

I said to Dr. Cohen: Are you willing to cut your lunch down to very little this noon and help me a little? He said, Yes, I'll be glad to. I said, I feel they are going to call on me real soon and I'd like to do some very careful thinking. So he and I rushed down to the hotel, got a quick sandwich and I said to him, You'd think from the way they are talking that all scholars believed this Higher criticism; we got to have some names of scholars who hold as we do. Would you mind writing out a few names for me. It's not so easy for the question, the answers. You might be able to give any number with plenty of time, so he wrote out a list for me. They were just helter-skelter as he happened to think of them and he wrote them on a piece of paper. We talked over different things they might ask. We went back for the afternoon session of the trial. It came in the middle of the afternoon. Dr. Fowler's deposition was finished and then they called on me as a witness. Our lawyer immediately asked me about my education, where I had studied, where I had taught, etc. He asked me if I had looked over Fowler's book and if I thought it was religious instruction. I told him Yes, it was the presentation of religion, a different religion from the Christian religion. The Christian religion teaches that God spoke to man, God did great things in the world. But, I said, there is a different religious approach which says that man has been groping after truth, and the Bible according to this is just a record of man's gropings. I said that is a religious instruction, a different kind of religious instruction and it should not be taught under the terms of the U. of Washington's constitution. If the Christian religion is not to be taught as the Supreme Court has declared, ~~when~~ ~~with~~ well then certainly an anti-Christian religion should not be taught.

Now right there later I wished that I had had more time to prepare because I would not have used that word ~~g~~ groping. I think it's a good word, but it's a word that can lead to misunderstanding. I said the Bible is the record of God speaking to man; God's dealings with man. This other religion says the Bible is a record of man's groping after truth. Later on the lawyer said, You folks are the believers and we're the gropers. They kept coming back to that, you see. It wasn't what I'd said at all. I said that that religion teaches that the men who wrote the Bible were groping after truth. And it's exactly what it does. It is what is being taught in many of the required courses in many of our institutions today and in many courses in a great many books. I wish I had had time to think of a better word that would not have lent itself to misunderstanding as they put into the paper and as they used in that way.

Then I wish someone had given me a little instruction in trial decorum. Never before in my life had I been a witness at a trial. I had spent my life in the classroom, lecturing the students, trying to get truth across to students, trying to advance their understanding, trying to be of any help I can in any situation. That was the way my whole life had been spent before the trial now I wish I had the versatility of a man like Dr. McIntire. When Dr. McIntire was called as a witness he was so different from anytime I'd ever seen him. He just fit right exactly into that pattern. He was asked the questions and he answered them in such a way as if well; I just want to give you these facts so the Judge can have them. It was very very effective.