

My ancestors came in 1630--that is one of the probably thousand ancestors I had at that time--came in 1630 to New England. In New England for the next century after that, practically everyone declared that they believed in Christ as Saviour. If you could produce proof from the Bible on almost any subject that was accepted. In recent years you go into town after town in New England and you won't find a single church where the Gospel is preached. I'm not sure how it is now. It's been quite a few years since I've been in New England, but at that time it was one of the most most barren stretches of what might be called Christendom as far as the truth of God is concerned.

Those changes come about through various processes and causes. One of the greatest is giving anti-Christian teaching and I believe that is most effective through ridicule.

Last time I spoke to you I had a very busy few days thereafter. I mentioned to you as I left that I had to catch a plane right then because I was due in Chicago. The meeting of an organization on which I was on the advisory board -- and I had to be there at 9 the next morning. I had a very busy time for the next two and a half days in Chicago. Then I got back here and I had been asked to participate in meetings to introduce the NIV of Scripture in New York the following Monday and in Philadelphia the following Tuesday. My class is Monday morning and it is only one hour a week so I did not feel I should miss it. I asked them to find some other of the participants in that translation for the Monday meeting. But Tuesday I was at a pastor's breakfast with several hundred pastors in this general area i.e. the whole Philadelphia area, in a big hotel downtown at 8:30 a.m. and took part in the presentation of the NIV, and in the afternoon at another hotel downtown at a press conference