

--an anthropologist-- on ancient beliefs of this tribe!

This girl told me, Those Methodist missionaries did their work so well that I can't learn about the pre-historic methods, etc. She said, I just could not hardly because they had so changed the complexion of the country. Buttk those were the Methodist missionaries of a century ago.

Today you go into the mission fields and you see the new missionaries who have gone in the last 30 years from the great denominations, and the bulk of them are presenting something entirely different. And they are using some of the same words, some of the same pious phrases, but they are presenting a heaven on earth by doigg away with everything they consider injustice and saying nothing about that which alone will bring heaven on earth if it were ever to come here, through being saved by Jesus Christ.

Just as many people in churches in this country, so people in many churches in mission lands are frustrated and don't understand what has happened. God has given each of us a responsibility to do our part in making Him known inthis country. It's tremendously needed. The greatest mission field inthe world today in my opinion is the U.S.A. and perhaps the most needy mission field in the U.S. is university students throughout the country.

Not that university professors are naturally unbelieving. Nothing of the kind. The bulk of them a century ago were very earnest Christians. But people who are working in one field are apt to take over in other fields just what they hear. And they take over what they hear and pass it on. Their whole effort is taken up with the field they are working in, and a century ago what they would hear from the religious field would be what is in the Bible, and today what they hear in the religious field is against the Bible.

Of course that's not the only reason. The heart of man, the Scripture says, is deceitful and desperately wicked, and we are all looking for excuses not to do God's will. But that is a great mission field, and I think God for what He is being accomplshed in that field.

May God help us each one to make our lives count for Him while we are here. Let us pray: Our Father we thank you that you have given us each a work to do; that you have left us here for a purpose; that you did not take us to heaven the minute we were saved because you have a purpose here for our development, for our progress in the Christian life and also for our reaching others for Christ. Help us to put first things first, and to make our lives count for your purposes. We ask in Jesus' Name, Amen.