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RE: *Our Father's World* Seminars by Care of Creation, Inc.

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Ben Lowe and I am a recent graduate of Wheaton College (IL), now serving as the Outreach Director at A Rocha USA. In this capacity I work alongside students and campuses across the United States to help empower new grassroots creation care movements and support existing ones.

In the spring of 2008 I took a group of current Wheaton College students up to Madison, WI, to attend and participate in the first *Our Father's World* seminar led by Ed Brown. I had heard a good number of talks on creation care and the environmental crisis before, and the students I brought were also familiar with this topic. So while we were interested in hearing Ed's take on the issues, we did not expect to learn much new information. We were pleasantly surprised.

Ed Brown and Care of Creation have put together an important and insightful seminar in *Our Father's World*. The overall presentation is clear, engaging, and empowering. It goes step by step through much of the two "books" of God – the Bible and Creation – to help us understand complex issues more clearly and see how ancient biblical principles apply to them today. Of these, the concept of shalom is a central component to the seminars and one that connects especially well with my generation. Shalom provides a holistic approach to understanding the gospel and mission of God, and I have yet to hear (or read) it explained more clearly and convincingly than Ed does in this seminar (or in his book).

By connecting everything back to key Biblical principles and texts, Ed is able to share an urgent message that is convicting and unequivocal in its demands on our lives. Yet he does so in a warm and approachable way more reminiscent of a caring pastor than the stereotypical "doom and gloom environmentalist." This is a tone and approach that appeals to my generation of young evangelicals. We already get that there is a global crisis demanding our urgent attention; what we are looking for now are authentic and humble leaders like Ed to mentor us as we take on the daunting challenges of our time.

So I enthusiastically commend the *Our Father's World* seminar to you. In my judgment, it is a timely, thoughtful, and compelling tool for mobilizing the church; one worthy of our support.

Sincerely,

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