

need to get a middle ground. I was talking with Francis Schaeffer a couple nights ago on the phone. He said, It's so hard to get people to take a balanced view. Some will take the attitude that man is absolutely autonomous. Others will take the attitude man is just a zero. He said, the balanced view that God controls all things and God determines and God's grace is everything, but that man has responsibility as the Westminster Confession of Faith says, the liberty and contingency of second causes is not destroyed but established. I don't quite know how it is established by it but at least it shows both are true, and we should stand for both.

We had a speaker once in a day of prayer who said-- he described a meeting at which a man described the sovereignty of God and His absolute determination of everything, and all the Calvinists looked happy, and the Arminians looked sad. Then he said he talked about how man must look at things and see the evidence and make a proper decision and all the Calvinists looked sad and the Arminians looked happy. But he said, the Calvinists should have looked happy at both of them for true Calvinism recognizes both features. It's so easy to go to extremes.