

the Arab territory which they then possessed.

Now wisdom is a strange thing. Wisdom today is often called scholarship. We find that the great great majority of our people today rather look down on it. There is a tendency among the average person to rather sneer at any attempt to have a wide knowledge of the things we would call scholarly matters. This is an age in which there is more knowledge in books and magazines, and other ways, than any age in the world's history but perhaps it is a time which is an anti-intellectual period in which the great mass of people are comparatively uninterested (in it).

About 10 years ago I used to love to watch two programs on TV. Two programs in which they would ask questions in various fields. The people were competing with each other to answer these and they had very interesting questions in various fields of thought of thought. I enjoyed it tremendously. So I was greatly disappointed when one of the programs was taken off the air, and then the other was taken off the air. The rank and file of people to whom they sell cosmetics and soap are not particularly interested in that sort of thing.

Recently a new one started and I enjoyed watching it about a fourth as much as I enjoyed watching those before. The reason is that its questions have been adjusted to the average intelligence of the average listener. This program now puts up--I think it is nine categories they put up. The contestant who guesses picks a category, and then is given a question in that category. Nearly always they have an area like astronomy, or ancient history or something of the type I would be greatly interested in hearing questions about and in seeing whether I could answer it, or whether the person could answer it quickly. But the contestants almost never ask those questions.

Then they shuffle it around ~~so~~ so that those questions are not the ones in the strategic area. The questions that are almost always selected are movies, movie actresses, TV characters, in soap operas and matters about which I am very ignorant. It seems to me it illustrates the anti-intellectual attitudes of the mass of our people today. But we have a much smaller group of people in our country which, has a tremendous interest in intellectual things.

Among these the word scholarship is ~~sometimes~~ sometimes treated as if it were a ? (deity?) O to have scholarship. This is what scholarship means. I was talking to a man some years ago who was one of the most learned men I've ever known--a very wonderful Christian he was, a very great student of the NT. One who was highly regarded even by many who had no use for his strongly Christian view. I was talking with him about another man who was interested in getting a position. He impressed me as a rather nice man. He had come to see this man, to try to get a recommendation. After the other man left I said to him, "What do you think of this man?" He said, "Oh, he's no scholar!" The way he said "he's no scholar" sounded as if he put him outside the pale as far as any real standing in the Christian world was concerned. But it amused me (though I didn't tell him it amused me) two or three days.