

And I was utterly amazed to find that he had swallowed Albright lock, stock, and barrel. His whole emotional interest had been transferred. He was a good friend of mine. He taught in Wheaton for a time. Then he went to North Park from there. He died after a few years at North Park. At Wheaton every time I'd go out there he'd be very friendly with me. He'd probably take me out to dinner somewhere. Very friendly. But in his classes he was teaching material that was greatly influenced by the parts of Albright's teaching that I would not agree with.

Dr. Free there said to me, Newberg takes anything that Albright has given and then just sprinkles a little water over it and accepts it! He said he puts it in some sort of Christian terminology and Newberg if he had any time free he had to go to Hopkins and see Albright and see what his latest study was, etc. His whole -- I feel in his case Albright did him a tremendous amount of harm. But I don't think he did it intentionally. I don't think he did. Now Albright did start a sort of a school. In fact a man who later taught at Harvard -- Wright, I saw him at Chicago one time. He said, I'm an Albright man. He started an and got gathered around him a group of young fellows who were tremendously affected by his attitude. They have been, I would say, a good influence in biblical studies though they are definitely not in our viewpoint but their viewpoint is much more objective than the predominate attitude among most of the present day scholars. It's one which is much more ready to look for things being right in the Bible. I would say that on a lot of them he had a very good influence. But in this particular one he had a very bad influence.

Neher: Could you tell a little more about your own contacts with Albright? The extent of it and when it was?