

has much to do with a change in real motive force within the Bible. Personally, I am hard to convince that the change in the expression represents the change in internal attitude, to any great extent. MY observation is that the liberal churches were being emptied, the people did not come, it did not enthuse them. The attendance was getting smaller. And ministers themselves were finding their zeal unstirred. Enthusiasm was dying. And yet they had their profession, and they wanted to carry it on. And then we heard about Karl Barth, who looked at his congregation. I have heard this repeated by Americans, repeated over and over. Karl Barth saw his congregation there in theand he looked upon them and he said, what can I give to this despairing people. And naturally that struck a responsive chord in the hearts of those who heard him. Here was Karl Barth, fully trained in the higher critical denial of the factual nature of the Word of God, trained in the modernistic viewpoint, but facing a congregation and feeling the need of something that will mean something to the hearts of these individuals. And Barth worked out his system, and it was very inspiring to see the difference in the enthusiasm of the early Barthians from the ordinary modernists.

I studied at the University of Berlin, in 1927 to 29, and you could go into a class in theology, and hear the professors discuss the question, whether Paul wrote this book or not, or whether certain verses belonged to the P or the J document. And it was dull, it was dry, it was uninspiring. And you stepped into the next room and would hear a Barthian. And he was all enthused and full of vigor and saw the man facing the great crisis in his life, and I took a friend with me who didn't understand a word of that the professor said, but he said it was inspiring just to listen to him. Just to see his enthusiasm. Well, this enthusiasm has caught on to quite an extent, with a good many of our Americans.....(end of record)

.....there is no statement in the Bible that necessarily has to be taken literally. It doesn't matter from their viewpoint whether these things actually happened or not. Some have said recently that the coming of Christ