

~~when~~ <sup>who</sup> people talk that way. People <sup>who</sup> would think that God is <sup>a</sup> sort of Santa  
 Clause who <sup>is</sup> would simply be there to <sup>bring</sup> out a delicious candy and ~~stuff~~  
~~stuff~~ <sup>so that we can</sup> to us, and do what we feel like. They <sup>simply</sup> have no concept of the nature of the  
 problems of the universe and particularly <sup>of</sup> this thing of the terrible nature  
 of sin. Many people have <sup>a</sup> problems that with the coming of Christ the Word  
<sup>was</sup> sent out all ~~throughout~~ <sup>throughout</sup> the world. One of the ~~apostles~~ <sup>the</sup> said, ~~at~~ <sup>the</sup> times of ~~this~~  
 ignorance God winked at, <sup>s</sup> but now He commands man everywhere to  
 repent. What about the great multitude <sup>s</sup> of the people before that time who  
 never heard about the Lord? The same problem applies to the Middle  
 Ages. ~~There~~ <sup>was</sup> a period of three or four years in which the gospel  
 was carried <sup>widely</sup> ~~vitaly~~ through the Roman Empire and even on out to the people  
 outside the Empire. But then there came darkness. There came superstition.  
 There came the idea <sup>s</sup> of mass and ~~of~~ <sup>the</sup> purgatory and worship of Mary. And while  
 through the middle ages there always <sup>were</sup> little groups of <sup>earnest</sup> learned, devoted  
 Christians believing the Bible and studying the Word, Always they were a  
 small minority. They <sup>were</sup> in every country in Europe, but they were a  
 small minority. And then ~~there~~ <sup>the</sup> came Reformation. <sup>and</sup> Then the Word of God  
 pread over all through Europe, and it was tremendous the way souls came  
 to the knowledge of <sup>the</sup> ~~our~~ Lord, and there were ~~as~~ <sup>as many</sup> many times ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> people  
 who knew the Lord during the period of the Reformation as there had been  
 a century or two before. But when the Reformation began to <sup>spread</sup> ~~expand~~ its  
 force, down to in Italy and in Spain the counter-reformation came in  
 and the gospel was rooted out of those lands, and those countries where  
 there have <sup>but</sup> been a few <sup>me</sup> yet ~~there~~ <sup>same time</sup> definitely ~~some~~ Christians ~~was~~ studying  
 the Word and know Jesus Christ as ~~that~~ <sup>me</sup> their sole means of salvation  
 through all the centuries, ~~it~~ <sup>was</sup> made impossible for anyone to present