

During the Conference I was a bit disturbed by some of the talks on social studies, when it seemed to me that they tended to make human observation primary in this field. I do not see how we can make any real progress in this field, except by giving the Word of God its absolute place of primacy.

It is true that the Bible is not a complete textbook of history, any more than it is of physics or chemistry. Wherever it touches on these fields it is absolutely dependable, but it only touches to a limited extent and there is much additional information that we must secure from human study. However, the field of sociology and social studies, not in the sense of learning details of history, but of learning principles that condition human life, is one in which it seems to me that the Bible should be absolutely primary. I am afraid that there is a great deal of study being done in this field that is altogether divorced from relationship to the teachings of the Word of God, and that consequently tends more to be harmful than helpful.

I have made considerable study of Church History in recent years, especially of the period of the Reformation, and have been thrilled to learn more about the activities of some of those great men of God. Would that we had more leaders today who were ready to stand foursquare for the Word of God, no matter what it might cost. I feel that God would do a great work in our own day if more of us were determined to put His Word first in all things.