

AAM: Most people don't. It's true in all areas. Of course in America in the political and social realm our people are brain-washed for collectivism. ~~Liberalism~~ is so mis-called liberalism. It's not ~~liberal~~. communism. I mean some people think there's a big communist conspiracy all through our country. I've no doubt the Russians are ~~doing~~ doing everything they can, but I think that is a comparatively small factor here. I think it is the attitude that developed among people about the turn of the century/^{or earlier} who had been brought up with a fine Christian background and wanted to serve the Lord, and then became convinced by the teaching they received that the Bible was a myth; the supernatural didn't exist. All that emotion that had been aroused to do good was turned to to trying to develop a perfect world. So they turned their emotion into that and thought how can we develop a perfect world. When you think of it how can you do it except by having plenty of power with which to do it and not having selfish people having anything to say about it. You just have a great, perfect, benevolent government that decides everything for you. The only trouble with these wonderful ideas is that they don't work. In the meantime they are destroying the things that have given us what we have.

How's our time going? That's only the first question but as I say I've only been giving a few ideas. I would not call it a definitive answer. I think there is as much difference as there are people. You can't put them into types except very roughly. Individuals are different, but a few main principles get -- -

Your second question was an entirely different type. You said, There were rather strict rules governing social life at Occidental. Did this hasten or retard the advance of liberalism, or have nothing to do with it? In general what do you think strict rules of conduct does to the total educational experience at an undergraduate school?