

was definitely changing during the five years that I spent there.

The Lord gave me a very skeptical mind. I do not like to adopt any position without fully thinking it through. I often find myself with people who are strongly convinced of certain ideas which I would not be able to contradict or disprove, but of which I am far from convinced. Perhaps the fact that I early acquired the habit of quietly listening and thinking things over without saying much is one factor that the Lord used as a help to keep me true. I carefully weighed the positive views on life and its meaning that came to expression in the various courses, and silently criticized each of them. When I graduated I still held every view in the spiritual or religious area that I had held when I started, for I felt that every objection that could be raised against these ideas could be balanced by an equally valid objection to be raised against the positive views expressed by those who did not believe in Christianity. Yet my confidence had been greatly shaken.

When I was at Princeton Seminary a Day of Prayer speaker said that everything he was now sure of could be written on the back of a postage stamp with plenty of room to spare. I felt something like that when I graduated from Occidental. Although I still maintained a definite commitment to the central truths of Christianity, I remarked to someone that I did not feel that I should adopt any strong convictions until I would reach the age of 50, and said that perhaps it was better not to do so even then.

I spent a fifth year at Occidental and earned a master's degree in history. Then I went to the Bible Institute of Los Angeles for a year. I do not believe that my views were changed during that year but my confidence was greatly increased. One of the important influences was a Dr. MacInnes who had extensively studied evidences for Christianity. He presented many very good points, some of which dealt with many of the problems that had been placed in my mind in college. I was very grateful to him for this, but a greater influence on my life was the devotionals before breakfast each morning, led by Mr. Hubbard, a member of the BIOLA faculty. These simple talks dealt with vital spiritual matters. I wish I could remember more detail about them for they affected me greatly, and I shall always be grateful. At that time