

It is my observation that most of the arguments of British Israelism are rather silly and based upon simplistic methods of interpreting Scripture. This always raises the danger that similar methods might be used in relation to the great problems of the Word. You really ought to have some rather full talks with the man before you are in a position to make much of a judgment.

A statement that I often make is this: If a man agrees with me on sixty per cent of our viewpoints, and he and I are both convinced that the sixty per cent on which we agree is the most important part of our belief, we may be able to work together most amicably and to accomplish a great deal for the great objects that we both hold dear, and the forty per cent on which we differ may interfere comparatively little with our cooperation in the work of the Lord. If, on the other hand, a man agrees with me ninety-five per cent but feels that the five per cent on which he differs is so important that it is necessary for him to propagandize and push and work for it constantly, then cooperation is made extremely difficult and may even be utterly impossible.

Of course these are rather extreme instances. Most situations would be somewhere between them.

While one might be able to accept the system of doctrine in the Westminster confession and to believe thoroughly in the great fundamental doctrines that we hold, and still to accept a certain part of British Israelism, yet I would be very much afraid of anyone who held it strongly enough that he felt it necessary to push it or to propagandize at all about it. It is a rather touchy question and unless you were absolutely convinced that it would not become a hindrance, and that there was no danger of its becoming a serious problem in the future, it might be best to be very careful about receiving anyone with such views into your fellowship.