

In Chicago one day he said to me, What this world needs is regeneration through the Holy Spirit. I said, What do you mean by regeneration by the Holy Spirit. Oh, he said, That's very simple. When a person becomes a member of the Christian community, there is an interaction between his ~~faith~~ character and the character of other members of the community and that's what I call regeneration by the Holy Spirit.

You see when he used this pious language he would deceive people and gradually lead them into _____ ideas. But he was an interesting fellow. I always enjoyed being with him, but I felt he was a very detrimental influence to the college. After I'd been out a couple of years I went back and a man who was then his assistant and who later became head of the philosophy department at Harvard University, saw me coming through the hall and yelled, Here comes a funny mentalist. He believes in the virgin birth! I don't think Wyman would ever do anything like that. He was much more -- I mean he wasn't crude like that. But the fact that his assistant would speak that way - - - Oh yes, another time I came back and Wyman had a new assistant who had just graduated from Union Seminary. He said, I look upon MacRae as sort of a lost soul! He's been under my teaching four years and still a fundamentalist! But you can see that a little influence like that in a college could gradually change things and Wyman was a very pernicious influence there. But an interesting fellow. He was not like these fellows up at Cornell that won't hold a debate with you because everybody knows that what they believe is true anyway so why bother to discuss anything with you!

Neher: Under the influence of this teaching a lot of students did change their views and become liberal. Do you have any reasons why you didn't because through all this you stayed very firm.