The following letter from Evangelist Ron Comfort, graduate of Bob Jones University, is very mild compared to three other letters received from graduates of B. J. U. All of these four graduates were offended because of our exposure of Dr. John R. Rice's stand on Christian participation in carnal warfare and politics.

We herewith give the Evangelist's letter, word for word, and our answer to his letter, to which we have now added and made it an open letter to all concerned.

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Mr. E. J. Brandt:

Several of your tracts have come to me through the mail, and I have read most of what you sent. Like Brother Sproul, I am a graduate from B. J. U., and resent the things you have said. I imagine the reason I resent them is not because I am a graduate of B. J. U. but upon the basis of the Word of God. Romans 14.

I do not see any need of being as sharp as Brother Sproul, although I agree basically with his letter. If you would just drop my name from your mailing list, I would appreciate it. I am on the road most of the time in meetings, and when I come home I do not want to take time to read material that is all the time degrading. Your time would be better spent if you magnified Jesus Christ. In all the material that I have gotten from you I have found out what you are **against**, but still do not know what you are **for**. I almost get the idea that you are a Pentecostal.

Yours because of Calvary.

Evangelist Ron Comfort

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Dear Christian Friend,

Your letter received yesterday, and it was **by far** the most courteous and decent letter from four graduates of B. J. U. Therefore I feel impelled to write you a few lines in answer.

No, I am not Pentecostal by any stretch of the imagination, though I do have a lot of love and respect for some of these folks whom I have known over the past forty-nine years of my Christian life. I am strongly of the Plymouth Brethren persuasion; particularly of the old, or early movement under such men of God as J. N. Darby, William Kelly, Bellett, C. H. M., etc. I am nearing my seventy-seventh birthdate, and have been a Christian since 1918 when I was converted inside prison walls at Fort Leavenworth Military prison. Since the time of my conversion, I have been active in Christian work, giving out far in excess of a million gospel tracts —also helping various missionaries over my lifetime, including such a good work as F. V. Dabold's "Evangelical Mission to Uruguay."

During the last four or five years I have spent enough hard-earned money to have afforded a new or late model car, all of this on printing, stamps, etc., to expose Billy Graham's departure from Biblical Christianity; and all this time I have gotten along with a second-hand 1952 Chevrolet. I have also bought second-hand clothing and shoes.

Some years ago I donated a summer's carpenter work in Alaska, building an orphanage for Indian and Eskimo children, paying my own way up there and back.

At the age of sixty years, I married a widow considerably my junior, with four small children who are now all of age. Two of the boys are at Prairie Bible Institute at Three Hills, Alberta, Canada, and I hope are preparing themselves for foreign missions. Bible school was not my choice for them, good as P. B. I. is.

The four letters received from B. J. U. graduates spell out to me quite plainly that not only does B. J. U. have an annoyed conscience, but they have a bad conscience, and well they might, as we will later show in this letter.

All was fine when we were exposing such men as Billy Graham, Oral Roberts and the apostasy in general, but not when we exposed the great Dr. John R. Rice on his carnal war and politics stand, even to the point where members of the bride of Christ could be sheriffs and policemen and executioners for the state. Such spiritual darkness as this was hard to take, and could not be left unchallenged unless the Lord chastize us for not being true witnesses for His blessed word of truth.

They profess to believe in separation of Church and State, but only prove themselves to be grovelling vassels of the State. We believe that Dr. Rice's paper should be called "The Sword of Caesar." It most certainly is **not** the Sword of **my** Lord.

Dr. Rice sets himself above such great and godly men as J. N. Darby, William Kelly, C. H. M., as also such great and godly men as Spurgeon and Moody, who are both on record as opposed to Christian participation in carnal warfare.

For many years I have read Dr. Rice's paper, as well as also the "Christian Beacon" and have always defended them as staunch defenders of fundamentalism. I have contributed to Dr. McIntire's work in Korea and would do so again as enabled. **But** I would never endorse their political meddling or Christian participation in carnal warfare.

Neither could we endorse or tolerate the idolatry of learning, arts, music, etc., of B. J. U.

Now peace has been taken from the earth by God Himself, never to return again **until** the Prince of Peace comes as the smiting stone of Daniel to set up His righteous kingdom. Until then we can expect nothing else but that the anti-Christ forces will control the nations, and lead them straight into the great tribulation and Armageddon, with tribulation and horrors unspeakable, such as we have had a very small taste in the Communist inspired race riots.

Instead of Christian leaders pushing young Christian men into this war that can never be brought to a peaceful end, or ever won, they should be about their Master's true business and crying out to God, and preparing these young men to suffer and be martyrs if need be, for the sake of truth and righteousness.

In the Word it is recorded that "God has magnified His Word above His name. Then let His saints be true to that Word and not turned aside from it.

Every indication points to a time near at hand when the Harlot Ecumenical Church, with the Pope at the head of it, will put on the pressure and silence every true voice raised against it. All the pent-up hatred of Rome against true and vital Christianity, whether now or after the rapture, will be manifested in all its fury.

No one man on this earth has been used more to break down Christian separation, than Billy Graham. God has long ago given him over to his self-willed disobedience, and all of his spiritually stupid defenders will stand a great loss at the judgment seat of Christ.

Let not Dr. Rice and others with him think that they are guiltless in these matters we seek to bring before them. Do not these leaders know that the "fervent effectual prayer of a righteous man availeth **much?**" Much more than your vote, or your help in butchering poor lost heathen and sending them straight to hell! Do you not see that President Johnson—whom all the anti-Christ forces of the world put in office—is used of God to hold back these vast hordes that would quickly over-run all of Asia, then Australia, New Zealand and on. Had it been God's purpose to put Goldwater in office then all the anti-Christ forces of the world could not have hindered him from being elected, nor could the Christian vote have helped in the slightest degree. And why? Because as God told Nebuchadnezzar—and us today—"till thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will." Dan. 4:25.

And again. He doeth according to His will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth, and none can stay His hand. (Dan. 4:35) As in Israel, so in the church today. "All this evil is come upon us; yet made we not our prayers before the Lord our God, that we might turn from our iniquities **and understand thy truth.**" Dan. 9:13. Mark this, please, Dr. Rice.

Jehoshaphat feared and set himself to seek the Lord: O Lord of our fathers, art not Thou God in heaven, and rulest not Thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen (or nations) and in Thy hand is there not power and might; so that none is able to withstand Thee. (2 Chron. 20:6). "For the kingdom is the Lord's; and he is the governor among the nations." Psa. 22:8. "Deliver my soul from the wicked which is thy sword, and from men which are thy hand." Psa. 17:13.

The wrath of man shall praise Thee; the remainder of wrath Thou shalt restrain (Psa. 76:10).

The following taken from the Bible and from history is further **positive proof** that God has complete control in carnal warfare and the politics of the nations.

The book of Esther affords a good example of God's unseen hand working in behalf of all the Jews in the vast kingdom of Ahasuerus. The king was given a dream by God Himself that put the Jew, Mordecai in high favor, and resulted in Haman the Jew hater and his sons being hanged on the scaffold they had prepared for Modecai.

No Christian would question that it was God's hand in the utter destruction of the Spanish Armada, otherwise called the **invincible armada** that was sent by the Pope to subjugate England and destroy Protestantism. But now that true Protestantism is practically dead in both England and the U. S. A., and ripe for judgment, we see the traitorous betrayal of Christianity into the hands of the Pope of Rome by the world's leading evangelist.

Next, consider the Roman Catholic Hitler, close friend

of Pope Pius—whom God permitted to chastise England and the U. S. A—but stopped Hitler dead in his tracks, especially at Dunkirk when his armies had driven the allies back to the English channel and were about to utterly annihilate them, when God sent a very heavy fog and made the English Channel as placid as a mountain lake, so that all manner of small craft could ferry the troops across to England and safety.

Also again when Hitler's generals had full assurance that the wind would blow west toward England for several days—they then released their poisonous gasses, only to be frustrated by the unseen hand of God, and turned back on Hitler's armies.

Again we see God's hand in restraining that cruel, murderous and vicious Satanic system of Communism. It seemed almost a miracle that Brazil some years ago was able to throw off the yoke of Communism. Doubtless it was God's unseen hand. The same thing happened in Indonesia of recent years, and there is strong evidence that this was also God's hand holding back that Satanic power of Communism—and now Indonesia is wide open to the gospel.

Last, but not least, it was without a doubt again the hand of God making it possible for tiny Israel to beat back and defeat the hordes of enemies that purposed to utterly destroy Israel. Here again Moscow suffered an ignominious defeat after having backed Israel's enemies with millions of dollars in weapons of all kinds plus her best army men to instruct and help them defeat this tiny nation. But Russia, with her deadly hatred of God's ancient people, as well as true Christianity, **will never learn,** but will in a future day near at hand suffer her final defeat in an open and direct way at the hand of Almighty God. (Ezek. chapters 38 and 39)

The one and main reason we have pointed out these things is that true lovers of the Lord Jesus and His Word of truth may not be led astray by leaders who urge them to partake in carnal warfare and politics—but may take a truly Christian stand and be found in their right place outside and apart from the wars and politics of the nations, separated from the idols and follies of the world, waiting for the Lord from heaven with garments **unspotted by the world.** Let us believe God when He tells us "ye are not of this world even as I am not of it. And let not the great Dr. Rice explain away the plain import of of God's holy Word.

There are other ways wherein Dr. Rice and other leaders today are not sound in the Word. For instance, we understand that Dr. Rice is soon to lead a large group of Christians on a tour of the Holy Land and the world, riding in jet planes and living in ease and comfort, and using perhaps forty or fifty thousand dollars of the Lord's money for the gratification of the old Adam nature, while mission fields suffer from lack of funds. Ask F. V. Dabold, head of the Evangelical Mission of Uruguay about this.

While the whole world, and especially our own nation is in a terrible state of lawlessness, immorality and spiritual death, and while young Christian men are suffering and dying on the battlefields of Vietnam, perhaps partly because of Dr. Rice's "thus saith the Lord" lie.

How could a true man of God be so insensible to all these things? Instead of contemplating such a pleasure trip, should he not be on his face in sackcloth and ashes, like the king of Nineveh, calling all Christians to do the same; and cry out mightily on behalf of our nation. Even