

Is He a good God? Does He desire us to be happy? See how wonderfully this world is adapted to the purposes of human life. Look at the wonders of the human body. Look at the marvels of nature. See the beauty that God has put everywhere. How easy it is to believe that God is good!

And yet this is only a partial conclusion. Look at the great hurricanes that sweep over many parts of the world. Look at the terrible earthquakes that kill thousands of people. Look at the animals that tear other creatures limb from limb. Does the mountain goat admire the beauty of the tiger that devours it? Nature is red in tooth and claw. Practically every person in the world goes through periods of terrible misery. Did a good God create it all? Or is He an evil God? We can see the great power and the wonderful intelligence of God. These are obvious in nature. But nature tells nothing definite about His character or purposes. We can learn about them only by revelation. God has spoken.

Here is one of the great facts in the universe--the fact of revelation. Many today think of revelation as an old outmoded concept--merely an idea of the Middle Ages. How foolish to be influenced by this Medieval idea today!

Yet revelation is one of the commonest facts of life. You look at me, you observe my face, you look at my eyes, you look at my hair. Then I ask you to tell me in what state you think I was born. Unless you were an expert on phonetics and heard me speak, you could not answer. Unless you noticed my midwestern twang, you would never guess that I was born in the midst. Even then you would probably not be able to select Michigan as the particular midwestern state where I first lived. The only way you could find out would be to receive a revelation from someone who