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Dr. A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am writing in behalf of the Downers Grove (Ill.) Village Forum to learn if you could arrange to address our audience on Sunday night, November 29th, 1953.

Downers Grove is a suburb of Chicago about 21 miles from the loop. We would arrange to meet you with a car in Chicago and drive you there and return you to your hotel in Chicago.

The Village Forum was organized about five years ago to bring to our suburb outstanding leaders in the educational, political and entertainment fields. It is a non-profit organization formed by a small group of civic minded citizens. Seats are available to the public at our meetings in the High School and the auditorium seating approximately 800 people is always completely filled. Four or five programs are presented each year. Some of those who have appeared before our audiences are Senator Wiley of Wisconsin, Dr. Ralph Bunch, Norman Thomas, Leland Stowe, Bennett Cerf, Charles Laughton, Cornelia Otis Skinner, American Town Meeting of the Air, and others of equal calibre.

We are interested in a talk of an inspirational nature. It occurs to me that the title of your book "Religion in a Changing World" might be the kind of a talk we would like. However any topic you might choose would be satisfactory.

Will you please advise me at your early convenience if you can accept this engagement and what honorarium would be acceptable?

Very truly yours,

R.M.Kendall
1401 Thornwood Drive
Downers Grove, Illinois

DOWNERS GROVE VILLAGE FORUM

By *R.M. Kendall*
Program Chairman

June 9, 1953

Mr. R. M. Kendall
1401 Thornwood Drive
Downers Grove, Illinois

My dear Mr. Kendall:

I deeply appreciate your gracious invitation to address the Downers Grove Village Forum on Sunday, November 29th. I wish I were free to accept it. Unfortunately, I find it impossible to leave Cleveland on a Sunday inasmuch as I have my own Service that day, as well as other congregational functions.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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