

I went to this little Methodist church, and they had a movie shown outside in front of the church. There was a big crowd of people that came to see the moving picture. It was called "Safe Home Matches." Evidently it was a picture put out by a match company in order to advertize themselves. But it was rather nicely presented. They did not have radio, or TV in those days, and the people thronged around on a Sunday evening to see the picture.

I thought, Isn't this disgusting. Look at this on a Sunday service devoting itself to ~~x~~ showing a picture like this! But when the picture finished the minister got up and gave a real gospel message. I felt that to get those people together to hear a real gospel message was a good thing, and I could not see that the movie about Safe Home Matches could do any harm to it. It showed me how foolish it is to make snap judgments on matters like that. We can't just make a rule of thumb on a lot of these matters; it's perhaps a lot simpler if you can.

But I don't think life is simple. I think we have to consider what is in line with God's purposes. The elevating of separation this way as it was for quite a while, and still is as a doctrine practically is I think wrong.

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When I was ~~invited~~ with/others to found a new ~~x~~ seminary which as Dr. Ockenga invited me to join them in founding a new seminary which Dr. Fuller was going to give the money for, why I could not join with him then. He wanted us to go to Chicago and talk over the plans and I told him(I did not tell him) but I have with great effort made an arrangment to go to Europe this summer to buy books for Faith Seminary, and I can't under the present circumstances consider leaving Faith at this time.

Then, that fall they had the opening meeting, and Dr. Ockenga declared in his address which was printed, "We repudiated the come-outer movement." Well, that put me in a position of repudiating the people I'd been working with for the previous 10 years. He called me at Christmas time, and talked with me nearly an hour on the telephone from Boston trying to persuade me to go the next year to Fuller.

I could not see, under those circumstances how I could do it. I think it was very foolish on his part to do that. The question is, When is it necessary to come out? If an organization is definitely in the hands of unbelievers, I don't see how I could become a participant of it. But I think I should use all legitimate means to get people out of it.

Certainly I believe in coming out of orgainzations where people have their faith torn down is something one should do. I wasn't ready to take quite the stand Dr. McIntire was taking, but I certainly ~~x~~ could not take the stand Ockenga took at that time. That ended the possibility as far as I was concerned at that time.