

being scoffed at. In its place the power and financial resources of government are being used against our Christian traditions by certain people to give preference to secular humanism, opposition to Christian teaching, and a so-called idealism that seeks to tear down the principles of Christian liberty on which our nation was founded and to substitute for them the sort of state-controlled loyalty to an extreme view of individual liberty that denies the very principles upon which that liberty is grounded and without which it cannot long continue to exist.

How has this situation come about? It has been well said that "constant vigilance" is the price of liberty. Only a few years ago some of our evangelical groups assumed that all political activity had been so infiltrated with wickedness that a Christian should simply stay aloof from it. Today this attitude is being replaced by recognition that it is the duty of every Christian to take his part in seeking to preserve the liberty to live righteous lives. In a country where democracy is the law of the land it is the duty of a Christian to exert himself for the preservation of his liberties and for the maintenance of decency both in government and in the general activities of life.

Among the forces that have done so much to change the nature of our country none has been more effective than the introduction of the theory of total evolution and its consequences, most particularly in the field of Biblical study.

Evolution applied to Biblical study is called 'Wellhausenism', or 'higher criticism'. Many evangelicals seek to compromise with these forces. It is sometimes asserted in evangelical magazines that higher criticism is all right if properly pursued. There are many forces in the world that can be used for