

speaking. As soon as he saw me he seized me as an old friend and all the time he was not actually speaking, we were chatting. Then I saw him in Munich at the International Congress of Orientalists in 1957, I guess it was. Those are in general my contacts with him.

Oh, but shortly before his death I wrote him a letter about something and I said as I read your works I find myself wishing I had followed my original idea and gone to Hopkins and taken my degree with you. He wrote back and said, You were very wise to do as you did. He said, During the first considerable number of years I taught at Hopkins I had only very poor students. It was only after about 10 years or so that I began to get good students, and maybe after 15 years that the Oriental Seminar became a really exciting experience! He did have in those latter years a number of students who were just absolutely devoted to him and to his teaching. I guess he had to gradually build it up. In fact when he wrote his book, From the Stone Age to Christianity, I was told he submitted it to various publishers and nobody would publish it. His style is a bit -- I've had the feeling that if a long word would do just as well he would not want to use a short word! Like one sentence where he says that during the second millennium B.C. Crete held the thelasocracy of the eastern Mediterranean. Of course if you know Greek thelasocracy is a fairly simple word for you to get, but if you don't know Greek the average person would have no idea what a thelasocracy is. Most people would say that during that period Crete controlled the seas, something like that. During his latter years he had a tremendous influence over a lot of very bright fellows. A lot of them came to him from McCormick Seminary.