

the good features of a modern era might have come a good deal earlier, that they actually did come to that we can not say, but during the middle ages the monastic ~~ideal~~ ideal seem to be what the christianity was, the great bulk of people and in the monasteries many people were very true christians serving ~~the~~ the Lord and studying his word understanding truly what it means what it means to be saved by faith, there is no question of that hath there were many who were. But here ~~there~~ were many who was not and when Martin Luther stepped out in to the fuller understanding of the word and when he took the word in primary importance in his life one of the ~~the~~ things which he came to believe was that the monasteries was actually a hindrance rather than a help to the cause of Christ and he urged that themen and the women to leave the monasteries and it was these men leavin ~~the~~ the monastery and going out to preach the gospel and to stand for Christ thorough out Europe who were a very great factor in revival and the great stress of knowledge through Europe in that time. Now they certainly they needed trising schools perhaps like the monasteries for three years, five years perhaps ten year might have been a good bit, but the monastic system as it developed we feel did ~~do~~ in the end more harm than it did good. And it is vital to realized that the ~~monastic~~ monastic system in the system of orders is something which after all did not even begin in any established form until 500 hundred years after the time of Christ. Now St. Benedict life as we mentioned is not much different in its details from any other hermit but he had no education to speak of and he had no interest in learning but he had an unusual ability as an administrator and organizer and a perception after his years of absolute idleness hidden away in a cave, he had a perception that something of more than idleness was necessary but that was not enough. And in fact he went to the other extreme. His men would spend 7 hours a day some days 9 in services in singing and going through all sorts of religious readings, at the table they were always having some devotional book read to them, they