

That is the situation in the reformation time. I think it is entirely wrong, the idea that many people have, that the ~~Roman~~ Roman Catholic Church is the church that has existed since the time of Christ, and that our protestant churches is a group which sprang up within the last four centuries. There was false teaching of one sort or another which spread through the lump, until in the 16th century you found this false teaching becoming almost dominant all over Europe. And then Luther and Calvin rose up in the face of the true teaching of Christinity and spread it, and it was recognized and acclaimed all over Europe. But the false teaching had already spread so widely that it could not be entirely dislodged. But what happened was that the false teaching was pushed to one side, and ~~it~~ a wall was built against it on the other side, so you had Europe split into two groups. One of which took the false ~~doctrines~~ doctrines which had developed and took a stand upon them and insisted upon them in a way ~~which~~ in which it had never before been done in history. ~~Thus~~ Thus, the Roman Catholic church had really begun ~~at the Council of Trent~~ at the Council of Trent in my point of view. That was its beginning, it is the time when they took these doctrines which had grown up through previous centuries, a few previous centuries, and made them into a system to which acceptance was required by their members. And on the other hand, in the other group, about half of Europe, these teachings were wiped out, which had gradually been spreading through it. Because in this group churches were being developed which took a strong stand for the pure teaching of the Gospel and which went forward on that basis until Satan would start introducing new types of leaven into that, and new kinds of teaching would spread ~~until~~ until in this present century we have a different kind of false teaching, which is just as wicked, perhaps, to the church, as the Roman Catholic false doctrines were in the 16th century, and which require a new reformation if the Christian testimony is again to go forward, as it did then.

Now ~~from~~ from the viewpoint of this study of what has been necessary to keep the church on its path, to keep ~~its~~ its eyes fixed on the true teachings