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DALLAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Office of the President

February 23, 1983

Dr. Charles C. Ryrie  
6719 Velasco Avenue  
Dallas, Texas 75214

Dear Charles:

We are faced with a point of decision in regard to our program for next year as the catalog will soon go to press and assignments to courses need to be finalized.

In your previous conversations with Dr. Campbell and myself, you indicated that you want to be relieved of the chairmanship of the department of Systematic Theology. We are taking this as a final decision and are proceeding to appoint another chairman.

In your conversations and communications to Dr. Campbell and myself, you indicated reticence in assuming a teaching load next year. We indicated to you that we would be willing to recommend to the Board any arrangement that was satisfactory to you. You have made a great contribution to Dallas Seminary and your continued contribution to systematic theology at the Seminary as well as in the world is so much needed in our day. We would want you to have as much participation in what we are doing in the future as you are willing to assume. The following, however, are some of the options:

- 1) Limiting your teaching load to doctoral courses only;
- 2) Limiting your teaching load to senior theology;
- 3) Teaching one semester only per school year, giving 8 months for other activity;
- 4) Arranging any schedule on one or two days a week.

In terms of title, you could continue as professor of Systematic Theology if you taught four hours or more per semester. If your teaching load is less than four hours, you would be called an adjunct professor of theology.



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While it has not been discussed in the Board meetings, if you preferred, I am sure the Board would be willing to give you the title of Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology. This would still permit you to teach as much as you wished, but your listing would be that of an emeritus teacher instead of that of resident teacher.

As far as I can see, these are all the options unless you want to drop out completely and sever all relationship with the Seminary.

You have done a great deal to maintain the Seminary on its course of solid, biblical, systematic theology through the years of your teaching ministry. I personally find it very difficult to understand why a continuance of this is not desirable. Perhaps this is because I feel that the work of the Seminary is preeminent among any other challenges that I could face.

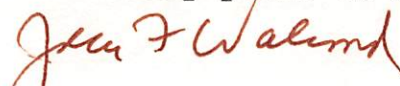
In the end, this is a decision that you and the Lord are going to have to make. All I want you to know is that we love you, admire you, and want you to continue any relationship with the Seminary that you feel able to accept. We do need, however, in writing or in conference, more specific instructions from you as to what we should do about next year.

If it is an action that the executive committee can take, such as renewal of your contract, we will take this action very soon. If it requires a new title, such as an emeritus professor, it would have to go to the Board of Regents by mail ballot. We will be contacting them about other matters and it would not be impossible to do this. If at all possible, we would like to indicate whatever change there is in the catalog and this requires haste.

In a sense the ball is in your court. If you tell us what you want done we would be most happy to do it.

Again, may I thank you for the tremendous contribution you have made to the Seminary and what I hope will continue to be a contribution.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



John F. Walvoord  
President

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DALLAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Office of the Academic Dean

December 21, 1982

Dr. Charles Ryrie  
6719 Velasco Avenue  
Dallas, TX 75214

Dear Charles:

I have been thinking and praying about our recent conversation and have some suggestions I want to make for your consideration. As you can see, I am attempting to fill in that "blank check" we talked about.

It has occurred to me that if you would consider continuing to serve as chairman of the Theology department we could appoint an associate chairman who would work under your direction to handle much of the administrative detail. While I have not, of course, drawn up a specific job description it would seem to me that such a person could handle the contacts with my office with respect to the teaching loads in your department, etc. He could even relieve you of some committee responsibilities. I understand that this is standard operating procedure in some of the universities.

Coupled with this arrangement or apart from it, would any of the following appeal to you:

1. Limiting your teaching load to doctoral courses only.
2. Limiting your teaching load to Senior Theology.
3. Teach during one semester only per school year giving you eight months for other activity.
4. Arranging any teaching schedule on one or two days a week only.

As you can see, flexibility is the order of the day. In the will of God we hope you can see your way clear to maintain some kind of continuing faculty relationship.

Cordially in Christ,



Donald K. Campbell, ThD  
Academic Dean  
Professor of Bible Exposition

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DALLAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Office of the President

March 16, 1982

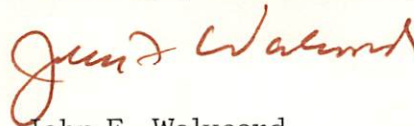
Dr. Charles C. Ryrie  
Campus

Dear Charles,

The Board of Regents voted that you be granted a leave of absence without salary (at your request) for the period July 1, 1982 through June 30, 1983. Any arrangements regarding insurance coverage should be handled personally with Mr. Jim Anderson, our treasurer.

If you have any questions regarding this arrangement, feel free to contact me or Dr. Campbell. We are most grateful for your important contribution to the work of the Seminary as a member of our faculty.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



John F. Walvoord  
President

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