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Dr. Norman Lamm
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Dear Rabbi Lamm,

What a delightful gift our daughter and son-in-law presented us recently -- your most recent book: the two volumes of SEVENTY FACES: ARTICLES OF FAITH. (The occasion was our being honored at the annual Kodimoh Israel Bond Dinner -- along with nine other honorees from the other area synagogues.)

Although some of the material in the volumes you were kind enough to have sent to us before, it was a real pleasure to become reacquainted with it -- and, of course, to see the new inclusions that we had never seen before. While I'm reading the articles in one volume, Ruth is reading articles in the other -- and we exchange expressions of admiration of your content and style after completing each article. We hope that your imminent (is it really "imminent"?) ^{publication} will not curtail your publication of future expressions of your much-needed wisdom. To adapt a clause from William Wordsworth's poem on John Milton, "Rabbi Lamm, The world hath need of thee: she is a fen/ Of stagnant waters"

I'm taking the liberty of enclosing a copy of a recent article I had published in MODERN AGE (not to be confused with Modern Orthodoxy). I apologize for not capitalizing the "M" and "C" in "Modern" and "Centrist" Orthodoxy. I hope you don't find my failure to do so a capital offense!

Ruth joins me in sending you and Mindy our warmest wishes.

Most cordially,


MILTON BIRNBAUM

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