

Palestin was I think converted to Roman Catholicism and became a very ardent Roman Catholic and all his children were raised as Roman Catholics. But he, when he came back to Baltimore to become professor at Johns Hopkins, he used to attend a little Methodist church outside of town somewhere and he said you go to these big churches and people were preaching out of their ignorance and they were proud of their knowledge and actually very ignorant. He preferred to go to a man who knew he was ignorant.

In his autobiography he said he'd been asked about his religious views. He said, My wife fills our house with the best Roman Catholic literature and I read all of it. The ministers where I go to church fill my house with the best neo-orthodox literature and I read all of that. My view would be about half way between the two!"

That's pretty hard to pin point. He had a real -- just what he actually believed, I don't know. I know he used to ~~make~~ make fun of the S.S. Times which was very conservative. He excavated at Kirjeth-sepher with Dr. Kyle who was then president of Xenia which was a very orthodox seminary at that time. Kyle was very conservative and Albright said in an article that they two had worked together so amicably and he said I became more conservative and he became more liberal as a result of our working together. Just how much truth there is to it I don't know but that was his impression. of them. I felt we could get a great deal that was good from him. and overlook that which was a result of his background. Unfortunately I had a very fine student, a man who I felt very close to, who after he had graduated and taken a masters with us and then had taught in a Christian place for some time, came to see me and talked about whether he should go to Johns Hopkins and work for a Ph.D. with Albright. I tried to discuss the pros and cons with him and he went. He worked with him, and after 3 or 4 years he got his Ph.D.