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Mrs. Roys,

This is a reply to the most recent email you sent D____ F____. He is busy making sure our staff can continue to work efficiently from home during the quarantine, so last Friday he passed your questions on to me. I intended to answer your questions, but your performance online this weekend changed my mind about how to reply.

We have a long-standing policy against catering to, debating with, or publicly acknowledging people who show a pattern of making false accusations. We don't want to drive traffic to the nests of busybodies. We don't feed information to anyone whose main activity consists of scandalmongering. And we don't correspond with people who are so bent on destroying another's reputation that they will twist facts to do it. You have shown that you fit all four categories.

You call yourself a journalist and claim to be seeking truth, but the way you dealt with the Shepherds' Conference story (especially your relentless attempts to discredit John MacArthur, Grace Church, and me *after* it was clear your original story was wrong) proves how little the truth actually matters to you. And God's Word doesn't mince words about such things. A false witness who breathes out lies—who sows discord among brothers—is an abomination to the Lord (Proverbs 6:19).

Muckraking isn't journalism. Spinning narratives to advance an agenda isn't journalism. Trying to make social-media rumors go viral isn't journalism.

Some of the questions you asked D____ F____ are a matter of public record. A real journalist would know that. Furthermore, I now know from personal experience that no matter what answers I gave you to *any* of your questions, you have no wish to portray John MacArthur, his family, me, or our ministry in a fair and honest light. On Saturday I

reviewed the recent history of your Twitter feed, and I see that you were sniping at our ministry and the MacArthur family on social media before I even noticed you. I'm not so foolish as to pretend someone with your track record would be asking for answers in good faith.

This is the last correspondence you will receive from me. Nor will anyone who speaks for our ministry ever answer questions for you regarding any story you intend to write. If you attempt to prolong an exchange of messages with anyone on our staff, our only response will be silence.



Phil Johnson
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Grace to You

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