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BE
Bruce Evans
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Dear Bruce:

Before I leave town to lead a seminar on Christianity and economics at a Cincinnati church, I want to provide a little more information about the Lynchburg meeting in early April.

(1) Since I last wrote you, I have learned that the meeting is being put on by men who have started an organization that is totally separate from Liberty University. All of the leaders of CEBA (Contemporary Economics and Business Association) are strong free-market men who teach economics at Liberty. But their organization is independent. This is a plus, I think, for people who are leery of any public identification with Falwell.

(2) You may know the name, Bill Snavelly. He was a dean at George Mason University until retiring recently and moving to Lynchburg. Snavelly is the fellow who really built the economics department at George Mason. He wooed James Buchanan away from Virginia Tech and recruited Walter Williams, among others. This is an impressive guy who knows how to get things done. I gather that he wants to do similarly impressive things with CEBA.

(3) The purpose of the Thursday night dinner meeting is to get about 20 people together who share two or three important values: (a) a commitment to the Christian faith; (b) a commitment to free market economics; and (c) a desire to educate the church (clergy and laity) to see the importance of allowing its social activity to reflect sound economic policies, instead of the muddle-headed collectivism that characterizes so many Christian leaders these days. The major goal of the evening is to explore ways in which at least 3 different organizations plus unaffiliated individuals like James Gwartney might be able to work together.

(4) I've suggested to Bob Mateer, the Lynchburg organizer, that the following order be followed.

(a) someone from the Villars Project [see enclosed] give a 5 minute presentation of its plans and objectives.

(b) someone from FEE (you?) give a 5 minute response to what has just been said. Relate it to FEE's objectives, in this area.

(c) someone from CEBA then gives another short response.

(d) then under guidance from a moderator, we carry on a discussion among the people around the table, with a view to gaining a clearer picture of what needs to be done and how we might cooperate in those endeavors.

More information about the Friday program will be coming, probably in early March.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron Nash".
Ron Nash