

The other extreme has in favor of it the great Biblical stress on the individual standing before God. The priesthood of the individual. That we have direct right of access to Christ, we need no mediator. We need no priest, to stand between us. We are each of us ~~xxxx~~ a priest before Him. And, of course, ~~ifxxxx~~ <sup>in</sup> this feature the Salvation Army and the China Inland Mission and the Methodist, in this ~~xxxx~~ system they do not ~~xxxxxxx~~ establish any priest to stand in between, it is purely a matter of govt., in which they have the control. While, the Roman Catholic, and the Episcopal, to a very slight extent, the Roman ~~Catholic~~ Catholic to a very great extent, they can <sup>impose</sup> ~~imposexxxx~~ a priest in between who is necessary to gain access to God.

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The are very earnest Christian people and they do a great deal. They have an influence, I think, beyond their numbers. But I don't think their type of organization has great possibilities of ~~xxxxxxx~~ growth. I don't think we see evidence of it. I think that it has had more of a growth in the ~~xxx~~ last thirty years, perhaps, but in the previous thirty.....(1½)

Well, now these are the two opposite extremes, and there are great disadvantages to both, you see. I would say, if you have to pick one of the two, it is better to pick the absolute independence that to pick that which makes you subject to an autocrat. It certainly is better. But I would say, on the other ~~xxxx~~ hand, the system of the Methodist Church, if you have the right man in the leadership, is the system that accomplishes for the Lord. And I don't think it is necessary to adopt either extreme. Now, I was mentioning that, as a matter of fact, you have ~~xxxx~~ rarely one of those two extremes. When you have a group which maintains itself, a group apart from all others, if the group goes forward and accomplishes much, you pretty soon are awful certain that either an individual who is lord over the ~~group~~ group or a group of men who are over the group. And if you are going to have a group of men in control, there is a great advantage of having it be a