

hierarchical system. Now the question is, can't the Presbyterian system overcome these dangers. Well, we readily agree that it depends on the man who are trying to do it. And whether they really trying to do it, and how good they are, of course. X It depends on that. And certainly any system which you have, there is the possibility that it will fail .

But the ideal is, I want you to see the three types of approach. Now, in the congregational form, it is quite customary, in most of the churches, to realize the importance of the selection, the determination by experts on the man's general fitness, even though the selection of the individual should be made by the congregation. That is quite customary. Because there are very few but who will want a man to be ordained.

What does ordination mean? Ordination means that a group of men, who themselves are ordained, in most cases, have felt that he was worthy of being ordained. It is selection or examination by a group of experts. And the difference between the system where you call an ordination council and the system where a presbytery does it, would not mean a difference of principle. But it would be a difference in the permanence of the council. That ~~is~~ would be the difference. Whether you say, we want this man ordained. Let's call an ordaining council. Dr. Machen told me, he said, here is a man who is going ~~up~~ ~~xxx~~ up to Boston, a big Congregational Church up there, called him. And he said, they have invited Congregational churches around the area to have their ministers form an ordaining and installing council. And they are going to have this man come before them and decide whether this man should be installed in the church. ~~The congregation had called him,~~ The congregation had called him, but they had called a council to install him. Well, now, he asked Dr. Machen to serve on the council. And Dr. Machen ~~said~~ said, they are largely modernists. Now what would happen. He was a strong Christian, and the church was an out and out Christian church, but the council they called was the congregational ministers in the neighborhood, and many of them were quite modernistic. Well now, they will begin asking this fellow questions, he said, and ~~xxx~~ if I ask him questions ~~x~~ to see whether he is worthy, my viewpoint is quite the