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Hello,

Thank you for your interest in *Longing to Know*. Many of you have sent words of encouragement and delight to share with me in the venture.

The "book launch" July 25 at the Brentwood Borders more than lived up to my hope for a celebrative beginning, with more than 140 people present, the Francis Schaeffer Institute's largest ever Borders attendance, and a "sellthrough" of all the books Borders had ordered for the event. The best part was seeing so many smiling faces and having the opportunity to say a few things to orient prospective readers to the book.

I already know of two study groups this fall who are meeting weekly to discuss *Longing to Know*: Wes Zell is leading one at the Center for Christian Study at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, and Michael Gordon (of Chapters 2 and 24) is leading a group at the church in St. Louis where he is on the pastoral staff. I think I heard, too, that Richard Vise, campus minister at Auburn, is using the book this fall.

Ken Myers of Mars Hill Audio invited me to do a recorded interview for an upcoming audio journal. What a fun experience to talk with him in an NPR radio booth! I am most intrigued to see how he uses his expertise to edit that for production!

Theologian John Frame has written a most complimentary review of *Longing to Know* for Covenant Seminary's faculty journal, *Presbyterion*, for this fall's issue. John is also requiring the book in his epistemology course at Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando. A very fun sidelight, former students: in emails back and forth, Dr. Frame has been playing around with the vector and the triangle!!!

If you live in St. Louis, I'd like to invite you to my booksigning at the grand opening of the Cokesbury Christian Bookstore (on Manchester west of Sulphur Spring, in the Winchester Plaza). It is Saturday, September 20, from 11:30-12:30. I picked that time to coincide with lunch at the St. Louis Bread Company! Come stop by and say hello.

My website is up, as they say. I hope you will visit www.longingtoknow.com, sign the guestbook with comments to me and others, link to buy the book, give me feedback concerning the book, and find the site a valuable resource to pass on to people you know. Please let me know your ideas concerning how I can improve the site.

Also on September 20 I am speaking at the Philosophy Coffee House in Alton concerning *Longing to Know*. The coffee house is a service of the Church on the Hill, Ron Wenzel, pastor. I do not have details on this yet, but if you are interested in knowing more, please get in touch.

I also have plans to speak in October to the Reformed Christian Fellowship at Lindenwood University. The topic: knowing God.

I am growing in the conviction that *Longing to Know* contains insights that are critically important to spread abroad to ordinary people, whether repairmen, musicians, parents, counselors, or businesspersons. As this idea appeals to you, please will you pray for me and share your thoughts with me?

Thank you so much!

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