

You have three very interesting questions. I'm not sure how well I can answer them. They are stimulating. First, you say, You have used the term evangelical several times in referring to men in the past. I would be interested in know what that term conveyed when you were in college and seminary, and ~~when~~ when and how changes in its meaning have occurred from then to now.

The term evangelical means believing in the Gospel. It's a term that has been used off and on through the ages. I don't remember that we used it a great deal when I was in seminary or college. It's not my impression we did. When I was at Occidental we were Christians or we weren't! I don't remember that we used any term much when I was there. When I got to seminary, a fellow whom I had known well at Occidental who was two years ahead of me in seminary once spoke in a student meeting. In referring to someone he said, He's a liberal, as shown by something he said. And that's the first time I remember hearing the term liberal used in the sense of unbelieving. Of course the word liberal has a dozen different meanings. He used it very strongly then. For quite a time they were called the liberals.

The term modernist I always disliked, because as Dr. Robert Dick Wilson used to say, I'm more modern than the modernists. I feel the same way about the term conservative. It seems to say you are just going to hold to what's old. I think what is old has a right to be examined carefully before it is discarded but I don't think we should hold to anything merely because it is old. The term conservative can give people that impression. Come to think of it, they used to have signs for advertisements for the Bible Institute