

tremendous acumen~~f~~, wonderful brain. Great intellect. But they never in the world were ~~in~~ anything like Europe, unless they either went to Europe or saw or talked with somebody who had been there, or read a book that somebody had written who had been there. That is the situation that we are in when we try to learn something about the eternal things. No one has ~~never~~ been there. No one can tell from his experience how the world was made. Why the world was made. What life means? Whether it has any meaning. What is beyond the grave? What is the future? We cannot-- argue, we can speculate great philosophic theories, but they do not prove a bit more than a group of philosophers who had never been to Europe, ~~at~~ sitting on the top of a mountain, spinning theories about what country might be over the other side of this ocean if there is any country. The only way ~~they~~ they could find out ~~it~~ is ~~they~~ is to get somebody who had seen it. The only way we can find out about eternal things is to get a revelation from the God who has made it all, and who knows the end from the beginning, and understands what it is all about, from God who knows how terrible sin is, and ~~God who~~ what sin has done to the heart of everyone of us and how the sin has ~~occur~~ corrupted our minds so that we do not understand things as we should. And He knows how easily we go astray in sin and we do the things for our own glory and for our own desire, instead of doing what ^{will} ~~we~~ really bring us joy and happiness that we receive when we follow the Lord. He knows all these things, and he has given us a communication, a book that tells it. And the simplest person, the simplest child reading a little geography book telling him a few fundamental facts about Europe would know more about ~~them~~ it than ^{will} been there or had never the greatest minds in the world if they had never/talked with anybody who had never ~~t~~-- been there, or they had never read a book written by someone that had ever been ~~th~~-- to Europe. *If we want to know about eternal things* [^] We are ~~not~~ not competent to judge this book and to say what is true and what is not. But God has given us a book that is free~~f~~ from error.