

we can just forget wanting anything and get out of the world proper, that will be perfection and millions of buddhists today are trying to find that satisfaction in getting away from the world (end of record) c 12

as a man would think of himself if he had been transported to a college where everybody else was a murderer, where the least they had to do with people, the better, to get away and to have nothing in the world to do with them because of the meanness and the brutality and the disagreeableness of all of these other people. I talked with a professor once of the university of Chicago who had been brought up in a Christian home and had thought of himself as a true believer in the Bible and it was years before that I had known him and then I saw him again and he is now a professor, a very fine teacher, and a very fine man, but he had had doubts of Christianity and further doubts and further doubts and he had just thrown the thing overboard and I talked to him and he just said, I don't know whether there is any future life, he said, I don't know anything about the world except what I see, I just don't know what is ahead, any minute and I said to him what is it that is really worth while in life, and he said, there is nothing for us to do but to build on a firm foundation of unyielding despair. Those were his words. They say he is a man of a fine Christian background, he was a fine character and I don't think many people who came in contact with that man realize the despair which had seized his heart and soul and he had given up his belief in the great eternal realities that he had been taught by his parents and that there is nothing but hopelessness, do the best you can out of the day, there is nothing but hopelessness and despair. Well, it is easy for one to get into that viewpoint if you look only at this phase of the world and this phase of the world is one which we can turn our eyes away from except we like Nelson look through the blind eye, through the telescope because it is here, it is an amazing thing in our country how many people seem to find that their greatest pleasure in life is to read books which tell about terrific brutality and cruelty. I often