

and great part of the bulding of the middle ages, was in the hadns of the  
 Benedictians monks. And many great of the fathers and the scriptures  
 have come down tous from the hads of the Bendectine monks. The matter of  
 monastacism is one of very great importance to us in understanding the  
 Romn Catholice chruch as it is to day and our relationship to it, but this  
 is also very great importance because & the whole section enters into pro-  
 blems which are vital for our own lives, vital for our own & ideas for our  
 own activities shold be. It is vital that we shoudd take what is ~~for~~ god  
 in the monasticism but on the other hadn we avoid evil and we believe that  
 is God's will that should & live moral lives, even though we are somewhat  
 held ~~up~~ down by the restrictions of the norma life and perhaps is some ways  
 unabel to accomplish as much you might think we could if we were not connected  
 with these restricrions as yet the Lord desires for us to developpe us and to  
 use us in a way that can be better that ~~as~~ as we live more and more human  
 christain life and set forth and example of righteousness trather than to  
 go aprt in the commusnity by itself. (question) It would be pretty hard to  
 make a judgement , we would have to say this that the monasteries like every  
 thing else in life tends to degenerate and they would degenerate and then there  
 could come a great movement of improvement and revorm and perhaps new ones  
 would be established and a better level and as to whether , I said that the  
 middle ages has the they did a very great deal of godd, the middle ages  
 without them would be foar worse than it was, but , jsut wonder whether it wou  
 if the made in a different way, the middle ages themselves might come  
 a few sentances not clear) if you read the writings of one of these recent  
 ex-priests or ex-monks they would tell you how these young fellows after taking  
 the vows of chastity and going into these places that they find a great bulk of  
 them their imaginations lis inflamed as a resul of the very vow they have taken  
 and have , unaturally like , perhaps so much for a living as that ~~that~~//  
 throughh their life, and that the resul is that very often e, matters that  
 shold be given a normal place in a person life , instead become to be a consumd  
 passion that has to be held down or given in to, and a person becomes more or