

be the one ~~wh~~ he'd been talking to and look back! It all seemed so artificial. It seemed to me if you were going to try to represent a play that way, it would be much more sensible to put up some props and to have two people do it instead of having one take all the parts!

I don't know how they have developed in that regard since. I know that Bob Jones U. went in for theatricals a great deal right from the start. They do an outstanding job of this aspect. I remember Dr. Buswell speaking very critically of Bob Jones with all their theatricals and that sort ~~of~~ of thing. That was something very bad about them.

That's a matter then of separation of life, from worldliness. I came of course into that very specifically in my latter years at Westminster when it so happened that perhaps the best friend I had on the faculty, and one for whom I had very high regard -- John Murray, who was a very earnest Christian, and very strict in whatever he believed to be right. But he did not see anything wrong in smoking or in drinking alcohol. He did both of them. And the school was greatly criticized on account of him.

Then other members of the faculty began writing on how wicked it was to oppose these things. I liked him very much personally, but I found ~~myself~~ myself to be in sharp opposition to those people who were defending him. It was a rather peculiar situation there.

I remember one fellow my last year there who had taken a church that had separated itself-- a Presbyterian church. This fellow was telling of someone dealing with a new convert, and a man who was smoking said to him (and he was trying to witness to Christ) and the other fellow said to him, You don't smell like a Christian. Then R. B. Kuiper said, I think it's important that people realize Christianity isn't a matter of smell; it's a matter of faith in Christ." I thought he had him on that point.

But among real earnest Christians these things were considered so important that to make an argument about it was very silly. You were losing a lot of those with whom you should be working and associating and wasting your time of those that were entirely minor. Many people may have thought that was the main thing in my leaving. It wasn't at all. But it did very definitely enter into it. The attitude they took.

There are some people who in recent years have very foolishly extended this to matters of hair styles, etc. I think we should conform to the general attitude of the society in which we live in which morality really does not enter. It's silly to make a point of it.

The other kind of separation I never heard of until -- I never heard of it in college ~~at~~ that I know of. And I never heard of it in seminary as a student. I never heard of it during my first few years of teaching, but when the time came when Dr. Machen led the group in leaving the Presbyterian church in the U.S.A., then it began