

principally of his fighting against these demons. It is true that Satan is actively trying to oppose every one of us. But it is also true that when we live a definitely unnatural life, there is a tendency for certain ~~xxx~~ elements of life to effect our minds and become very grotesque within us. And these men took the attitude that they would never look on the face of a woman, under any conditions, a woman, their sisters. A sister of one of these hermits would come to see him, and he would send word out, tell her * I'm well, that I am living, and that is all that she needs to know. He would not risk looking at her face, lest it should arouse ~~x~~ unnatural desires within him. It showed the grotesque ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ situation into which the ~~xxxx~~ minds of men were often placed.

(question) When Anthony met Athanasios he would probably have been about 75. He lived to be over 100. So that he was much older later. He was well along in years.

(question) Of course, it is true of monast. that it gives an opportunity ~~xxxx~~ in which a person ~~xxxx~~ may become very holy. A person is alone and ~~isxxxx~~ devoted to the Lord and living regular life with regular exercise, and he may become very holy. Or he may find that it is hopeless and go to the other extreme. It breeds extremes. One extreme or the other.

(question) There ~~is~~ is much that is very good as ~~x~~ a result of this, but that is getting on to a later century. We want to deal with the 4th cent. before those particular monasteries were built yet. (laughter)

And we want to evaluate monast. fully later on, but now we are in this thing principally to see how this thing started. In the year 311, toward the end of the great persecuion, suddenly Anthony appeared in Alexandria. He heard of the martyrdoms and he thought it would be onderful to get the ~~xx~~ crown of martyrdom. And so he ~~xx~~ came into Alexandria hoping that he would be martyred. He visited the confessors in the mines and in the prisons and encoursged them before the tribunal, accompanied them to the scaffold, but no one ventured to lay hands on him/ at all. And so he returned to the wilderness. He only came back to civilization once more, and that was in the year 351, when he was 100 years old. And then he showed himself for the second and last ~~xxxx~~ time in the