

So if a young person goes to a school where he is subject to unChristian teaching, and as a result either of intellectual argument, or as I think in a large number of cases, of ridicule, one loses that intellectual Belief in the Bible and in the truths of the Bible. If he truly had saving faith I believe that then sometime before he dies, God will bring him back and he will die in the Lord and be saved.

But O how he will feel to think of the wasted years in which his testimony has not been for the Word of God! And in which he has not been used as God's instrument to lead others to know the truth and to help others to grow in grace. On the other hand there are many cases where a person has an intellectual knowledge, and thinks he has a belief in the Word of God, but actually the power of sin in his heart is greater than any true saving faith, if that be the case if he did not receive intellectual confidence in the Scripture, the probabilities are that he could continue attending Christian meetings and being with Christians, and humanly speaking there is a strong possibility he will come to know the Lord as his Saviour later if he doesn't really yet.

Whereas if he becomes an enemy of the teachings of Scripture, the probabilities humanly speaking are tremendously cut down. So we can point to case after case where a large segment of the population has been declaring its belief in Christ, and I don't know how many were saved but I'm sure a great number were, and this has gone on to a certain point and the time has come where Satan has been able to inject anti-Christian teaching into what was received by the young people from that group. You look at the group a little later and you find hardly anyone who you would have any reason to think had saving faith.