

Record 110

group of people anywhere. Yes? (student question ) It is ~~very~~ very hard to say. It would depend a lot I think on the way

End of Record 110

very difficult reading - to give one a sense of everything earthly being very unimportant in relation to his own sin - the terrible things

well then if the conclusion is to get rid of the sin by simply going to mass, by doing certain ceremonies, by having the approval of the church, it won't save the soul. I would imagine that a person <sup>c</sup>would go into those exercises with a fair amount of evangelical truth and if it wasn't so directed as to put that out of his mind, that he could really

but I don't imagine they'd ever direct it in that way. Because their purpose is explicitly to bring one <sup>u</sup>nder the direction of the order to the point where determined is so vital and important

that he's ready to do anything the order says no human suffering, no human need, no human desire gets in his way. Now if it was to do anything Christ-like, that would be wonderful. There is nothing in the world that is wholly bad. Anything that is wholly bad disappears of its own weight almost immediately. The worst things are the counterfeits of the good - the closer they get to being good and yet being fundamentally bad, the more dangerous they are because the more strength they have in them. And it is a tendency which we Christians have to see something that is very bad and to say, "oh that's bad, I want nothing to do with it ~~wh~~atever." And that is wrong because anything that is so bad as that just dies. But many of the worst things in the world have all sorts of factors that give them strength with their good points which we can (2.25)