

Interview #1

1. Early years at home
2. Education

Interview #2

1. Wife, family, hobbies, travel
2. Jobs

Interview #3

1. 1930's controversies, Auburn
Offensation (1926) leaving Pres. Church
2. Working with Mochen
3. early years in the OPC

Interview #4

1. 1940's controversies - Van Til, OPC
2. Church affiliations after OPC

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Interview #5

1. Development of thought
2. Study habits/writing method
3. People who have formed or guided his intellectual development

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Questions

(See note at end.)

1. Origin of the Clark family: Were your parents native or immigrants? Where did they or their parents come from?
2. What are your recollections of your father and mother? Comment on his sermons and books and on her role in guiding your early education.
3. What youth organizations did you belong to? What hobbies or interests did you have as a youngster?
4. Education: Which schools did you attend from elementary to university? Include dates. What curriculums did you study? Were you elected to any offices? What were your grades?
5. Favorites: What was your favorite subject in school, your favorite activity, your favorite author, your favorite book, your favorite radio show, etc.
6. When were your parents married? Were you born at home?
7. When were you married? Where? By whom?
8. How did you meet your wife?

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9. When were your children born? Have you any anecdotes about your early married life?

10. Discuss your hobbies - chess, painting, any others?

11. Why are you interested in travel? Where have you gone?

12. Where have you taught? Includes dates, positions, subjects.

13. Did you hold odd jobs in high school and college? Did you attend college on a scholarship?

14. When were you ordained as an elder?

15. Have you received any honorary degrees? Where have you been a visiting or guest Lecturer (include dates)?

16. What role did you play in the controversies of the 1920's and 1930's in the Presbyterian Church? What role did your father play?

17. When did you meet Machen. What relationship did you have with him? Did you transcend him?

18. What are your recollections of the early years

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of the OLC. Comment on men who later become famous: Van Til, Schoeffter, McIntire, Buswell, etc.

19. What was the genesis of the Clark/Van Til Controversy? Did you have any inkling that something like this could happen? Had Van Til or anyone on WTS faculty criticized your views either publicly or privately to you before your ordination?
20. Recount the controversy. List all the documents, published, photocopied, mimeographed, or handwritten pertaining to the Controversy that you can recall. Did the controversy end in 1948? If so, why? Why did you wait until 1957 before publishing "The Bible As Truth"??
21. When did you leave the OLC? Why? What churches were you affiliated with after leaving the OLC? Were there further controversies in those churches?
22. How do you write a book?
23. How do you study? Do you have a time schedule?

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Do you have a reading plan?

24. What writers and books have been influential on your thinking? Did Van Til influence your early thought? Were you or he the "first" American presuppositionalist?
25. What are your political views? Political affiliations? Have you ever held any political office? What are your views of the Revolutionary War? The Civil War? WWI? WWII? WWIII? What is your political prognosis?
26. What of the future of American Christianity? of Presbyterianism in particular? What is the cause of the decline in knithy since 1646? How can it be removed?

Note: Please use these questions as guides. I am sure that I have not thought of everything that ought to be included or that you would like to include. Please answer any questions that I have not listed that you think ought to be answered, in addition to answering these.