

voted to ordain them? My guess would be that as far as loyalty to the truth and as knowledge of the facts is concerned, that Ward and Nichols would probably be far better qualified than the average of those who made up that ordaining committee. Probably far better. But whether they would be as good as some of those men even with little education at meeting people and handling tactful problems and all that, it's awfully hard to teach anyway.

~~XXXX~~ Neher: A couple of things I think you should know about that. There was quite a difference between Tom Ward and Rich Nichol. Rich was considered to be much more qualified and articulate by those there.

Well, Rich of course had been speaking all around for his Jewish work, and when it comes to being a preacher and a presenter Nichol has the background and training. While Ward is an electrician and Ward, I don't know how much preaching he'd done, but my guess is that Harding would have improved him tremendously over what he would have been before he took Harding for it. As you say, the fact that you have confidence and you step out makes a big difference in people's attitude.

Neher: ~~That~~ That, and also the questions they asked were not geared to very subtle matters at all. They had to do more with practical things, which, for instance people in Pastor Ecks's congregation would have to deal with all the time. Those matters which we study in order to learn the background for things such as a lot of the history, etc. had not place in the questions they were asking them.

I think, if I recall correctly which I may not, he said, They could not even give a good argument for the existence of God. Well, VanTill of course doesn't think there is any argument for the existence of God! You just presuppose it. But I think there is. Eck certainly should have come in on apologetics, but they might have done that. They might have had handed in a fine exam in apologetics but not remembered it then.

Neher; Well practical -- having things on the tip of your tongue, there's a real lesson that I learned being there. Since