

from the world two hundred years from now, if our Lord tarries, probably of thirty years from now if our Lord tarries.

And if we are going to understand what is God's will for us in ~~this world~~ this world, for us to do, exegesis is the only way to find out. And yet beside that, we can understand it so much better if we know something of ch. hist, that it is well worth the time. We live in the world today, and we find in it three ~~sorts~~ sorts of things. We find situations in this world which are the direct result of the outworking of God's will. Now you might say that we can learn these from the Scriptures. We certainly cannot tell what is the direct outworking of God's will except through the study of exegesis. But then we find situations in the world today which are the direct outworking of the will of Satan. Here again, your exegesis is the ~~a~~ best way to tell. ~~But~~ But Church History helps greatly here. What is the result of the work of the enemy of God?/ But now there is a third sort of thing which you see in the world, and which neither of these is apt to tell you, or perhaps the Word will probably tell you that it is not the result of God's will, but you wonder why it is there, and where it comes from. And this third of those two situations is like the soldier on the lawn in front of the Czar's palace. And it is amazing how much further.....(13) It is truly amazing how many ~~are~~ many many things there are in the life of everyone of us which has a historical significance. They were established for a certain reason (end of record)

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....But we can also understand that they are not necessary and it would be easier for us to see our proper attitude if we know how they developed through historical circumstances. And so for this reason, ch. hist, and any history is studied with a view to the origins of things, it will help you to see that something is done in a certain way, everybody does it in that way today, that is the way to do it, why of course, it would be foolish not to do it that way, people will tell you. Of course they do it that way, but you find out why they do it that way and you will find that it is simply the