

give it a name that he's already been accustomed to in another connection and his problems were all solved.! Howmuch of our thinking is that way!

Lastweek I was using the Berkeley version of the NT. Now Gerrit Verkuyl who made that version is a good Christian man. On the whole it is quite a decent translation. But I was looking at 2 Thess. where it speaks about the Man of Sin and then it speaks about that which hinders will hinder until it is taken out of the way, and then will come that man of wickedness. I looked at the footnote and it said, That whichhinders was doubtless the proud Roman Empire which protected the Christians to quite an extent from Jewish persecution, and which had already been referred to as the Man of Sin! How he could ever write a thing like that! The Roman Empire is the thing that hinders the revelation of the Roman ~~Empire~~ Emperor which is the Man of Sin! Utter nonsense. But you will find in so many books nonsense like that even in the midst of a great deal that is good.

So I believe it's important in x using our gifts for the Lord that we find ways to accomplish for him and that we learn to think. I believe one of thegreat values in learning Hebrew and Greek is that you have to learn to think in a different medium from the one which you are accustomed to. You have to learn to become accustomed to certain ideas and thoughts which are different from those with which you have been brought up. You face new kinds of problems. If you are just memorizing I am not sure that a great deal is gained.

But if you are learning to understand these things you will get abilities of thinking that will be useful in every situation that you face. God wants us to learn to think creatively. It's very hard for us to realize thatthere are two kinds ofx thought. If you try to do them both at once they destroy each other. And you don't make much progress. It is imporant that you learn to distinguish between the two.

I think a good illustration is a cup of hot soup, add a dish of ice cream. They are both very excellent. But if you put the cold ice cream into the hot soup, they both are ruined and you don't get much good out of either one. That's exactly true of these two important methods of thoughtthat are so vital in directing our lives and our study.

There is the creative thought which is to find new ways to do things. New understandings, new approaches, new ideas. And there is the conditional(?) judicial thought by which we see the impractical features in our ideas and the reason why they won't work. And when we face the problems and we say, Oh should I do this? On no that wouldn't work. Should I do this! No, that wouldn't work for this reason. Should I do this? No, that won't work for this reason. We end up doing that x for which we find the least objections in the end. But if we try to think creatively and face the situation and think of everything, and of