

That's what seems to be coming in our own country and world today. Not just the absence of light, but that which will destroy darkness is light and that which is necessary to destroy darkness is light, and before you can have effective, lasting reformation you must have light. Light that dispels the darkness and reaches the dark hearts of the people. Jesus said --- We think of John as the Apostle of love but did you ever notice how much he says about light too. God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. The light shines in darkness and the darkness isn't able to blot out the light. That was the true light that lights every man that comes into the world. It took 1100 years between the darkness that came as Augustine was dying, and the time when the light became strong enough and vigorous enough to make the Reformation able to burst in all its splendour upon Europe.

Now I think of my own personal experience. I think of the darkness which I faced. I think of it in two directions. I think of the educational and I think of the denominational. These two have been so blended in my experience you cannot altogether separate them.

I remember the time I went to a college that had a great reputation as a wonderful Christian institution. They had a new president my last year there, and I was with a group of people one day when he remarked: You know this college has sent more men into the ministry and into mission ~~work~~ work proportionate to its size than any other college in America." I did not speak out, but I said it to myself, If you had your way it won't be sending many in the days to come. I was there when the darkness had begun to get a hold on that institution, and it was beginning to reach out and to extend its tentacles and take hold. It is a sad experience to see a great Christian institution being crushed to death as far as its Christianity is concerned.