

But I take the one little thing and check through a lot of commentaries, rather than to study straight through. I've never been a wide reader in popular apologetics. I prefer to do most of my work first hand. So I will look into it. He says it is now out of print-- ~~Maxwell~~ Urquart is -- out of print. But he wants me to bring it up to date. I said I'm hoping to finish Daniel in another month or so. He said, As soon as you do I wish you'd get busy and bring Urquart up to date.

I don't know whether it would be a desirable thing to do. I made a foolish mistake some years ago. I got a letter from a man who was then head of Moody Press. They had a paperback on how we got our Bible. He asked me if I would revise it. I looked through it, and found it was quite out of date. It was very interestingly written but it had a lot of statements which were dogmatically given but ~~were~~ which were not dependable. I wrote him and told him I felt it would be better to start afresh and write a brand new book on the subject. He said, Go ahead, that would be fine. I did quite a little study on it and then other things came along and -- that I got interested in and I never really carried on.

He on the other hand went on to make a translation of the Epistles of Paul in popular language which no press would print, even his own press turned it down. Nobody would print it. It went along for 4 or 5 months and he did not have back 1/4 of what it cost to print it himself at his own expense. Then Billy Graham praised it largely and it sold a few million copies and since then he has published a whole Bible and has gotten a big publishing house.

I think that was an error on my part not pushing through with that. To write the kind of book on the subject that I'd like to see might have taken me 2 or 3 years hard work, but to write a fairly nice book that would have been useful to God's people I could have done in 3 or 4 months and it would have been worthwhile. And it would have made them more ready to consider my other books.

I've had a few real crises in my life. I don't know if that's the way to say it-- important turning points. There was the one when I joined Westminster. When I became a faculty member there. It was my desire to spend another year in Germany. To go further on in scholarship. Dr. Wilson insisted that I come. I'm glad he did. I think those first 3 or 4 years were very profitable, worthwhile. And my contact with him was very worthwhile. I had one more year of contact with R.D. Wilson then.

We turned out some very good men in those first years. I think men who had a much better orientation than they were getting toward the end of the period. Because there was this influence which kept growing in the institution. It was not so visible the first few years.