

does his successive journies run. It's kingdom spread from shore to shore till moon shall wax and wane no more." There were many hymns which expressed the confidence that the whole world was to be taken over by Christianity. We do not find the promise in Scripture that through the preaching of the Gospel the whole world will be converted. We have the promise that many will be won to Christ. It is the duty of true Christians to stand for what is good, to oppose what is evil, to give all the help you can in a material way to others, but the primary task is to witness to Christ.

So the commands and promises of Scripture do not fit with this idea which was once very widespread and is now again being pushed by some very earnest Christian people, is pushed very strongly by them.'

3. The Qualities of the Statue are still present.

One third of the world is held by regimes which absolutely control the lives and thoughts of the people who are subject to it. I've been reading an article which is in a magazine just recently that says how wonderful it is that there is no terrorism at all in three countries: China, Vietnam, and I forget what the other country was! No terrorism. In China you get a good snowstorm at 10:00 p.m., and immediately everyone gets out and cleans the streets. Immediately. In every block there is a man who has charge of watching every member of the block and noting exactly what their thoughts are, what their viewpoint is, what their deeds and actions are. You can walk anywhere in China any hour of the day or night with no danger of being violently attacked! That may be true, but when you have everything ordered and supervised by governmental power it is much more like the rule of Nebuchadnezzar than like the rule of the saints.

Nebuchadnezzar could not have the kind of autocracy which you can have today because they did not have the technological means to have it, but under these various rulers there was a totality an autocracy which you will find fully equaled in at least a third of the world, and to some extent in many many other parts of the world, today.

Certainly when you look at the number of our PA officials who have been convicted of corruption just within these last two years, we've gone very far from this establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth today. The qualities of the statue are still present.

4. Failure of hopes for the present establishment of the kingdom of God.

A book was published within the last 5 yrs. called the Puritan hope, in which the writer--a very earnest Christian-- tells about ~~the~~ the Puritans in England in 1600 A.D. disgusted with the rule of King James and his successors, how they were determined to establish a thoroughly Christian situation in England. Those Puritans had an uprising and got rid of the Stewarts, but after they did it they had all kinds of difficulties to face and soon they had all kinds of difficulties to face and they divided into groups among themselves with different ideas as to what they should do, and in 1660 the people voted the Stewarts back in and for the next 20 years they == it was impossible for a person, except for following