



Celebrating Four Decades of John MacArthur's Faithful Ministry

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Dear Ralph,

Thank you for your impassioned letter regarding Dr. Al Mohler and the Shepherds' Conference. It might encourage you to know that Dr. Mohler and I have had conversations, especially about him signing the Manhattan Declaration, and he also read the article that I posted on the website indicating my rejection of both that discussion and others like it:

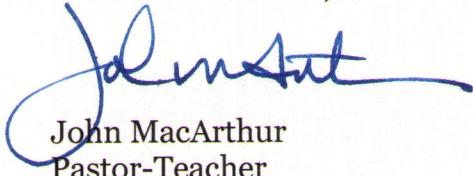
<http://www.shepherdsfellowship.org/pulpit/Posts.aspx?ID=4444>.

While Al knows how I feel about him signing it, there's a lot more to Al Mohler than that. The level of his faithfulness to the Lord and to the Word of God is unquestioned in my mind. He took over a seminary that was totally liberal, defined the Scriptural standard, and replaced everything there that was compromising to the Lord and the Word of God, both in the faculty and curriculum, and has focused the seminary as a Christ-centered, Bible-centered institution. I certainly see the full portrait of Al as a noble slave of Christ.

In addition to that, I have planned to give the opening message at Shepherds' Conference on separation so I will be addressing the issue head on. Al is fully aware that such a message is forthcoming.

Thank you, Ralph, for loving the Truth, written and incarnate, as we do, and for taking the time to write. I hope you will keep me and Al and the conference in your prayers, and I hope to see you at a future conference. If you are ever able to come, please make your way up to meet me.

Yours for the Truth,



John MacArthur
Pastor-Teacher