

is utterly false. An investigation into the lives of those people who risk everything who ~~risked~~ risked everything and gave up all they had in order to cross a dangerous ocean in order to come over here in order to establish a society in which they could worship God according to their understanding of the Bible,--- investigation into their lives and their attitudes shows that they had great pleasure in pleasant looking tones, and in pleasant times together and they lived a happy life. They were merry on many occasions.

"Eat, drink, and be merry." There is nothing wrong with eating, drinking, and being merry. There is much wrong ~~ix~~ if it is made the primary objective, if we set our love upon it. This same idea is touched upon in the account of Jesus' temptation.

In Luke 4 we read how Jesus was tempted of the devil. In v.2 we read that after 40 days of fasting he hungered and the devil ~~daid~~ said to him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone to be made bread. Jesus was hungry. He had fasted 40 days, but he did not go on fasting for the next 40 mo. or 40 years! He ate, he lived a normal life. On one particular occasion he fasted for a particular spiritual purpose.

At the end of that time He felt really hungry, and if you have not really been hungry you don't fully imagine the stress to which his human life was put when he was in that situation. In that situation, the devil came to him and said, If thou be the Son of God command this stone that it be made bread. He presented to him the temptation to satisfy the desires of the flesh in using his supernatural power.

Jesus answered, Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word of God. Hungry as he was; anxious as he was to eat and after the temptation the angels came and ~~said~~ fed him, yet he recognized that that which is of the Father is more important than that which is of the world. Our relationship to him is most important, and it is better to die for lack of food than to get food by following the advice of the devil. Jesus never used his supernatural power simply to satisfy the desires of his own flesh.

That is the great difference between the Gospels and the so-called apocryphal books which were written many centuries after the time of Christ. They are altogether different from the OT apocrypha which are good books of Jewish piety and convey much that is excellent, but are uninspired. They contain matters that are erroneous., but little if anything that is really (indistinct) The so-called apocryphal gospels are imaginary stories of Jesus and how somebody thought that one of his miraculous powers might have acted. Showing, him for instance as a boy taking bits of dirt and making mud pies and then waving his finger and then they became food; ~~for~~ for making pictures of birds and then waving his finger and they'd fly away. That sort of foolishness.

Jesus never used his supernatural power simply to satisfy his own personal desires. Jesus used it for the objectives for which God had sent him into the world. The ascetic idea of trying to do completely without the normal things of life, in most cases leads