

and he leads each one of us astray. We are all in a way children of the devil. But Jesus Christ has sown the good seed, ~~and the earlier parable, the parable of the sower, depicts him as sowing the good seed, and it is coming up, and in many cases being withered away on account of the dryness, and or being choked by the thorns, or being picked away by the birds, and that doesn't mean individuals are picked away by the birds and carried off, but it means that the good seed, which was available, there did not receive fruition, because of certain condition there, and so the fact that the good seed, and the bad seed cannot be always readily distinguished by us, is emphasized in this parable when the Lord commands that the tares are not to be taken out of the field instead of the harvest. They are to grow together, and we cannot always tell which they are. It is, I believe, very difficult to tell what is a tare, and what is good wheat in this world. I think it is very difficult.~~ When I was ordained, I was asked, "Do you believe that ~~Constantine's conversion was genuine. And I answered that I do not believe that I am competent to judge of the salvation of any man, and I think that was a true answer. I think there are very good evidences in Constantine's life that he sincerely believed in Christ, there are various evidences. On the other hand there are evidences of such things in his life as makes one question, and God knows, and God knows about each of you, and about me. God knows whether we have truly looked to Him for salvation, and have truly been born again.~~ ~~Some people have a very lofty moral standard, and are moving in that direction, and some have a low moral standard, and are moving in this direction, and the Lord knoweth those who are truly His. He allows the wheat and the tares to grow together in the field until the harvest, and the Lord does not tear out the tares from out of the field, but leaves them there. It says here, let the wheat be damaged, that is not the whole answer. They are left here also because it is His purpose that... God could simply bring this age to an end instantly. He could simply take His own and put them here, and He could cast the evil-doers into eternal suffering, and put an end to the age, He could have done that two-thousand years ago, or six thousand years ago, but He chose not to do... There is another important reason purpose to the growing... why God chooses to leave the field as it is, for a time. It is His~~

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