**Greeting, Craig:**

I hope this finds you and yours well and prospering--and I hope my comments re Dr. and Mrs. Hoeh may be of some value.

You asked me if I could give a few comments regarding Dr. Hoeh. I first met Dr. Hoeh in November, 1948. He was one of the four students that enrolled in A.C. in 1947, during its first year of existence. (The other three students were Dick Armstrong, Raymond Cole, and Miss Betty Bates). My first contact with Dr. Hoeh was in the autumn of l948 (the second year of A.C.) when my brother Marion and I entered A.C. Besides my brother and myself, Kenneth Herrman also enrolled in A.C. in that same year. This meant that seven students were enrolled in A.C. during its second year--quite an increase in enrolment!!!

From the beginning, it was clear to me (and I think this was also true of the other six student in A.C.) that Herman Hoeh was quite a scholar. In ensuing years, Herman (this was before he became a "Doctor") became known as "the brain," for he was not only scholarly, he had a special interest in, and a zeal for, research--in the area of History, in particular. He was never really interested that much in sports. That just wasn't his "cup of tea."

Later, Dr. Hoeh's interest in history showed itself in his work (THE COMPENDIUM, in two volumes), which gave many details of the origins and movements of various peoples from the time of the Tower of Babel, until modern times. Through past decades, many students and members of the Church of God have found his research into history (esp. re the origins of various peoples) to be of interest and value. In recent years he made it known that he no longer endorsed all of the conclusions, especially his historical dates, which he had incorporated in his COMPENDIUM. Nevertheless, I am sure that many of the brethren and ministers still find certain areas of his historical research helpful in understanding the racial origins of certain nations, and, consequently, we can better understand certain end-time prophecies dealing with various descendants of SHEM, HAM, and JAPHETH.

I found Dr. Hoeh to be friendly, courteous and, at times, rather witty. He became known for his generosity in assisting some of the needy students or Church brethren, often offering assistance anonymously. He spent much time and energy in the 50's, 60's, 70's, etc. helping to edit the Plain Truth, Good News, WCG booklets, etc. I always looked upon him as valuable to the Work as an editor, and this was especially so in the areas of his particular expertise: history, archaeology, palaeontology, etc.

Although I often spoke to Dr. Hoeh through the years, in more recent years (after I left the WCG in 1993), I did not have much contact with him. He would write or phone me from time to time, and I did the same. But during the last few years, I had very little contact with him. So far as I know, he continued to work with the men at Headquarters during these times, apparently feeling that, for personal reasons, he did not need to sever his relationship with the leaders of the WCG, because o f the sweeping doctrinal changes which the Church leaders were making at Pasadena. He seemed to want to maintain cordial relations with people in the various Churches of God (including many of the Church leaders), and would discuss various matters with some of them from time to time. He also had close ties with some of the leaders of the Buddhist faith.

I also knew Mrs. Isabel Hoeh (Dr. Hoeh's wife for about 50 years) since her arrival a A.C. in, I believe, the third year of the College's existence. Isabel was a fine student, and also proved herself to be a loyal, steady, supportive wife during their many years of married life. I am sure that all who met Mrs. Hoeh will remember her in their prayers in the years ahead--asking God to bless and guide her through the difficult times which she will experience, without her husband by her side.

Craig, I hope these comments re: Dr. and Mrs. Hoeh will be of value to you.

Sincerely,

Raymond F. McNair

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**From:** surfer11

**To:** Raymond F McNair

**Sent:** Friday, November 26, 2004 6:38 AM

**Subject:** You and Hoeh

Would you care to write a quick note on conversations/meetings you may have had with Hoeh - any insights he had etc.

Craig