

we are not to go altogether out of the world but we are to have an effect upon the world, we are to have an intimate interest in the world in order to represent God and to witness to him in it. We are not to expect to ~~to~~ transform the world into the kingdom of Christ, he gives us no promise that we can ever do that even with a small portion of the world. He gives us no promise we can do it and when people try to do it they usually have terrific disappointments, but he does want us to exert our influence for making every part of the world for which we have contact ~~more~~ as he wants it to be, for ~~to~~ opposing wickedness wherever we find it for trying to advance the knowledge of Christ, make the world like the world he wants it to be. Well now this being the case we have the monastic ideal ~~of/trying~~ as far as our work is concerned it would seem not to be the ideal of the scripture but far after he was converted he went out of Arabia for three years and spent three years in the desert studying the word and he was out of contact with the world but after the three years there he came back and he entered into active busy life in witnessing for Christ in the world. So from the view point of the word the monastic ideal does not seem to be the correct ideal (end of record)

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certainly equal important reason why God leaves us in the world after we are converted is that we may have experiences he wants us to have and that we may be fitted ~~to~~ to be full member of his kingdom that we having our justification that we having our complete entrance in to his ~~kingdom~~ kingdom in principle and in right that he may secure in our person that conformity to his will or that we may have the sanctification which is gradual process with him, our character and our personality may be built up and developed in what he wants in return. Well now ~~it is a mystery~~ ^{from this view} point there is more to ~~from~~ the monastic ideal than for the other view point, from this view point, at first sight it seems that one of the things to do then is just depart absolutely from anything which brings you in contact in this wicked world. And either go out in the desert alone or go live to-