

December 8, 1981

Dear Bill,

I have wanted to write you for several months - but just now feel that I can't wait any longer. First, I would like to tell you how and what I'm doing. I'm working in Georgetown with the District and County Court System as a Court Clerk. I am really enjoying the work! It is a constant reminder of the need for God's law and the balance of justice and mercy.

My family is doing really good. Daddy seems lonesome but has spent many week-ends with Paula and her family. I talk with him each week and he is obviously keeping busy and interested in others. The Lord is encouraging him and strengthening him. I am now - during this Christmas season - going through a time of missing Mother - but I have many good memories and loving assurances from the Lord. He seems to have used my grief to strengthen and enlarge my heart and I'm grateful.

Bill - I have two major concerns that I have been made aware of in the past months that involve you and the Institute ministry. I was very grieved to receive your letter - written to Mr. Wiebe - about Tony. It disappointed me to see the malicious intent of your communication and to read many things which I personally know to be false and misleading. My first thought was - "What has brought Bill to such a point in his walk with the Lord that he would resort to such a letter - even if all points were totally true?"

Both you and Tony have benefited my life and walk with the Lord in many ways and it grieves me that you are unwilling to meet with him as a brother in the Lord and discuss your differences in the light of Scripture's commands to both.

My second concern for you came when I heard you were unwilling to meet with the Christian Legal Society. Bill - I have heard from all over the country the hurts and misunderstandings of many people who have tried to come to you with their concerns for you and your future ministry. I was prayerfully hopeful that these important issues could be addressed and resolved in the presence of men concerned for God's standards and His word. I would be very grateful to hear what reasons you have for not considering this way of settling these Scriptural issues.

I would also value your time in discussing the letter you sent to so many people around the country and learn from you your reasons for writing that letter and using it to slander another brother. I would also be interested to know if you would be willing to retract the statements that can be proven false -- to those you have felt the need to send the letter to.

Thank you for your time in reading this. It has been a very hard letter to write but one that I feel is necessary. I look forward to hearing from you soon. I am sorry to have to say this - but because of the way you have misused parts of conversations when talking with me and in the letter to Mr. Wiebe -- I would appreciate it if you would respond by letter. I honestly would be fearful to have a phone conversation with you about such important issues.

Thank you again for your concern in reading this.

Sincerely,

cc: Dr. Hemwall
Rev. Hovey

Pam

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Dear Dr. Hemwall,

I am enclosing a letter I wrote to Bill because two of my concerns in the letter are addressed to documents or decisions that were endorsed by you. As I stated in my letter to Bill this has been a very hard thing for me to do, but something I feel is necessary because of my concern for Bill, you and the future ministry of the Institute. I would like to address you with questions that have been on my heart for many months.

One of my concerns is the letter written to Mr. Wiebe, which you signed, and the other is the matter of Bill choosing not to work with the Christian Legal Society to solve the Scriptural issues that have been brought to his attention many times.

Because of your position on the Board and your signature to the letter mentioned I would appreciate your answer to the questions I have underlined in blue on the copy enclosed. I realize that you did not write the letter to Mr. Wiebe and may not be familiar with all of the facts but your signature indicates to me your total endorsement of the letter as true and your awareness of who would receive it. I received a copy of the letter to my home in Tennessee with a personal letter from Bill.

Thank you for your kind attention to this. I would truly appreciate a response. I would be happy to discuss with you what I know to be false in the letter to Mr. Wiebe at your convenience.

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