

These people from all these fine Christian institutions were moved away and lost interest in any Christian witness. After darkness, reformation. Yes. But first you need light.

I think of those young people. Why had people been satisfied with those young people in the Sunday School to give them little stories and try to amuse them and give them a little Christian truth, instead of giving them a solid understanding why they not give them light to prepare them for the darkness they might meet? How easy it is to say, I take all the Bible literally, but nobody can take any book literally. It's utter nonsense. We don't take any book literally! We believe the book is true, but we take the literal statements and when it has figures of speech we take them as figures of speech, of course. I always say, Take every statement in the Bible and test it. See if you can interpret it literally and do so if you can. I don't like these people who say of a certain book, It is a symbolic book; it's all figures." I think that's the way to reduce it to nonsense. It is mostly literal but the fact it has figures of speech adds not only to its beauty but also to its clarity. You say the man was a lion in the fight. You don't mean he went out and chewed up the enemy, or that he scratched him with his fingernails. Everyone knows what you mean. It is figurative language but it is just as clear what it means as if you said, He went out and fought bravely, gallantly, and with all his might. It gets the idea across much better. If those young people had been prepared it would have helped at least a little bit in that particular situation. We need light. It's not enough to simply know that's wrong and we are against it. We need to know why and we need to have more of an understanding. It was Luther and