

I've been the authority in giving things. Perhaps the fact that I with the amount of education I've had and then with the position I've had, have been able to give what I thought was important and people have taken it, and I have the feeling the wouldn't be so ready to take it just from me, you might say. That's perhaps one reason why I have stuck to using my last name. I have not very often entered into with ~~wxxx~~ people with whom I've been associated, except on a vacation or something, I've not used the first names.

It may have been subconscious, but I've had the feeling that my influence was somewhat greater as I was one who had some training, some education, some standing, I was much shocked at the NIV in our meetings to find how in a small group I did not have near the influence that I would have felt with the amount of training and background that I had that I would have. Perhaps I had a fair amount at the first meeting. There was a big group of us, about 30 people. We met all together for a while. Then we divided into two groups.

A strange thing there. People whom I would think would be nearest to me seemed to be least affected by what I would say. But there was one man there who was dean of a Lutheran seminary, and I got the impression from talking with him that he was perhaps more liberal in his viewpoint than perhaps anyone else I had seen in the whole NIV group. Most of them have been very conservative. He certainly in political things was quite liberal. But he was ready to back up anything I said of translation. He seemed to be more ready to take my ideas than the others whom I would think would be much nearer to me. I don't understand it.

There was one fellow that came down there one morning and he was to be on the committee for the two weeks-- I guess he wasn't to be with us the last week and he was not with us the first two days, but he showed up. I heard his name. I asked him where he came from and a little bit about him. After that in the meeting, almost anything I'd say he'd oppose. I got the feeling he had a real dislike toward me. I don't know why. I never heard of him before. I heard afterwards he's written a number of good commentaries on NT books. He's regarded as a fine Christian interpreter. Everything I've heard of him from anyone is good. His wife was there with him. She spoke to me one day when we were going out -- we all used to eat together more or less in the dining room.

She spoke about how she'd like to hear something about my Grand Canyon days and experiences. I ~~xx~~ had the feeling with the attitude he took toward me that I'd better keep from seeming to be particularly friendly with her at all. Rather disappointed me. But later I learned about him. He had actually two years before taught as a visiting professor at Westminster Seminary, for the semester. Whether some people there talked to him in a way that turned him against me I have no reason to think they did but that was his attitude there then.

I was at the meeting for 3 weeks later in S. Dakota. There we had a big crowd of us. I think there were 3 or 4 intermediate