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Dr. Jack Schaap
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Dear Dr. Schaap:

In your February 20, 2009 letter to me [sentence 74] (your letter follows, line upon line), you accuse me of “yellow journalism” saying [sentence 47] “...the ramblings of an unstudied man and the personal and inflammatory remarks of a poorly documented and poorly researched article.” Jack, for your benefit, I shall, in [parenthesis], “research” and “document” my answers!

Frank Luther Mott (1941) defines Yellow Journalism in terms of five characteristics:

1. Scare headlines in huge print, often of minor news
2. Lavish use of pictures, or imaginary drawings
3. Use of faked interviews, misleading headlines, pseudo-science, and a parade of false learning from so-called experts
4. Emphasis on full-color Sunday supplements, usually with comic strips (which is now normal in the U.S.)
5. Dramatic sympathy with the "underdog" against the system

Jack, in my letter to you of January 30, 2009 I said:

“Here are the words, of you preaching recently, WHICH I PLAYED FOR ROY MOFFIT AND HE VERIFIED IT WAS YOU, AND DEFENDED YOU AND WHAT YOU SAID:

QUOTE:

Oh, the negativity of it. Man, I'm amazed, how many Christians, Born-Again Christians, "Do you think Obama's the anti-Christ? Who Cares?"

No, I don't believe that. I think he's a born-again Christian, if you want the truth of the matter. I don't think he is the anti-Christ. I'm kind of excited about getting him in office.

So many people say, "I thought you were a...a...a...Republican?" [Real emphasis in the next statement -JAV] You know what I am, [real lovingly -JAV,]...I am a believer in Jesus Christ [sounding so sweetly - JAV]. THAT'S WHAT I AM.

And I'm kind of looking forward to Mr. Obama. I think it's historic; I think it's wonderful!

I'm glad for him; glad for his family. Been praying for him every single day since he announced his candidacy.

You prayed for him yet this new year?

Pray for them everyday. Pray for his wife, his daughters.

I am happy for them. I want them to enjoy it.

He won! Man, let them celebrate! This is historic!

"Do you think he's the anti-Christ?"

That's negative talk. Negative talk!

Everybody's unhappy!

You know what's going to happen?

What's going to happen?

Probably, pretty much like last year!

END OF QUOTE!"

Jack, had you not been so “irritated” that ole “left out JAV” had written you, you would have “researched” and “documented” his letter – seeing that he told you twice he called Roy Moffitt to verify that you had said what the YouTube thing quoted, and you’d have left out your “Second Thing” [sentence 97 and sentence 98] where you say I didn’t call. Documentation, research, Jack!

And while we’re on “poorly documented, unstudied, and poorly researched,” let’s touch on ***the validity of you making statements, and your February 20, 2009 letter [sentence 91]: “I have to say, Sir, that you are incredibly inaccurate in how you represent me!”***

In your February 20, 2009 letter [sentence 217], you state, “...add that to the lies you have already said.” Jack, I have a ton of faults. But, Mama blistered my bare legs with willow switches to break that habit.

Therefore, Jack, since you brought up the subject of lying, many times you’ve stated to FBC, “Jim Vineyard is the person who got me to go into a bar.” Poorly documented, poorly researched! Why, Jack? It was all A LIE!

And, yes, to set the record straight, you do correct your lie in your February 20, 2009 letter to me [sentence 51 and 52]. Now, Jack, if you are the “gentleman” you accuse me of not being, you will stand up in FBC and tell the good folks there, “I lied to you about ole, ‘left-out’ JAV getting me into a bar. He didn’t do it, Denny Kenaston did.”

But, Jack, you turned right around and poorly documenting, and poorly researching;” you lie again: [sentence 53] “You did send me on an assignment my first week of college...” – I never did one blessed thing at the college in your first week of college, Spring Semester, 1977, NO ASSIGNMENTS WHATSOEVER!

Then, Jack, by poorly documenting and poorly researching, you LIE AGAIN: [in sentence 54] you say, “The only other remembrances I have about your interaction with me is that in four months you never pronounced my name properly...”

I never pronounced your name in a Spring Semester Class 1977, because, Jack, I never taught even one – zilch, nada, aaden – Spring Semester class, and we were gone by the end of February, so there is no way I was there for “four months.”

Even your former roommate, Dr. Terry Anglea, knew I never taught you one class, because, he said, while I was just recently with him, “You [Jack Schaap] came in the spring of 1977 and you [ole, left-out JAV] left at end of December

Semester." Your [ole Left-Out] didn't teach ONE class in spring semester 1977.

You say [in sentence 191] that I am "crooked and dishonest!" JACK, WHO IS CROOKED? JACK, WHO IS DISHONEST?

Jack, show me please, if you would, anywhere in my January 30, 2009 letter anything that is the "ramblings of an unstudied man" or the "poorly documented and poorly researched article" [sentence 47] and I'll donate \$1,000.00 to FBC.

Jack, you go after my son Tom in your February 20, 2009 letter, and him writing you about your leaving out from your 16 Page Document on your website "Where OBC stands on the King James Bible." Call that whatever you'd like! I CALL YOUR LEAVING OUT 2/3 OF OUR WEB SITE STAND ON THE KJB "DISHONEST AND CROOKED."

In your letter, you state in one place [sentence 94], "You conveniently failed to tell everybody how many thousands of dollars I gave you," and in another [sentence 15], "As you well know, you have received \$7,000.00 from our ministry in these recent years."

Now Jack, in pastoring 30 years, we gave a tad over \$15,000,000.00 to missions with our big year being \$1,118,173.00 [or something like that]. Jack, when we gave money that was the end of it!

But, in your case, I'd rather be indebted to my banker, than have you hold \$7,000.00 over my head. So, by mail (one day delivery), you will be receiving a \$7,000.00 check to repay you "for me having an opinion about your endorsement of the "obamessiah."

Money means nothing to me, Jack. But, my convictions and my country do! And the positions our presidents take about the Hebrews really matter to me.

Maybe you didn't get all those e-mails I wrote to George W. Bush, Colin Powell, and Condi Rice about the terrible positions our REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION was taking, Jack, vis-à-vis Israel.

Jack, was I [sentence 146], "disagreeing with Scriptures" in scathing Bush, Powell, Rice, as you say I am for disagreeing with your "obamessiah?"

Did those [sentence 131] "disparaging remarks" [as you call these about your "obamessiah"] show an "unwillingness to obey God's Word," or "an ignorance of God's Word" as I spent May to December 2003, all of 2004, all of 2005, all of 2006, all of 2007, and from January to November of 2008 [sentence 131] "disparaging" Bush and company for their Israel Stand.

Jack, I wrote hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of letter to Bush and company about their Hebrew stands, and one letter to you about your "obamessiah" gets your retort that you see "a lot of unscriptural, heathen statements and attitudes..." in my and other fundamentalists stand on the "obamessiah."

In your letter of February 20, 2009, in reply to my e-mail concerning Mr. Obama and the YouTube thing I received, in your hand written Post Script, you state: "This is a Personal Letter to Dr. Jim Vineyard only. No Portion may be used – not in part, not in whole – for any other persons or for any other purpose. It may not be copies, reproduced, or disseminated in any fashion," and yet, in it, Jack, you accuse me of "yellow journalism." I have given you the definition of yellow journalism. Just being "yellow," Jack, by my definition, is not wanting folks to know you LIED ABOUT JAV, so he couldn't quote your letter!

For you Jack, and for your country, and even for the liberals to elect your "obamessiah," my blood has run "red." But, Jack, there is nothing about me which has ever ran "yellow." At Veterans weekend, Jack, we sing a song, "It Has Always Been the Soldier."

It's not CBS or NBC, ABC or CNN that's given us the freedom of the press;

Not politicians, movie stars, Ted Kennedy, or correspondents giving us the freedom to verbally express;

Not the campus organizer or all the demonstrations

Giving us the freedom to march, freely march and disagree.

Oh, can't you see?

Chorus

It has always been the soldier who has made the sacrifice,

Standing strong and proud in battle, willing to lay down his life.

Somewhere there's a soldier, and he's looking at a picture of his little girl, how he wishes he were home.

And somewhere there's a soldier, and he's reading a love letter from his wife, and she is telling him she feels so all alone.

And somewhere there's a mom and dad who cry late in the night, For a son who won't be coming home, A son who gave his life.

Oh, can't you see?

To the angry man who shakes his fist and burns the Stars and Stripes;

The same flag that drapes the coffins of those who gave their lives,

There's no other place that you will go, or you have ever been

Where the blood of soldiers gives the right to burn the flag again.

Final Chorus

It has always been the soldier who has made the sacrifice.

Standing strong and proud in battle willing to lay down his life,

Willing to lay down his life.

It has always been the Soldier.

In January, the IDF troops I was around right outside Gaza were amazed that when a Grad Rocket (as Hamas now calls them) would land near us this "ole left-out coot" wouldn't even jump. "Aren't you afraid?" they would ask. I would tell them, "My wife says his big brothers taught him to be afraid."

Jack, you state[in sentence 27],"**...there are about a half-a-dozen senior preachers whom I have addressed kindly**, only because they first addressed me **and have asked for my response and have repetitively written to me or called me or said things publicly about me,**" [in sentence 28] " I remind these senior leaders that the duty of **responsible** leadership is to lead," [in sentence 29] "**It is to take us somewhere,**" [in sentence 31] "I find in so many seasoned senior men an unsettled, irritating whine," and [in sentence 32] "It's as though they retired prematurely and are angry or disappointed and feeling left out of the front line of service, so they are turning their guns, not towards the enemy but rather towards their own troops."

Then, you state [in sentence 33], "Instead of leading their men, **they are insulting the troops and criticizing the next level of leadership,**" and [in sentence 34] "You as a soldier [Schaap's spelling, not mine], most assuredly

know better than I that when there is **a breakdown in the chain of command and insubordination among the troops** and when leaders go from leading to **whining and scolding and complaining**, the enemy does not suffer; our own troops suffer.”

Jack, let me kindly, but firmly, give you a response:

You state [in sentence 27], I “said things publicly about [you].” All of your statements, Jack, whether you realize it or not, have been public statements in preaching and print.

Do you, Jack, expect a free pass without scrutiny?

We are to prove all things (I Thessalonians 5:21), judge all things (I Corinthians 2:15), mark and avoid them which cause division (Romans 16:17-18), withdraw from every disorderly brother (II Thessalonians 3:6), and rebuke before all them that sin (I Timothy 5:20).

You say [in sentence 37], “...I find myself shaking my head in disbelief at the gross immaturity and childishness of such practices that mimic the yellow journalism of the liberal media...”

All, Jack, of your other inaccurate, false statements in preaching and print are not responsible. Because, Jack, you are so widely followed, preachers have the responsibility to try to correct your errors.

To give people false hope about our new president is not responsible. How many false prophets were there giving false words in Old Testament times?

You say, Jack, that the duty of responsible leadership is [sentence 29] “to take us somewhere.” Not into error. Not into false doctrine. Jack, it is a long story, and I’ll not go into my connection to him, but, Francis Gary Powers took himself “somewhere,” but that “somewhere” was way off course, and America lost a U2 spy plane to the Soviets.” You, Jack, in my Candid opinion, are way off course in your remarks before your church about Obama.

In your February 20, 2009 letter to me [sentences 149-155], you give an entirely different opinion than your YouTube comments! Jack, at best, confusing! How in the Lord’s name can you stand on both sides of the fence?

You say [in sentence 33] “They are insulting the troops and criticizing the next level of leadership.” Then, [in sentence 34] you state, “A breakdown in the chain of command and insubordination among the troops...”

When did independent Baptists vote on a pope? I must have been overseas and unable to receive news from back home at that time. Who put the hierarchy in place?

Who made you, Jack, everyone else's pope?

Jack, you are misinterpreting "proving all things" for whining, scolding, and complaining.

In sentence 35, Jack, "...Instead of playing fireman and peacemaker and putting out the fires of strife and foolishness, I find some of my senior preacher friends acting as arsonists, igniting fires and throwing gasoline on **small burning embers...**", and in sentence 36, "...they have forced us to bring manpower and resources to extinguish **flames of their own making.**"

Jack, being "excited about a man being President," who is for the Sodomites, for the baby murderers, for reducing your tithing FBC Church members IRS deduction for Tithes and Offerings from 50% to 28% (any FBC member giving \$10,000 yearly will lose \$1,100.00 yearly), for taking away all your FBC members Second Amendment rights, for introducing European-style Socialism into this great country, and for settling the "so-called" Palestinian question with a Palestinian State within the God Given State of Hebrews to own their own Promised Land (II Samuel 7:10 - most used Scripture at the time of our Revolutionary War by Preachers, Jack), just doesn't seem like "small burning embers" or "flames of my own making." PUT THIS IN YOUR BULLETIN, JACK, AND ASK YOUR CHURCH MEMBERS WHO THEY AGREE WITH ON THIS ISSUE?

Jack, as others have written you, "comparing the Lord's Supper with a sex act," "preaching that Jesus had to be spanked by Joseph and Mary," and other such statements are not small burning embers.

These are not flames of mine, Tom's, or Jeff Fugate's making, but yours.

Jack, [in sentence 72] you say, "It seems that courtesy is grossly lacking in our fundamental circles," and [in sentence 73] "We air opinions in public in front of everybody and throw them out like talk-show radio hosts." Then, [in sentence 74] you say, "Our fundamental brethren have become exceedingly worldly in their disrespect, in their opinion gathering, in their yellow journalism, and in their flagrant abuse of other people's opinion's and character."

Maybe, just maybe, Jack, this would all be better said that it is the pot calling the kettle black.

Jack, [in sentence 82] you state, "You take a statement ...distort it, paint it, embellish it, puff it up, and then market it through the airwaves with no compunction and no sense of responsibility...".

Jack, I just sent you a copy of what he said. Help Me! Show Me! Discuss with me how I "distorted," "painted," "embellished," or "puffed up" what you had said!!!!!!

Brother Jack, IN YOUR LETTER, [sentence 37] you speak of seasoned, senior men, [in sentence 31] "An unsettled, irritating whine...", [in sentence 32] "Retired prematurely," "Angry, or disappointed and feeling left out of front line service," and [in sentence 34] "Whining and scolding and complaining...".

Brother Jack, I may "clean your clock" if I feel you need it, but if there is something you don't know about this ole man, it is, he doesn't whine, isn't angry, or disappointed, nor does he feel "left out."

Ole, Left-Out JAV left the pastorate because he has a "grapefruit-sized tumor" (benign) intertwined in the blood vessels which supply blood to his intestines, called Idiopathic Retractable Mesenteritis (IRM). While quoting your big words to me, you might look up that phrase.

By the way, Brother Schaap, since we're on that, you study a month and I'll study a month. We'll both take written Hebrew and Greek tests. If you beat me, I'll donate \$10,000.00 to FBC. If I beat you, since you are so much better off financially than I am, you donate \$100,000.00 to Yedidim of Israel for a Hot Food Container for Givati Special Forces. They've asked me for that!

IRM, gives me diarrhea and vomiting so terrible that it takes three of the strongest doses of morphine to quell the pain, Brother Jack. I DON'T WANT YOURS OR ANYONE ELSE'S PITY, JACK. Probably this tumor is the law of "sowing and reaping." So, I'll just grin, defecate, grin, vomit, and bear it! The vomit is easier to aim than the other!

And, my IRM has put me in the hospital 26 times (16 of which I told my wife, "This is it," for I believed for sure, Brother Schaap I was going to see our Saviour). It was because of this tumor, Brother Schaap, defecating repeatedly in my pants and vomiting uncontrollably all over the place, that I left the pastorate. And, Brother Schaap, by no stretch of the imagination can anyone "who is as intelligent as you would lead me to believe you are" ever believe that this ole man has "retired." My wife says, "You're 69 going on 120, but believe you're still 21."

Brother Schaap, come follow my tracks any day, three hours of sleep a night or so, for weeks on end, and see how you do — vomiting 8 or 10 times a day, defecating in your pants (thank God for paper towel fillings), and let's just see

who is standing at the end of a three-week test period — ole **"left out"** or **"he who knows Hebrew and Greek."**

And, since we're doing language tests, I won't re-study, but during that month, you can study Russian, German, and Hmong, and we'll be tested in those three also.

On page 134, or somewhere in *Science of the Christian Life Vol. 2*, Dr. Hyles wrote something like this, "...you call me ignorant, idiot, or whatever you want to call, but, I'd rather study my ABC's in Heaven than Greek and Hebrew in hell." He used to say that repeatedly in his sermons.

So, ole JAV doesn't feel left out. Last Wednesday, a week ago tomorrow, ole, "left-out" JAV was invited by Major Danny Oken of Givati Special Forces to walk 26 kilometers with the Givati Special Forces Trainees in their final test of the first phrase of their training.

I attached a copy of three of the pictures with ole, "left-out JAV" smack dab in the middle of those recruits with a 40-pound ruck sack on his back, and the cadillac of all Assault weapons, the TAVOR (paratrooper version), slung on him.

And, as I've already written, Dr. Joe Boyd would say what I did last Wednesday was "Stoo-ooo-pid." Stupid, Brother Schaap, but "certainly not left out."

Thank God, Jack, for that paper towel I was able to pack my shorts to keep the damage from being seen on my pants during this STOO-OO-PID thing I tried to do!!! Just the other day, Jack, ole, "left-out" JAV was called by an English Speaking IDF officer on the behalf of Colonel Ilan Malka, the 4,126 Soldiers in the Givati Brigade, the Givati Brigade Commander, and Sergeant Major Itzik (Brigade Sergeant Major) inviting this **"ole left-out bird"** to come in June for a three-week thing — a 40 Kilometer Rucksack March in the first week, and then to be with the families of all the Givati Brigade KIA (1947 to 2009) to comfort those families during the last week.

Those are Jews, Jack, wanting comfort from this ole **"left-out"** as you call him, **coot! When the Bride of my Youth heard of that, Jack, she immediately said, "I will bless them that bless thee..."**

Now, at this point, Jack, let me remind you that it was Jews who brought your YouTube, "I'm for Obama," foolish statement to my attention, and their concern that we Independent Baptists were going to go the way of the Methodists, Presbyterians, and Lutherans in forsaking them!!!!

You say, Jack, for me to "rip some two-minute segment out of one particular sermon, or a sound bite here and there and piece together what you think is Jack

Schaap 's opinion, I [you, Jack Schaap] call that being crooked, dishonest and disrespectful."

You mention Moses! I wonder if his smiting of the rock took two-minutes. It sure kept him out of the Promised Land.

I mention Hezekiah. I wonder if his "showing all" to Merodach-baladan's messengers took him two-minutes. It sure caused all he had to be carried into Babylon.

Let's mention David. How long do you think it took for David to lust after Bathsheba's beauty, Jack, before he was hooked?

Time, and the length of something doesn't mean a whit, Jack, to the God, whom you invoke against me! A two-minute YouTube video is enough to cause this "ole left-out" to get concerned about your position on the "obamessiah."

Nathan went to David and said, "Thou art the Man. "

About Obama being President, Jack, you say that ole "left-out" JAV is guilty of "grossly irresponsible behavior and highly damaging by its inflammatory nature among the brethren," "does no true research or investigation," "a blabbering of highly energized opinion with no scriptural, no practical, and no knowledgeable support," and that he is taking "issue with God" (seemingly, since Obama is your "obamessiah")!

Was the unnamed prophet of God out of Judah taking "issue with God," when he came and warned King Jeroboam? (And, yes, you use Jeremiah's defense of Nebuchadnezzar correctly, but that was because God was judging Israel, and doesn't relegate just one prophet nailing a ruler.)

Was Elijah taking "issue with God" when he told Ahab, "There shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word"?

Was the LORD taking issue with" Himself when, in Micaiah's day He asked, "Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?"

Was Micaiah taking an "issue with God" when he said to Ahab, "If thou return at all in peace, the LORD had not spoken by me"?

Was that "certain man" who drew a bow at a venture taking "issue with God," when he smote the King of Israel between the joints of the harness?

Was Elijah taking "issue with God," when it says that Ahaziah "died" according to the word....Elijah had spoken?

Was Samuel taking "issue with God" when he said to Saul, "To obey is better than sacrifice"?

Was Samuel, again, taking "issue with God" when, again, he said to Saul, "...the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee"?

Was Nathan taking "issue with God," Jack, when he told David, "Thou art the Man"?

Was Micah, Jack, taking "issue with God" when he nailed Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Pekahiah, Pekah and Hoshea?

Was Nahum taking "issue with God" when he prophesied against the King of Nineveh? About 100 years later, Nineveh was destroyed as Nahum preached.

Jack, were Habakkuk and Zephaniah taking issue with God in the days of King Josiah, when they bid him know what the Lord had said?

Jack, was John the Baptist taking issue with God when he said to Herod (because he'd taken Herodias, his brother Philip's wife), "It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife"?

Yes, you mention Jeremiah and Nebuchadnezzar, but you (as you say, Jack), "conveniently left out" Daniel preaching to Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4, which is about 20 years later, and Daniel is nailing ole Nebbie.

Jack, you say that ole "left-out" JAV is guilty of "carefully-crafted manipulation to jaundice people's thinking," but in the same letter, you say that "there are issues that I try to bring to our church and try to calm down matters," and "there was a huge number of Christians from around our country, and [JACK, YOUR OWN WORDS] **inside our church who were very scared and nervous** about Senator Obama being elected President."

Then, Jack, like a (pardon my French) donkey, you say, "Our local church is not a political machine."

If your church is not a political machine, then Jack, plainly, why make it political by saying what you did about your "obamessiah" in the two-minute video on YouTube?

JACK, YOU MADE IT POLITICAL — not "ole left out JAV."

Now, Jack, I didn't mention the subject of "lying" in my letter to you. But, you

accused me of lying about you. MAMA was right, Jack. Liars best have a good memory.

Jack, again, two Jews sent me Your Comments. I called Roy Moffitt, let him listen to your comments, and he said, "Yes, that's what he said, but he was just trying to get folks to pray for Obama."

Now, as an ole military man, I learned to put "everything in writing." Preachers don't like to do that, for it nails them down exactly as to what they've said. They want to use the phone, so that they can rant and rave and call folks like Russell Anderson "just hillbilly laymen." (I sat in the Ford SUV with Jeff Fugate, Jack, for 45 minutes and could hear your ranting and raving to him about the King James Issue.) Jack, was he just a "hillbilly layman" when you were taking all those exotic cars from him?

Jack, was he just a "hillbilly layman" when HAC was taking all those millions from him?

Jack, Russell Anderson was a benefactor to HAC. You cannot reward "good" with "evil" and expect that "evil" will not be present in your house (Proverbs 17:13).

And, Jack, since we're on the subject of rewarding "good" with "evil" let me mention your mother-in-law, and the "Crime." I told Russell Anderson that it was at the time she felt like she had to leave the church that her dead hubby pastored for 41 years, because the new Reverend didn't have enough gumption to go to her, crawl on his knees and do whatever he had to do to get his mother-in-law (the wife of the man who pastored FBC for 41 years) not to leave Hammond, Indiana – the place she deserved to live out the rest of her life! Jack, from all of the haughty in your response to me, I fully understand how the loss of your benefactor has come about and why your mother-in-law felt she should move. WHAT A STINKIN' SHAME!!!

Jack, I called Russell! I didn't know you. I knew him. I raised ole Billy with him when Beverly felt she had to leave Hammond.

WHAT A SHAME! I sent her a \$2,000.00 check at the time for I felt so bad about this SHAMEFUL INCIDENT!!!!

Jack, you keep quoting my lack of knowledge about Scripture and words and terms, etc., etc.

I know I'm just a simple country bumpkin, but, Jack, I do have enough knowledge of Scripture to know that if you LIE PUBLICLY ABOUT SOMEONE, you ought to make an apology to those who YOU LIED TO ABOUT HIM PUBLICLY! Would

you like chapter and verse on restoration, or do you just want to take my word for it?

Now, Jack, if you're the "great Christian" you hold yourself up to be in your letter, you'll stand up before FBC Hammond this coming week and apologize to them for lying about OLE, "LEFT-OUT" JAV.

As I said at the beginning, the \$7,000.00 check will be coming to you via snail mail – WHICH LOOKS LIKE IT'S SLOWED DOWN since the "obamessiah" took over!

Lordy, Lordy, Jack, I sure do hope that all those other folks – churches and individuals – don't go holding over my head the money they have given me to help the Hebrews like you have in my help of the IDF officers in Normandy. If they do, I shall be in the POOR HOUSE post haste.

Ole "left-out" JAV will be in a world of hurt should those folks come holding their monies up over my head!

But, truthfully, Jack, our founding fathers were willing to give up their fortunes for their convictions, so why should I smart in the least over a measly \$7,000.00?

Jack, I won't communicate any more with you on this subject. I wouldn't have written in the first place, but those two Jews came to me seeking redress, and so I wrote. I am amazed at the "haughty, arrogant spirit" I see in your letter, Jack. Back when I was a kid soldier, Jack, one of my Colonels said, "Every man does that which he is big enough to do." And, he said, "Unfortunately, time tells the 'whole story' on all of us." May the Lord bless thee and keep thee and cause His Face to shine upon thee.

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Dear Dr. Vineyard:

1. I appreciate the opportunity to come to you by way of this letter and offer my response to your two most recent e-mails to me.
2. I feel that your stature as a senior preacher in our fundamental circles and your longstanding friendship with our ministry here and my indebtedness to you as one of my former teachers and one of our church's former staff members imposes my obligation to respond to you.
3. I want to thank you for your most distinguished service as a soldier in our armed forces.
4. Thank you for the courage and bravery you displayed, which is well-known among the brethren.
5. Thank you for your continued patriotism and love for this country as well as your love for Christ and for the cause for which we labor continually.
6. Then, too, thank you for your aggressive pursuit of friendship with the Israeli friends God has brought across your path.
7. Thank you for your understanding that Israel is the center of God's attention and the nation that has been and will be most beloved by God.
8. I believe it takes a very good Christian to love Israel.
9. As a nation, they have been most incorrigible and insubordinate towards our God, and they have been most ignorant about our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ.
10. Of course, that does not apply to every individual.
11. However, as a corporate unite, the nation of Israel has been most disappointing in their attitudes towards God, towards Christ, and towards those who follow Him.

12. Your e-mails, from time to time, have reminded us that there is a hunger among many Israelis.
13. Many of them are searching for the truth and are willing to consider the truth of the New Testament.
14. I appreciate your labors of love and the investment you are making to try to enlighten them with the Gospel.
15. As you well know, you have received \$7,000 from our ministry in these recent years.
16. We have given that money to you because of the above-stated items in this letter.
17. I want my observations and my response to be measured and careful because you are my elder and are deserving of the respect for your decades of faithful service to our Lord as well as for your years of faithful service to our country.
18. Then, too, you are a God-called preacher who is anointed by the Holy Ghost and called by our Father to the Gospel ministry.
19. The Bible is very clear about how we admonish one another and how we should or should not rebuke an elder.
20. I believe the passage in I Timothy that says we should not rebuke an elder does not particularly refer to older people but elder by the position of God – the Greek word being *episkopous*, meaning “a wise, mature counselor within the body of Christ”; and most of us believe it is one of the three titles given to what we call a pastor in a local church.
21. That being stated, I must admit that it has been disturbing to me to receive the many rebukes from younger men across this country who have been fueled by the yellow journalism of inappropriate open letters, by very poorly written and poorly edited magazine articles, and by e-mails and letters that have been most inappropriately written and most egregious in their errors and outright mistakes.
22. It is always disturbing to me to see the body of Christ fussing like irresponsible and immature children.
23. I certainly understand the anger and wrath that God poured out upon Israel for their murmuring and complaining.

24. They complained against Him, but they also complained against Moses.
25. Apparently, we do not like to learn from those lessons but prove again and again that the only thing we learn from history is that we don't learn from history.
26. Men who have decades of experience and wisdom are casually and irresponsibly vilified and slandered without even the slightest hint of a twinge of conscience or the slightest statement of respect being shown.
27. Dr. Vineyard, there are about half-a-dozen senior preachers whom I have addressed kindly, only because they first addressed me and have asked for my response and have repetitively written to me or called me or said things publicly about me.
28. I reminded these senior leaders that the duty of responsible leadership is to lead.
29. It is to take us somewhere.
30. It is to remind us that the great calling of our ministry is Christ and the Gospel and the work of evangelism and obedience to the Great Commission.
31. I find in so many seasoned senior men an unsettled, irritating whine.
32. It's as though they retired prematurely and are angry or disappointed and feeling left out of the frontline service, so they are turning their guns, not towards the enemy but rather towards their own troops.
33. Instead of leading their men, they are insulting the troops and criticizing the next level of leadership.
34. You, as a soldier, most assuredly know better than I that when there is a breakdown in the chain of command and insubordination among the troops and when leaders go from leading to whining and scolding and complaining, the enemy does not suffer; our own troops suffer.
35. Instead of playing fireman and peacemaker and putting out the fires of strife and foolishness, I find some of my senior preacher friends acting as arsonists, igniting fires and throwing gasoline on small burning embers that could have easily been extinguished.
36. They have forced us to bring manpower and resources to extinguish flames of their making.

37. When I find seasoned men, who do not know any better than to take a one-and-a-half minute clip from YouTube on the Internet and piece together an entire philosophy about my pastoral skills or pastoral wisdom, I find myself shaking my head in disbelief at the gross immaturity and childishness of such practices that mimic the yellow journalism of the liberal media.
38. I find many of my fellow brethren are no better than the Tom Brokaws and the Peter Jennings and the Wolf Blitzers of the television networks.
39. They live on sound bites and make the fabric of their entire philosophy and opinion based upon two-minute sound bites.
40. There is no contextual agreement.
41. There is no true research or investigation.
42. There is just a blabbering of highly energized opinion with no scriptural, no practical, and no knowledgeable support.
43. I find this practice to be grossly irresponsible behavior and highly damaging by its inflammatory nature among the brethren.
44. I believe such remarks constitute a backward direction of spiritual growth.
45. I believe with all my heart that it is most egregious and hurtful to not only the cause of Christ but to Jesus Christ Himself personally.
46. There is no joy in Heaven when souls are not being saved but all the weapons and guns are being aimed at one another.
47. I find your two emails filled with the ramblings of an unstudied man and the personal and inflammatory remarks of a poorly documented and poorly researched article.
48. Dr. Vineyard, I do respect you.
49. I remember well my years at Hyles-Anderson College.
50. I came in January 1977, and you left at the end of that semester.
51. To set the record straight, you were not the one who took me or sent me bar preaching.
52. Denny Kenaston took me personally because I was a member of his bus

route.

53. You did send me on an assignment my first week of college to stand at the corner of the intersection of Highway 30 and Route 41 in Schererville to preach for 30 minutes, which I did.
54. The only other remembrances I have about your interaction with me is that in four months you never pronounced my name properly and you signed my Bible when I asked you to when I met you at the top of the steps in the lobby of Miller Hall.
55. I thought you were an excellent preacher, and I admired your zeal and enthusiasm.
56. I was thrilled with your accomplishments as a bus director.
57. I perceived you as a very organized man.
58. I admired the fact that you read at that time 27 chapters of Scripture daily.
59. I admired the fact that you were disciplined, you were a hard worker, and you maintained a most arduous schedule.
60. My fellow students and I were all in awe of you, and I have nothing but positive memories of my days when I crossed your path during those four months.
61. Other than those brief months when we hardly got to know each other, I have not really kept up with you or followed you or crossed your path, nor have you with me.
62. You have written to me on a very personal note on many occasions.
63. We have chatted on the phone on one occasion.
64. I have enjoyed the privilege to obey the admonition of Solomon who said, *"Thine own friend, and they father's friend, forsake not."*
65. I consider you the generation of my father-in-law and one of the men who worked on his staff with him, so I have attempted to not forget my father-in-law's friend; thus, you have been the beneficiary of some of the support you have received from First Baptist Church of Hammond.
66. In speaking of support, I think of Dr. Bob Jones Sr.'s off-the-cuff remark when he said, "I don't know why so-and-so hates me; I never did anything for that man!"

67. That statement usually draws a chuckle from other Christian leaders, because we all understand that it seems that those who want our help, and have no compunction in asking us for our help, are the ones who turn against us and write or say things that are most painfully received.
68. I am confident you do not see your e-mails as inflammatory or being painful to be received, but allow me to address a few of the particulars of your e-mails.
69. I have read carefully your responses, attitudes, and opinions relative to what you perceive are my opinions and statements regarding President Obama.
70. One would think that if a man wanted to know another man's opinion about a matter or individual, he would simply pick up the phone and call and ask that man or perhaps write a letter of query.
71. If there is a matter of controversy or misunderstanding, a gentleman would pick up the phone and say, "I think I may have misunderstood a statement that's going around about you."
72. It seems that courtesy is grossly lacking in our fundamental circles.
73. We air our opinions in public in front of everybody and throw them out like talk-show radio hosts.
74. Our fundamental brethren have become exceedingly worldly in their disrespect, in their opinion gathering, in their yellow journalism, and in their flagrant abuse of other people's opinions and character.
75. If you really want to know what I personally think about President Obama, I suggest three things.
76. First, listen to everything I have said so you don't take anything out of context.
77. Dr. Vineyard, you are guilty of exactly what the cults do with the King James Bible.
78. Jehovah's Witnesses want to take a person to Ecclesiastes and tell him that he is no different than an animal that has no spirit and he just dies like a beast.
79. You and I both know that they are contextually crooked.
80. They do not compare Scripture with Scripture.

81. Your e-mails remind me of the same kind of fallacious, cult-like practices.
82. You take a statement made in a sermon to the First Baptist Church congregation, and you distort it, paint it, embellish it, puff it up, and then market it through the airwaves with no compunction and no sense of responsibility that says, "Perhaps Dr. Schaap would like to see what I am writing before I send it out.
83. Perhaps I should check with him to be sure I am accurately presenting my case to him."
84. I do know how upset your son Tom got because I printed a segment of the doctrinal statement from the college in Oklahoma.
85. He was very angry that I didn't print every single word.
86. Dr. Vineyard, I wasn't even giving his opinion.
87. I just simply quoted from something that was on the Internet.
88. He is the one who put it out on the Internet, which means that everybody in the entire world can look at it and read it for themselves.
89. They can check what I said against that.
90. But, Dr. Vineyard, you took one statement out of a sermon, and then you gave your lengthy opinion about what you are most certain that I believe.
91. I have to say, Sir, that you are incredibly inaccurate in how you represent me.
92. You are not my spokesman.
93. You are a very poor press agent.
94. You conveniently failed to tell everybody how many thousands of dollars I gave you.
95. You painted nothing positive about my position except Jim Vineyard's opinion of what must surely be true because Jim Vineyard says it is true.
96. This is grossly irresponsible.
97. The second thing you could have done was to call the office at the church and ask somebody else who works on my staff or one of my deacons like Terry Duff or Colonel Richard MacCormack or one of my staff men and

- inquired as to their understanding of what I believe.
98. You could have called my personal assistant, Jack Mitchell, and asked him if you were accurate in your understanding of what I stated.
 99. Thirdly, you could have ordered all the tapes, all the sermons, and everything I have written about the matter and digested it and documented it and footnoted it and explained to your readers that you did thorough research --- but there is nothing in your e-mail at all that says that you did any research other than listen to somebody else's brief YouTube video.
 100. When people start using Internet videos and Internet blurbs and blog pages for documentation, they show their foolishness and their incredible gullibility to believe anything that is put out in an informal way on a web page.
 101. That YouTube video is not an official blurb from First Baptist Church; it is somebody's carefully-crafted manipulation to jaundice people's thinking, not towards what I believe but to flavor me in a most unfortunate light.
 102. That shows, at best, a very dishonest journalism; at worst, it is a very evil heart that is set on fire of Hell itself, according to the book of James.
 103. Dr. Vineyard, regarding President Obama, my position, as a pastor and as a Christian, is consistent whether it was President Obama or whether it was President Bush or President Clinton or anybody who holds a position.
 104. According to Daniel, God puts these people in office.
 105. Daniel 5:21 says, "*...the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and that he appointeth over it whomsoever he will.*"
 106. I must acknowledge that God is sovereign and that according to Romans Chapter 13, the powers that be are appointed by God.
 107. The Greek word is *exousia*, which means "appointed or delegated authority."
 108. Paul speaks of the king, who has the power to use the sword for capital punishment, and also speaks of magistrates and local leaders.
 109. These leaders are "ministers of God" and are appointed to their positions by the same God Who appoints you and me to our positions.
 110. The Bible is very clear that we are supposed to have a scriptural attitude towards them.

111. I Peter 2:13 says, *“Submit yourself to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme.”*
112. I Peter 2: 17 says, *“Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.”*
113. In Acts 23:5, the Apostle Paul got in trouble when he made a derogatory statement about a man whom he did not know was the high priest.
114. Paul said, *“I wist not, brethren, that he was the high priest: for it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people.”*
115. Paul was quoting Exodus 22:28, which says, *“Thou shalt not revile the gods, nor curses the ruler of thy people.”*
116. II Peter 2:10-11 describes ungodly people as those who despise government, who are presumptuous, who are self-willed, and who are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.
117. You can look up the word *dignities* in any commentary or dictionary and see what it says.
118. In Jude 8-10, the same kind of definition is given about the ungodly who speak evil of dignities.
119. Jude said Michael *“durst not bring against him (the devil) a railing accusation.”*
120. In verse 10, he said, *“These speak evil of those things which they know not.”*
121. We have examples of very undesirable leaders in Scriptures.
122. One such leader is Nebuchadnezzar who was a barbarian invader.
123. He was extremely belligerent and ransacked and burned Solomon’s Temple and took 10,000 Israelis captive to Babylon.
124. When Jeremiah preached that the Jews should submit to Nebuchadnezzar, Jeremiah was put in prison and in a sinkhole and left to die.
125. God, of course, delivered him from that.
126. In three places – Jeremiah 25:9, 27:6, and 43:10 – the Spirit of God

- instructs Jeremiah to call Nebuchadnezzar “my servant,” meaning the servant of the Lord.
127. Dr. Vineyard, I fear that American fundamental Baptists have placed there patriotism for there country above their loyalty to the Scriptures.
 128. I’m not foremost a citizen of America; I am foremost a citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven .
 129. Though I am very proud to be an American and consider myself a patriot and would gladly lay down my life for this nation, my first and foremost loyalty is to Jesus Christ, to the Scriptures, and to the Kingdom of Heaven.
 130. The Lord Jesus Christ spells out very clearly how you and I as leaders and pastors should instruct our people and how we should speak of the leaders of our country.
 131. The disparaging remarks I hear coming from your e-mails and other voices from around the country only highlight either an unwillingness to obey God’s Word or an ignorance of what God’s Word says.
 132. I think we are more loyal to the Republican Party than we are to the Christian Scriptures.
 133. In I Timothy Chapter 2, the Bible places four demands upon me as a pastor.
 134. Paul told Pastor Timothy that he was supposed to supplicate, pray, intercede, and give thanks for kings and for all that are in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness, for this is good and acceptable with God.
 135. First, as pastor, I am commanded to supplicate, which means I am to plead that the king and the other authorities come to understand what God’s will is, specifically as to why God placed them in authority.
 136. I pray every single day that President Obama would know why God put him in the White House.
 137. Secondly, I am also commanded to pray for them.
 138. Prayer is asking for the personal involvement of God in the personal affairs of a man.
 139. I pray for the President’s wife and daughters, for his Cabinet, and for his personal life, the he would see the presence of God in his life and be

- aware of the wisdom and knowledge of God in his everyday dealings.
140. Thirdly, I am supposed to intercede for the President and for all those in authority.
 141. I am supposed to go to God on their behalf and ask God to be merciful and fair and kind to them, just as I would want God to treat me.
 142. Intercession in Calvary praying.
 143. It is Jesus asking God to be forgiving to very undeserving people.
 144. Finally, I am supposed to give thanks for those in authority.
 145. I am supposed to tell God “thank you” for putting President Obama and other authorities in office.
 146. Dr. Vineyard, you might disagree with me, but I think your disagreement is with the Scriptures.
 147. I don’t know, and I am not asking for your opinion on how you pray or what you think about these Scriptures.
 148. I am just stating what the Scripture says because the Scripture is our final authority for all matters of faith and practice, not your opinion and not my opinion.
 149. My personal feelings about President Obama are these.
 150. He is a liberal Democrat.
 151. He spends more money than I think he should.
 152. He is a very good friend of Planned Parenthood, and I believe Planned Parenthood is a tool of the devil himself.
 153. He had voted for partial-birth abortions and has publicly stated such.
 154. I think that is an abomination to God and is murder.
 155. The truth is, if listed all the things I believe on a piece of paper and he listed all the things he believes on a piece of paper, probably in majority, I would be 180-degrees opposite of and opposed to his positions.
 156. Dr. Vineyard, God did not ask me my opinion when He put President Obama in office.

157. God doesn't ask me my opinion, now that I am a pastor, of what God does.
158. The Scriptures are very clear that nobody tells God what to do and nobody has a right to ask God, "Why are You doing this?"
159. God is very clear about making sure we understand that we are the clay and He is the Potter.
160. The clay doesn't ask the Potter what He is doing in our lives or anybody else's lives.
161. Eve made the tragic mistake of wanting to know good and evil.
162. God bluntly made it clear that the knowledge of good and evil is in His hands.
163. Why God does what He does is His business and not mine or yours. My duty is to obey God, to thank Him, to trust Him, and to respond in a scriptural manner.
164. Dr. Vineyard, I see a lot of unscriptural, heathen statements and attitudes from my fundamental brethren about those that God has placed in authority.
165. God does not command that I must agree with the beliefs of those in authority or even to vote for them.
166. I did not vote for President Obama.
167. I felt the choices we had last year for President were exceedingly disturbing.
168. Senator John McCain had been the chief executive officer and corporate head of the largest liquor distribution center in the southwest sector of this country.
169. I wonder how many lives have been destroyed and marriages wrecked and dead bodies peeled off the highways for the liquor distributed by his company.
170. Even though it is his father-in-law's business, he was the administrative head, and he and his wife both ran it personally.
171. They own the business now – at least she does – and I have a very hard

172. There is a curse on those who set liquor before another, and I felt that putting him in office was like putting a cursed man in office.
173. I felt that voting for Barack Obama was voting for a man who personally endorsed the murdering of innocent children and for a whole host of policies that are opposed to the Scriptures and to which I am personally opposed.
174. However, God does not tell me to bring my politics into the pulpit.
175. He tells me to bring my Christianity into the pulpit.
176. He tells me to bring His Scriptures to the pulpit.
177. Finally, regarding President Obama and your feeling and opinions, this is my pulpit not yours.
178. It's not your son's pulpit.
179. It is nobody else's pulpit.
180. God gave it to me.
181. You don't want me messing with your preaching, and I dead sure don't want you messing with my preaching.
182. There are issues that I try to bring to our church and try to calm down matters.
183. There were a huge number of Christians from around our country and inside our church who were very scared and nervous about Senator Obama being elected President
184. The term antichrist was thrown out on a daily basis.
185. People were afraid that President Obama was the antichrist coming into power and that he would destroy our country.
186. My job as a pastor is not to rile up the saints.
187. My job is to lead them and to keep focus on what is important in our church.
188. Our local church is not a political machine, sir.

189. Our local church is a spiritual weapon to fulfill the Great Commission.
190. My opinions are just that, but God's opinions are His laws, and I must abide by His opinions.
191. If you want to rip some two-minute segment out of one particular sermon or a sound bite here and there and piece together what you think is Jack Schaap's opinion, I call that being crooked, dishonest, and disrespectful.
192. Dr. Vineyard, to say I love and pray for you are honest statements.
193. To say I respect what you did would not be accurate.
194. I am very disappointed in your words, in your lack of gratitude, and in your disrespect for this church, this pulpit, this pastor, this ministry, and for our King.
195. Perhaps you think because you shot bullets and can do 100-plus pushups on your fingertips that somehow you have a right for all the bluster, but I don't think so.
196. I think the Scriptures trump Jim Vineyard's and Jack Schaap's opinions.
197. I would never have voted for Senator Obama.
198. Jack Schaap stands opposed to nearly everything President Obama stands for personally and politically.
199. But God has called me to preach, to be gentle unto all men, to help the fallen, and to reach the lost world.
200. God has called me to honor those whom he has placed in authority that we can lead a quiet and peaceful life so that we can win souls and do the work to which we are called.
201. We have an excellent relationship with every level of leadership in Indiana, in our local Hammond area, and in Washington.
202. We have worked very hard to find out what our scriptural position is supposed to be.
203. We have honored these people.
204. We pray for them.

205. We sincerely understand that God has put them in their positions.
206. Why He has done so is not for me to question.
207. It is up to me to trust God and to obey His command.
208. You have misrepresented me to our nation.
209. You have misrepresented me to my friends and to others who don't know me.
210. I think that is very disrespectful.
211. You have given me a lot of what the Israelis say, a lot of your opinions, and a long list of all the negative things you think about President Obama.
212. Dr. Vineyard, this is not the issue.
213. I am a Christian.
214. I am a pastor.
215. I am a preacher.
216. I am all those before I am an American.
217. If you want to say that I am not a very patriotic American, you can add that to the lies you have already said.
218. If you want to say that I don't understand the situation that is purely your opinion.
219. But I challenge you to take this issue up with God and see what your response towards President Obama is supposed to be in sight of Almighty God.
220. I think you are disrespecting the Scriptures and our God.

With all due Respect,
Jack Schaap