

I feel happy to have one who lived a purely this-worldly life begin to take an interest in spiritual things or to have one who is an atheist come into a belief that there is a God. My sympathy is for anyone who is moving in this direction. I feel that anything I can do to help any one in any of these categories move toward the next is a worthwhile activity.

I don't want to because a person is in category five moves up to category four, but he is not yet to category one I don't want to attack him in a way that will drive him back to five. Though, of course, if other people are going to take him as an example I ~~may~~ may have a duty to point out that he is only in category four. But that's not my primary I rejoice that he has moved this far.

I used to notice ~~xxxxxxx~~ the difference with Dr. Allis. There was Wm. F. Albright who was a great scholar and student, but he'd been thoroughly brainwashed by Paul Haupt who considered himself the most radical man in any American University--that is as far as Biblical things are concerned. Albright came out with all ~~Haupt's~~ Haupt's ideas, and then it seemed to me that when Albright found something in Palestine that showed something the Bible was true, it was as if he'd said, Well, Father wasn't such a fool after all!

He would yell it to the world. Look at this. This Bible is true, until a lot of the liberals got the idea, This Albright is a rank conservative. He wasn't at all. He found evidence for the truth of a great many Biblical things and he was very happy when he found them. Where he had not found evidence he stuck to the view Haupt gave him was his foundation rather than the Biblical view. I rejoice in the evidence Albright was bringing, and the good things he found I was very very happy about. But Dr. Allis would notice a couple of words here that showed Albright did not believe this thing, or pointed out where Albright had raised questions about this.

Allis' attitude was to be very critical of Albright, where my attitude was to rejoice. You might say here was a man who was over here and pushing in this direction, and I rejoiced. Whereas a man who was much nearer to me ~~was~~ who was putting his influence in that direction, I would feel was far more harmful.

So I did not want any misunderstanding on that which we had spoken about before.

In connection with this public speaking, there was an interesting thing. The first time I had this public speaking ~~exercise~~ elective I asked --- rather Francis Schaeffer's father-in-law, Dr. Saville, who was teaching and was a fine spiritual man, he had been giving chapel messages as we all did in turn. His were always always very well prepared and had excellent spiritual material. Those who listened closely and carefully got a great deal of good. But I think a great