

and that now it was the duty of every Christian to withdraw. This idea that all should exactly follow his judgment upon a practical matter such as that was, in my opinion, a definite flaw. Every man must make up his own mind about such matters and move at such time as he thinks wise. It is an error to think that ~~anyone~~ any one person can draw a line and say that all who took a ~~certain~~ certain position before that were justified in it were justified in it and after that they were not.

A comparatively minor error on his part, which, however, is worth mentioning, is was his attitude on certain minor points which can be illustrated by two experiences I had with him, at the time, very close together.

There was a man who had taught at the Moody Bible Institute came to see Dr. Machen thinking that he might be able to find him a position. I do not know much about the man; I spoke with him briefly. I had every reason to think he was a good Christian, but as to his abilities I was in no position to judge. I mentioned him to Dr. Machen and he said in a very disparaging tone, "He is no scholar." In view of the rather contemptuous way in which he referred to the man as being "No scholar" I was amused

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Another rather minor flaw, yet worth mentioning, is the fact that he would get very upset occasionally over comparatively minor things. This is certainly not at all strange in view of the many things that were on his mind. One evening a few months before his death he and I were ~~we~~ riding out to Germantown to an informal meeting of the faculty and one or two guests. As we drove through the the early evening he made a wrong turn and did not notice it until we were quite a little distance from the place road we should have been on and in a region that was not familiar to either of us. Then he became very upset and frustrated and ~~it~~ was terribly worried as to how late we might get there.

More important than this is, in my opinion, the fact that he would sometimes spend a great deal of time and effort, ~~unnecessarily~~ unnecessarily, on something that seemed to me to be quite unimportant. In the last summer of his life he and I climbed some mountains in the Canadian Rockies. He had been working very hard and needed a vacation, and had gone there to get some mountain climbing and some real rest that would mean much to his accomplishments in the months ahead. It so