

And the task of a philosopher is much more difficult. As some person has said, "What is philosophizing? It is nothing but speculating." And a philosopher - what does he do? Nothing but speculate. And if you would take up your dictionary and find out the meaning of this word "speculate" you will find that it is a terrible word. And philosophizing is truly speculating - I don't deny it. But I wish to say this - that I am not one of those philosophers who only speculates, but I am a Christian philosopher and I've got something to begin with. On this something I base all my philosophy which I will try to present to you in the next 15 minutes. The greatest task which a philosopher deals with is the basic questions that relate to our life. It is not something which is just pure mental academic study - or it is something which is not related to my life. If you will read the philosophy of any philosopher you will find that he takes all the material and relates them to the life and tries to make it useful to the life. But then if you will analyze it - to what are those things that are important to our lives? What are the problems in our life that we cannot solve. What are the questions that confront us always and that drive us into bewilderment? Now to the history of philosophy. People have tried to analyze and give precedence to one question over the other in order to find out which would be the most perfect. And lastly they have come out that the great questions that have baffled human intelligence all through the history of philosophy since the man fell into sin, have been three basic questions. And what are those? The first question is - where have I come from? That is, what is my origin? What is the origin of this world? The second question is - why am I here for? That is, what is the present purpose of my existence and the existence of this universe here? And the third question is - what will ultimately become of me after I have left this world? Now these are the three basic questions and all other questions would fall under either of these ones. And in attempting to answer these questions we will find in the history of philosophy and science that people have pondered over and have tried to express their opinion. And whatever their opinions were, maybe they were speculations of scientific treatises or scientific presentations - they have all been included in the great books of philosophy and science that we study today. In the history of philosophy we have

all have thought over these questions and have tried to answer them.