

what the original languages said. And there have been some good translations, by some good Roman Catholic scholars today, who are doing some good work in limited spheres in which they are working.

Well, this then, was a great activity of Jerome's life, making this ~~translation~~ translation. It was never authorized. Bishop ~~Damasus~~ Damasus, whom the Roman church today would call Pope Damasus, encouraged him to make it, asked him to make a study of it, but Damasus was dead, and his successors didn't like it. And it had no authorization of any sort. It made its way by its ~~excellence~~ excellence. It was five centuries before it completely displaced the Itala, but ~~in~~ in a comparatively short time, most of the people were using it, because they recognized how superior it was. It is a good translation, it was a ~~great~~ great service to the Christian church, ~~which~~ which Jerome made in giving them the Vulgate. And of course, the peculiar thing is that the Vulgate, the translation for the common ~~people~~ people in their language, the vulgar. Vulgate, language, but today ~~the~~ the Roman Catholic church tries to keep people from reading the Bible in the language of their nation, and says that this is the authoritative Scripture, and this was made as a translation in the language of the people.

Well, that is ~~the~~ probably Jerome's greatest contribution to, the greatest service that he rendered the church. (But while we are dealing with him in Rome we want to note what he did in Rome in relation to monasticism. And there his influence in favor of monast. was tremendous. Rome was, at this time, a very worldly city. It was a very wealthy city. It had been the capital of the world from the time of Constantine. For many centuries, and the wealth of the world had flown into Rome. And the great old families of Rome, some of them had an income which would be fifty or 100 thousand dollars a year, according to today's standard. And there was tremendous wealth in Rome and tremendous sophistication, but many of the people were dissatisfied with the hull of life without some meaning, some reality. And many of these people had turned to Christianity but still they were dissatisfied with the general worldliness of life. And Jerome, there, in Rome, began strongly urging turning away from the sophistication of the life, turning away from all the pursuits and ~~the~~ cosmetics and