

believed in or because it's what has been here, but because I think it's true. I'm ready to cast aside any old thing that has been accepted if I find a better thing. I don't believe in hanging on to something because it's old, but I think it's very wrong to cast away the old without thinking.

I believe the fact that something has been accepted gives it the right to be thoroughly examined before casting it away. Perhaps a right to be considered first. I used to much prefer the term fundamentalist because actually as a term it expresses what I believe in. Standing on the fundamentals of Christianity. The basic principles. That which is solid and right. So I like that term much better than the term conservative.

Unfortunately some have been using the term fundamentalist and insisting on uniformity on a great many things that are far from being fundamental. And others have gotten the impression and in the general secular world the term fundamental has become a term of derision referring to uneducated people who downgrade most everything, of importance.

In any other science a fundamentalist is a term of high regard. A fundamentalist in economics is a man who is trying to find what the true facts are in the economic situation. It's a term of high regard in just about any other group, but it has gotten this attitude partly from people using it and including ~~xxx~~ in it an attitude on all kinds of silly things that are not part of the fundamentalist and partly from the attitude of Satan in leading the secular world to deride anything thoroughly Christian.

So I'd like to claim -- cling to the term, but I'm not sure under present circumstances some other term is better to use.

Those are a few off hand remarks, which I think some of them may be of value.

Neher: Since you got into the term fundamental perhaps you could comment on the term evangelical which in some people's minds is the new term which ought to replace fundamentalism.

AAM: The term evangelical, rightly understood, is perhaps the best term of all, of rightly understood. There are two objections to it. One is that it is the specific name of a number of denominations, and that of course rather hampers it from being a general term. And the other is that there are some, well, the word evangelical would put its stress on the fact that we're not just interested in standing for certain statements, but we're interested in spreading the gospel, and with reaching people with that which is vital. That emphasis if that's what it really means, I think, is very excellent. I think there are those who use the term in the sense that we want a Christian influence and attitude and let's not worry about