

But I would say on the other hand, you take these men in Neb. They're insisting on their right to train their children in line with Biblical teaching. The state of Neb. was interfering with them. They've changed their law now, but they were interfering with them. Those men went to jail rather than give up what they believed in. I thoroughly sympathize with them in what they did. But I think in general that he's a little premature in that, but I don't mean it's wrong, but I don't think we've reached that point yet..

Student: A follow up on your letter. Have you gotten any response to that letter? What kind of effect do you expect it to have?

AAM: Here's what I figured. Somebody made a mistake in planning that debate. Somebody definitely made a mistake. They thought, somebody had the idea, we are going, they are going to discuss matters in detail, see what the evidence is and give the facts, etc. Reagan had the facts. I would say on the material given he was way ahead of Mondale. But Mondale didn't bother with facts much, he took a few main points, presented them in a very attractive way, very respectful attitude toward the President which was very wise I thought. Very different from the way he'd been talking. He was effective in getting a few ideas across.

While Reagan was trying to answer all the facts and figures and the result was he didn't make the positive impression which he could make so well. I thought it just might be some suggestions I had could prove helpful. I thought suppose I write the President. He probably get's thousands of letters. Somebody opens the letter and says, He's for this or he's against that, one more on the list! So it wouldn't do any good.

So I said, Think of the 3 men who are closest to him. I will write to each of the three. Write the same letter to each of the three and tell them what I think. Maybe one of the three will read it, maybe out of the various things I've said there will be something that just strikes him as being vital and that thing might be of tremendous help. So I sent the same letter to Baker, Meese, and Stockman. Addressed individually to each, of course. I thought it just might make the difference 10 yrs. from now whether we're under Russian control or whether we're like we are now, or better off than we are now. So I thought it was worth the time to send it. Whether they look at it with all that they have on their minds, I can't guarantee but I think that out of the three I think there's a good chance one of them did. If the idea struck him as vital, why he will probably drop me a note sometime and say so.

Then after I wrote it I thought maybe some of the students might be interested in it so I put a copy on the board.

Student: I appreciated your doing that.

Student: . . . How is the presidential search?

AAM: I would say this. Dr. Taylor had exactly your outlook and viewpoint. He was a man who had been known in many areas for 30 yrs. Had a wide reputation. If the Lord had spared him to us for 5 or 10 yrs. he would have been a tremendous help. Then in the inner direction of the seminary for the length of time he was with us he was mostly interested in the promotion naturally. But he took a big interest in the inner direction and I was very