTJ, though I do have mimeograph copies of it and am using it in my lectures on Ethics at the all-evangelical ministers' conference in Taiwan, along with many other materials in this field, June 23-July 12.

Second, so far the Wesleyan Theological Journal has been published just once a year in the spring, and it contains the leading significant papers read at the annual Wesleyan Theological Society at its meetings the first weekend of November. It is possible that it may become a biannual or even a quarterly eventually but as this society is only about five years old we have published but one Journal annually to date.

Third, I understand your suggestion of a possible merger of the WTJ with the Asbury Sem inarian. However, Dr. Knox, the Asbury Seminarian is strictly a scholarly Journal produced by Asbury Seminary, and a very good one indeed. On the other hand, as you have noted, the Nazarene Preacher is a rather strictly practical preachers magazine which is at quite the opposite pole from the Asbury Seminarian, and it is a very good magazine in its own right and for the purpose for which it is designed. The Wesleyan Theological Journal was originated by a the Wesleyan Theological Society which is as yet at least the theological wing of the NHA. The WTS felt there was definite need for a Journal for preachers who are more enterprising and progressive in their thinking, young students of the Wesleyan movement and a clarifier of Wesleyan doctrinal issues for the NHA which, as you know, had somewhat degenerated into traditional shibboleths in many instances-shibboleths which had in large measure lost their meanings in our day, however significant they may have been in a former generation. Again it was recognized by many that there had crept into the contemporary Wesleyan-Arminian holiness ministry many accretions from non-Wesleyan sources which however were accepted as Wesleyan teachings though they were impossible of reconciliation with the basic teachings of Wesley- ultra-dispensationalism, inherited guilt ( not inherited depravity), functional faith as a gift of God, extreme forms of eradication (thus making sin something of a physical or at least material substance), an over emphasis upon the second-crisis to the neglect of developmental sanctification and growth in grace, <sup>particularism</sup> and numerous other items that obscured the basic meanings and teachings of true Wesleyanism. Thus the Wesleyan Theological Journal attempts to steer a course between the more technicæ scholarly Journals such as the Asbury Seminarian and the practical Preacher's Magazine. Again, as an auxiliary theological organ of the NHA it is strictly inter-denominational and included membership and participation from all of the holiness denominations. Many of the Asbury men are members, perhaps most of them, as also preacher scholars from most of the Wesleyan-Arminian schools throughout the nation. We now have a total membership of 236 and the society is less than five years old. I may say in short that the WTJ is to the Wesleyan-Arminian movement what the Evangelical Theological Journal is to the Calvinistic wing of Christianity-the ETS. Many of the Wesleyan scholars felt that the ETS and the ~~ETS~~ were too much slanted to fundamentalistic Calvinism and that the WTJ would serve to balance this emphasis. This does not mean that the WTS and the WTJ are competitive with the ETS and its ETJ. In fact many of our members, even as myself, are charter and active members of both societies.

I trust that the foregoing explanation helps to clarify this issue. Actually I believe that the WTJ approximates your ideal of the split level.

Fourth, I like very much your suggestion of advertising the WTJ in the Free Methodist, and we deeply appreciate your willingness to make this concession to the Wesleyan Theological Society. Since Dr. Ralph Thompson of Spring Arbor College is now Secretary-Treasurer of the WTS I am sending him a copy of this and your letter to me with the request

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that he pursue the matter of advertising the WTJ in the Free Methodist. Of course his son now works for your publishing department, and I am sure you are acquainted with Ralph. I should be very happy to confer with him in the matter, but within a few days (April 16) I leave for a series of lectures in the Orient from which I shall not return until early September. Perhaps your generous concession will set an example for the other Wesleyan-Arminian publishers to follow and help the WTS put the WTJ on the map where it will reach and supply the desperate need that exists within the holiness churches-especially the ministry. Dr. Richard Taylor has most generously promoted the WTJ through the Nazarene Preachers' Magazine of which he is editor and the results of his promotion have borne considerable fruit. Neither he nor the Asbury Seminarian Editor consider the WTJ in any sense competitive. In fact Harold Kuhn, Editor of the Asbury Seminarian, is a member of the Editorial Board of the WTJ. Many of the Nazarene men, as also Free Methodists, Wesleyans, Salvation Army and most all other holiness groups participate in both the WTS and the WTJ.

We have printed a total of 2000 copies of each issue of the WTJ each year so far. Sales and distribution have steadily risen and we are finding a most encouraging reception of the Journal over a wide range of the country and even reaching into other countries now. There is a corresponding Wesleyan Journal in England with which we are now carrying on an interchange. I trust that you and Dr. Thompson may be able to work out a profitable advertising promotion for the WTJ. The new 1969 Journal has recently come from the press and we believe it contains a number of highly significant articles for preachers and scholars. I am requesting Dr. Thompson to send you complimentary copies of the 1969, 1966 and 1968 issues for your inspection. I am sending the 1967 issue from here. Please give special notice to the most excellent article by Bishop Leslie Marston on "The Crisis-Process Issue in Wesleyan Thought" in the 1969 issue of the Journal. This 1969 Journal was done by veritype and because of the circumstances under which it was produced a few minor errors crept into it that should have been caught by the proof readers but were not. However, they are minor.

Fourth, I shall be interested in your reaction to my article on "The Biblical Morality, Its Continuing Validity" when you have had time to read it. Of course it is but the foundation of the larger work that I propose to complete in the field of ethics. I suggested to Dr. Elton Trueblood my thesis which I may designate "The Judeo-Christian Ethic, Absolute and Relative," and his response was, "This is a work you must complete for our day." Frankly I am far from completing the work and of course I shall not have opportunity to resume it until I return from my sabbatical tour as I shall be exceedingly busy lecturing most of the time for the next five months.

Thanking you most kindly for your letter of inquiry and the valuable help you offer the WTJ, I am

Cordially yours in Christ

  
Chas. W. Carter