

Just superficially they seem to differ a little bit. What an effect it has on so many of our young people! Today I don't believe the NCC and WCC would be much of a force if it were not for the earnest, energetic, hard working, Bible hating men who are active in its leadership. In most cases when you find a man whom that description fits, you will find a man who came from a family background that believed the Bible. It is the evangelical Christian background that put in him an emotion that desires to have an effect upon the world in connection with religion, and he went to a school where he was taught the Bible was full of error and he gave up his faith in the Bible.

Prof. Tillich, who died a couple yrs. ago, was one of the great influences in religion in recent years. A prof. at Union Sem. for 20 yrs. A university prof. at Harvard for some years. Then prof. in the U. of Chicago. He was one whom so many of our conservatives said, We must study Tillich and see what his viewpoint is. (Interruption)

Tillich, I was mentioned who died two years ago, was one who had a tremendous influence in destroying many people's faith. He spoke in many of our universities all over the country, and welcomed in large churches all over the country. I attended a seminary at the U. of PA at which Tillich answered questions for a long time on many different subjects. In answering one question I was most interested to hear him say, You cannot imagine the anguish and misery I experience for a period of time coming as I did from the home of a very orthodox country pastor, my father, where I had been brought up. When I got into the university and found I could no longer believe the Bible is entirely true. I don't think most people who heard Tillich speak ever realized that ~~was~~ important turning point in his life, but he certainly brought it out clearly there, and showed that it was that evangelical background in that godly home that gave him energy and enthusiasm and desire to make religion a vital force in life. But it was that indoctrination at the University leading him to believe that the Bible is not true and dependable that shifted him on to another sphere. Most of the leaders in the WCC and NCC ---the effective leaders, the men who are out to turn society up side down and change things all around --- they are putting into that an enthusiasm and an emotion that has been shifted and diverted away from that which gave it to them in the first place. It is the result of their having been indoctrinated in unbelief in the Word of God.

It is a very strange thing that during these last 60 yrs. when unbelief has increased geometrically and been more widespread in every way, and people are getting more dogmatic in their attacks on the Word of God, that during this very period evidences in relation to the Bible have been coming to light to answer the attack that questions the Word of God. So that today we are ~~at~~ in a far better position to defend the Word of God than we ever were before. One thing in defending the Bible is always a look at it closely. I have found time and again people come to me and say, What do you do with this contradiction in the Bible? How can you accept the Bible when it says this? I say, Let's look at the verse. We look at the vv. and half of the problems disappear when you look closely at what it says. And about half of the remainder are put into it because some of us insist on superficial