

Quotations from Dr. Cornelius Van Til on THE APOLOGETIC METHODOLOGY OF FRANCIS A. SCHAEFFER

Dr. Van Til begins with saying that Westminster Seminary students have two attitudes towards Schaeffer. Dr. Schaeffer. Some say, "Is not his view essentially the same as yours? Does not he, as well as you, speak of the Biblical position as the presupposition of the possibility of predication?". . . Others say, "No, there is a difference between you two. Schaeffer . . . does not agree with you when you say that the natural man's basic starting point is that of "a) pure autonomy, correlative to (b) pure contingent factuality, correlative to (c) pure abstract or formal rationality; and that therefore the natural man cannot identify himself or anything beside himself, and therefore cannot account for human predication. . ."

Now I agree with the opinion of the second group.

An article on the Practice of Truth. / This address was given as an address at the World Council on Evangelism in Berlin . I use the reproduction of it found in The Presbyterian Guardian of December 1966. I have before me also the Guardian of February 1967 in which Harry H. Schatt and Raymond E.

Commeret published critical "Letters to the Editor" on Schaeffer's Berlin address and of March 1967 in which letters by Edmund Clowney, C. John Miller and Edwards Elliott, come to the defense of Schaeffer's article and rebutted the Schatt-Commeret criticism.

"'Good work'

"Good work is done in God's kingdom all the time by those who hold to unbiblical views on apologetics and theology."

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B. B. Warfield brought out this point when he said that according to Calvin the natural man needs not only new light (Scripture) but also a new power of sight (regeneration). Without this new power of sight the natural man will never see one space-time factor for what it is. He will never see it in the Chns's framework.