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DA wesy special influence on Francis Schaeffer was Dr. John Gresham Machen Wester

Dr. Machen was an outstanding scholar, a very excellent teacher, an extremely able

writer, and one who above all loved the Lord Jesus Christ and gloried in His at Princeton Seminary he had been shocked when the president of the institution spoke in favor of joining together a varied group of demodimations, some of them led by ministers who did not accept the basic doctrines of the Christian faith. After this shock he came to see that his own demonination included many holding radical views and that some of its seminaries were filling students' minds with unbelief. His great scholarly treatises, The Origin of Paul's Religion and The Virgin Birth of Christ, whick gave conclusive evidence of the truth of these great doctrines, were largely ignored by the modernists, though the excellence of his Introductory Greek Grammar was so widely recognized that it is still, I believe, used in leading American

blessing to veryone who heard it.

I don't know how many of Dr. Machen's courses Francis was able to attend because Machen's teaching was largely in upper level courses, and his death

universities. His more flopular writings, such as Christianity and Liberalism

and The Christian Faith in the Modern World had a wide reading among Christian

people. His sermon on the hymn, "There is a green Hill Far Away" brought

occurred when Francis was finishing his third semester.