

perfumes, and special types of washings, and all that sort of thing that the people were doing, and all the elaborate ornaments that ~~the~~ the women would spend a third of their day on, getting themselves fixed up with them. All that, and he was urging them to turn aside for a simple life, of simply adoration of Christ, and of doing the will of Christ and paying ~~no~~ ~~attention~~ attention at all to wordly things. And he went, of course, to an opposite extreme. And his influence, among women particularly, became very very great. And before long he had a large number of aristocratic women.. (end of record)

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~~And interested in doing everything they could to help in his work. As Jerome did this, many of the other clergy became very disgusted with his attitude, and they liked the wordly advantages which they could have there at Rome. And they thought that the money that these people were giving to build monasteries, and of course it was Jeromes idea so that it would help him in his scholarly work, could better be spent in enabling the clergy to live in luxury, so that they could live on the same level with the people among whom they worked in Rome. And could have a life of the same standard as the people and they said they would have a greater influence with them if they had the same standard that they had. And Jerome was in the contrary urging no standard at all, urging the exact opposite.~~

He gathered around him these very wealthy women, and he ~~expounded~~ expounded to them the holy Scriptures, in which some of these women were very well read, and he answered their questions, and invited them to celibate life, and enthusiastic asceticism. And one of these women, a woman in her middle forties, who was a widow named Paula, was especially interested in Jerome's teaching. She was a very wealthy woman, a woman with several children, three girls, I think, and a son, and Jerome's influence over Paula extended over the daughters. And he urged them to devote themselves entirely to the ascetic life. And turn away from everything which would connect them with ordinary life. There was a daughter of Paula's named Eustochium, who was nineteen years of age. And Jerome wrote her a letter, urging her to turn her back on everything of the world, including