



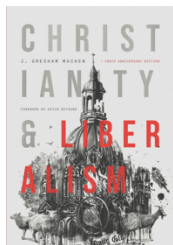
December 10th, 2023

This morning we 'lldiscover how Machen prepared for Gospel ministry – a vocation he did not want! We will look at Machen's preparation both in a timeline of his actual formal education, and through the lens of (my words) "the four biggest influences" on his decision to finally be ordained and enter the ministry as primarily a seminary professor, author, and an itinerant preacher

LIVE STREAMING:

Live streaming of the class continues – please tell the team thanks

GIVE AWAY – NEXT THREE WEEKS



I have three copies of the new hardback, 100th Anniversary Edition of *Christianity & Liberalism* to give away today and the following two lessons as we finish up on the life of Machen. When you pick up your notes – fill out a card and drop it in the bowl. We'll keep all of the names in the bowl and draw one each week! **YOU MUST BE PRESENT – AND AWAKE TO WIN!**

I trust you will enjoy hearing about Machen's family this morning!

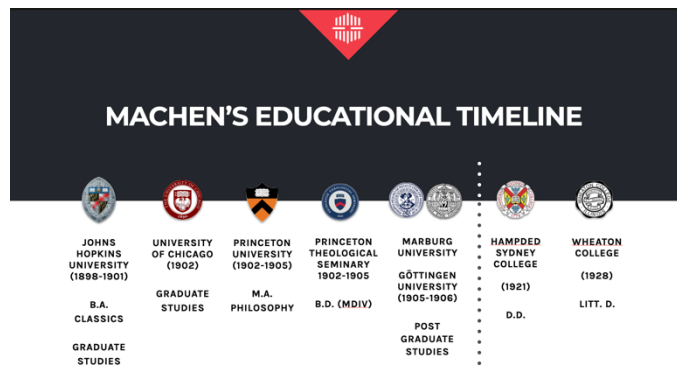
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WEEK THREE OUTLINE: “A PRESBYTERIAN HEART & MIND”

We have 4 sections of the lesson today – The 4 main influences on Machen and his overall course and formal education.

J. Gresham Machen’s Formal Education



Machen received a BA in Classics from Johns Hopkins University, studying under the famous Basil L. Gildersleeve. After a graduate year with Gildersleeve, he studied for a Summer at the University of Chicago, and then headed to Princeton for both an MA in Philosophy at the University and then a BD (MDiv) at Princeton Seminary. One more year doing PhD work in Germany rounded out his formal education.

“The Four Influences”



Johns Hopkins (Gildersleeve)

Princeton (BB Warfield)

Germany (Herrmann)

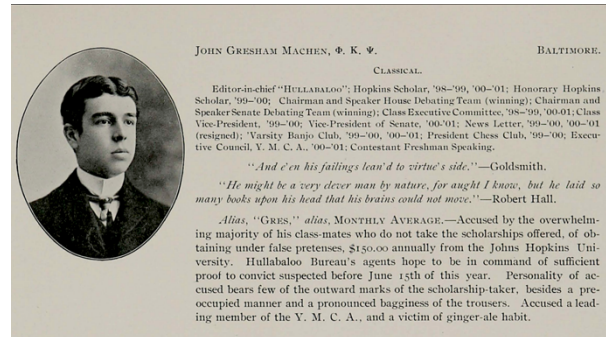
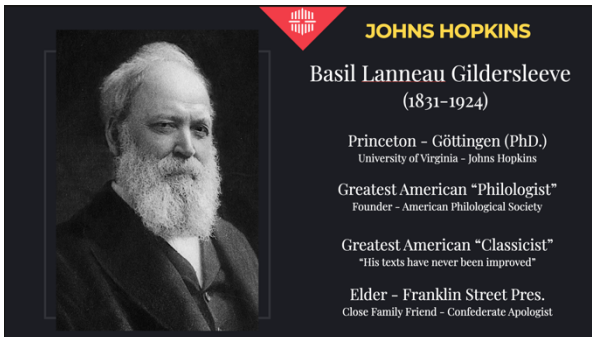
His Service in WWI

Through Gildersleeve he learned the Classics and the value of academic excellence. Through Warfield he learned the Reformed Faith of the Westminster Confession. Through Herrmann he learned the positive aspects of a heart of devotion. Through his service in France in WWI he learned the absolute necessity and centrality of the Gospel.

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Gildersleeve and Johns Hopkins

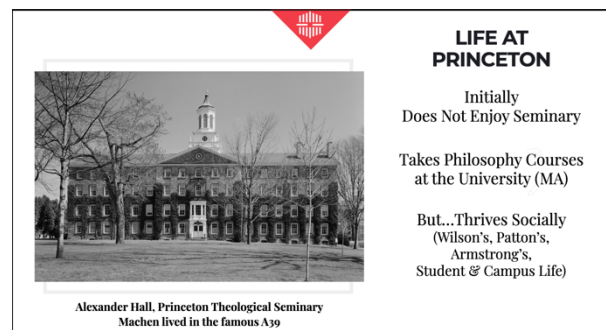
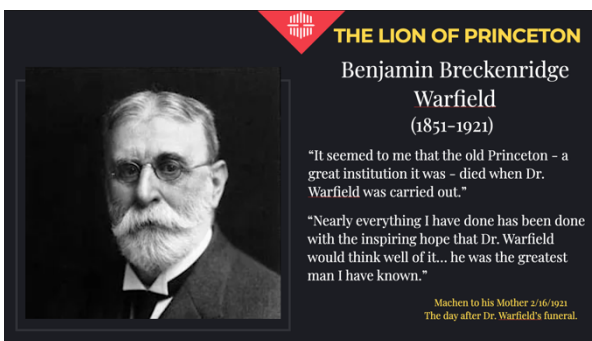
As “The Hullabaloo” the Hopkins yearbook (Machen was the editor in-chief) shows Machen was popular and involved in the life of the new University. Living less than a block away from the campus, the life of the University flowed in and out of the Machen home.



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B.B. Warfield and Princeton

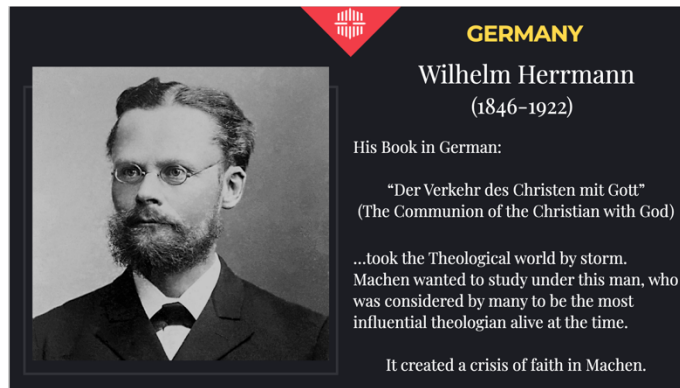
Reluctant and unsure of what to do with his life, Machen is challenged by his new Pastor to “give Princeton a year.” Machen ends up staying there for the majority of the rest of his life. His mentor in the Reformed faith is the great Dr. B.B. Warfield.



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Herrmann and his year in Germany

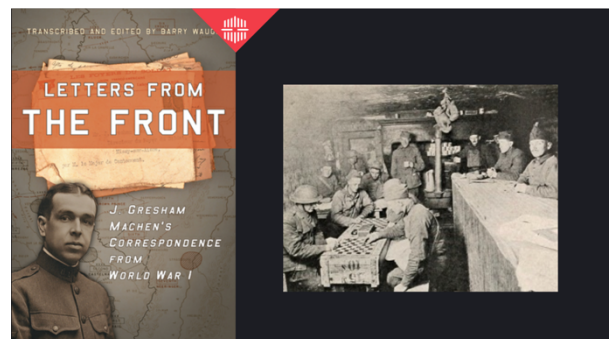
After graduation from Princeton Machen studies a year in Germany in Marburg and Göttingen. He has a crisis of faith while studying under Wilhelm Herrmann a devoted and very “godly” man who’s liberal theology was very influential.



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Machen Volunteers with The Y.M.C.A. in France during WWI

His service in WWI in France changed Machen. He becomes more convinced not only of the core doctrines of the faith, but of the desperate need of the Gospel as the only answer to the sinful heart and plight of all mankind. This is well documented in Barry Waugh’s great book *Letters From The Front*.



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