

Most things that live go through a growing process that is fundamental to their eventual maturing. The foregoing are the steps that lead to the maturation of modern unbelief. One will quickly see that the second and fourth points become contradictory in time but one must remember that things are often sought in one's interest that will not later be granted in the interest of others.

(3) The Present state of affairs....as assayed in the office of the Weakly:

--the world of denominations

--church agencies

--church-world spirit

--tendencies posed for evangelicals and others

--reactions

And before we go further...a question about what the real issues are. Might we not better allow this sort of thing to take care of itself while we more vigorously pursue the spread of the Gospel? We will try to talk it out together.

c. Intrusion of modern unbelief into our churches

In this section of material we offer a rapid summary of the movement of modern unbelief into the different major areas of ecclesiastical opinion. We do not try to assess the situation of every community and seek to avoid making ultimate judgments on individual performance. This is simply a scan of modern unbelief as it has penetrated various religious bodies. It does not say that all members of the bodies have been touched by it...only that it has an impact and presence on (in) the group. Our material must be treated sketchily and some of your outside reading will help to show the way in which this matter has progressed. Incidentally, we do not think that this is the only problem but it is the one we are treating now and will probably get more emphasis in your hearing than others for the moment.

We will treat the major ecclesiastical families and note some divergencies within them. Be patient, we will likely get to yours!