

You are to go to this place, or do that. There are plenty of orders in the church that do that, but ~~unless~~ a man joins these orders voluntarily.

And the Church of Rome has been able to utilize this. But they have learned this by sad experience.

You remember how the Church of Rome tried to Christianize Ireland. And they appointed a man and sent him to Ireland. They picked the best man they could find, and they sent him there, and he worked two years and was an utter failure. And he went back, and he said, these Irish are too hard, you can't reach them. And then St. Patrick, who never heard probably of the Bishop of Rome, a man who had the idea entirely on his ~~own~~ own initiative, of trying to reach the Irish, for the Lord, went over to Ireland and began a work, and ~~he~~ won the whole country. And later on the Roman Catholics made him a ~~holy~~ saint, but it was entirely on his own initiative, and he probably had no connection with the Roman Catholics ever, as far as we know. But case after case, the big movements of the Roman Church have been begun by men whom the church has looked upon with suspicion. And it has wondered if they shouldn't be thrown out. And eventually they have begun leading supports of the Roman Catholic Church. It is a force with which you can't reckon, the matter of the individual talents and abilities in a situation.

Well, now how to utilize these abilities, how to make them accomplish something and keep them unified, ~~and~~ and at the same time ~~it~~ give them free scope, that is a problem, a vital problem, of church govt. Suppose the apostles had gotten together at the Day of Pentecost and they said, now let's plan how we ~~are~~ are going to ~~organize~~ organize the world. Peter will take this section, James will take this section, we will divide the world up, we will go and we will control it, and we will establish our church, and each of us will have the responsibility to build up the church in the area. How different from anything that they ever would have dreamed of. They never heard of Paul. When they first heard of him they looked upon him with suspicion. They wouldn't believe that he was truly converted. He was a Christian twenty years before most of them would have anything to ~~do~~ do with him. And yet he did more to advance ~~the~~