

science. And it is true there is a tremendous conflict between many religious people and many scientists. But the conflict is due in most cases to a misunderstanding on one side or the other side or possibly on both sides. A scientist studies facts of the world and on the bases of these facts he reaches certain conclusions. And then he can very easily carry his conclusions beyond what the facts were. And a religious person opens the Bible and believes it is God's word in its entirety. And he reads a verse and he interprets the verse apart from context. And he reaches ~~a~~ certain conclusions from it and these two conclusions clash. And there seems to be a disagreement between religion and science. But if you take the truly scientific attitude in each sphere, you will find that there can not possibly be a clash because God who is the creator of the world is also the writer of the Bible. I think an outstanding instance in this is in the first chapter of Genesis. In revolution against the attitude in the middle ages, which ~~did~~ ^{took} the verses of the Old Testament apart from context and built a great allegorical interpretation upon them. The reformer stressed the exact words of the Bible and they were ~~in part~~ entirely right in that emphasis. But after they did so, some carried this to an interpretation which the great reformers would never have thought of. The idea that you can take a verse and just take those words and without further study say that whatever those words mean they must be true and so they read in Genesis that God created certain things in one day and certain things the second day and certain things the third day and you went through six days. And they said, Therefore the Bible teaches that the whole universe was created in 6 days. And they insisted upon that as the teaching of the word of God. And then certain scientist said, Here we have facts ~~that~~ that show that the ~~human~~ universe took millions of years in (13) . But this earth itself is perhaps about two billion years old and they said, Here is a sharp clash, are you going to believe in religion or are you going to believe in facts. Are you going to take the facts we can see, or are you going to