

I said to John Sanderson recently, Oh my when you see how Fuller has gone, isn't it fortunate I did not go there? He said, Maybe if you'd gone you could have saved it! I'm not at all sure I'd had enough influence to, but I believe most of those in the original group wanted very definitely for it to be a real Christian organization. I'm sure Dr. Ockenga did. I certainly am sure Dr. Fuller did.

I can't say it's impossible my influence would have been enough to preserve it. It's just possible that as unbelief began to come in, the movement began there against premillennialism I might have had enough influence to stop that. If so it could have prevented them from going a step further that led them to deny the dependability of Scripture.

I can't say it might not have been saved if I'd gone with them, but I know if I'd gone with them I'd been terribly embarrassed with that talk of Ockenga's. So I think the Lord wanted us to realize that organizations are after all human things. I think they are necessary and important. I think ~~they~~ we should means to accomplish His work. To say you will only distribute the Word of God in handwritten form and won't use the printing press because the printing press is used to distribute wicked, foul material would be very foolish.

I think we should use materials for doing the Lord's work, and I think an organization if it is held in Christian hands is a very necessary and vital thing. But to draw a precise line. If an organization is in the NCC, that makes it bad, and if anybody cooperates in some way in it he becomes bad per se, I think that is a mistake.

BA John R. Rice had an article on separating telling how he had separated from the Southern Baptist Convention because of their unbelief and he'd done that before any of these folks took a definite stand on it, but then he had cooperated with individuals who perhaps had not truly seen their duty in that regard but were truly standing for the Lord. He wrote that article and I know of some good friends of mine who were very incensed at that article which I think was a pretty good article, In fact Dr. McIntire is still attacking John R. Rice on this which I ~~believe~~ believe is unfortunate.

Neher: You mentioned making a doctrine out of separation. I have heard people refer sometimes--not to separation but to a different term-- the purity of the church and to call that a matter which could put together a Scriptural doctrine they would say.

Yes, the term the purity of the church. I'm glad you mentioned that. The term purity of the church is a term that is used a lot. But any church is made up of human beings, and any human being is sinful. I remember hearing Dr. R. A. Torrey--I was greatly impressed at an evangelistic meeting-- when he would get the converts together after the service and talk to them. He would tell them what they should do. One thing, was they should find a good Bible-believing church and join it. He always say, Don't look for a