

You asked an interesting question about the relation of the Bible and Christianity to social problems and particularly to the so-called liberalism.

My own feeling is that the ideal sort of government would be one in which our Lord would rule in person here on earth and would assign to each of us our jobs, and we would perform our jobs to the very best of our ability because we wanted to please Him and He would know exactly what our talents and qualities are and would stimulate us to do the sort of work we could do and most of us have a tendency not to realize what we are good at and what we are not good at.

I knew a man who was a very wonderful evangelist-- a young fellow, and he was excellent as an evangelist but he heard Dr. Wilson tell about the higher criticism and the need and how Dr. Wilson devoted his life to the study of Semetic languages (Interruption and moved to another place to continue)

I had not been thinking of speaking on this line but I've been thinking a lot about it from time to time. I think it is godd that we have definite ideas on it. As I said if the Lord was ruling in absolute control we would joyfully do whatever he gave us to do and endeavor to do our best to fulfill the ~~tasks~~ tasks he assigned us and He would know to which of us He had given the abilities to fit a situation.

We are not very godd judges of our own abilities and often poor judges of others abilities. The illustration came to me of two people I've known. The one who heard Dr. Robert Dick Wilson tell of the great importance of Semetic study for answering the higher criticism. Although this one was a fellow who had supurbe gifts for an evangelist and had gone out with gospel teams and given evidence of remarkable ability which could have been greatly used in the Lord's work, he felt it was his duty to devote himself to the study of Semetic languages.

So he went to Germany. Took 6 yrs. to get the doctor's degree that many others have gotten in 3. Worked very hard. Got the degree. Then we received a request -- I think Dr. Wilson was dead then, * but Dr. Allis received the request for a recommendation for *him* from the British Museum. He wanted a position there. They sent the request to different people, none of whom remembered him as particularly good in Semetic langauges, though by dint of all this work he had gotten the doctor's degree.

I don't know just how frankly or fully they wrote, but the next we heard the Museum had decided that since there was only one candidate for the position ~~that~~ at the time that they would not fill the position at present. I felt there was a man who had great ability in one line, but who felt that the other line ~~was~~ was what he ought to do, and in which he didn't have much ability.