

can build some kind of airplane that is able to get to the other side and then look at it from over there. It is a fact that is inaccessible to us.

There are two sorts of people today in relation to these facts that we may call rationalists and irrationalists. Both of these positions are wrong because they are those who either put all the stains in cold water or those who put all the stains in hot water. The rationalists are the people who say we know through observation; we see these things and therefore everything that is worth knowing, we can figure out by our own observation. That is the rationalists. It is taking what applies to the facts that are accessible to us and applying it to the facts that are inaccessible to us. Now some will say that we can see these facts, but nobody will say we see this side of the moon; therefore we can tell what the other side is. I have never yet heard anybody suggest that, but they do in far more important matters. They say we can tell the materials in miracles. (A materialist is a form of rationalist.) We see these laws at work in nature and therefore these laws act everywhere in every sort of thing: everything is subject to the same type of laws that we observe here. There is nothing except matter because that is all that we can see. Everything falls into this category. That is one type of rationalist, a materialist. Another type of rationalist is what is called an agnostic, who says we can see certain facts but we do not know anything about what is beyond these facts, and we cannot know anything about them. This is just another type of rationalist. This limits your knowledge to what you can think out or it posits that you can not know anything but what you can figure out.

The other error, the irrationalist, takes the opposite approach and I have met several of them lately who have been very, very strong irrationalists. They see that you cannot figure out these great vital principles of life; they are beyond your reach. You cannot know how the earth came to be. You cannot know what the future of this earth is going to be. You cannot know what happens to the soul after death. You cannot know whether God is in three persons or in one person. You cannot know the things that are vital for your life, and therefore they say you cannot know anything. You cannot be sure of anything, therefore they say you have to adopt a philosophy or assume a viewpoint or presuppose something. You assume a starting point and go on. To me it is like the old story of the ostrich who sticks his head into the sand and says there is no danger coming.

To illustrate, pretend, life is this way. My little boy comes running into the room and says, "I am a wicked wolf." Well, that doesn't make him a wicked wolf. It is a good game, but there are too many of us who say that we can establish our Christian faith by imagining something and therefore it must be true, and there are a great many types of religious philosophies around today which amount substantially to this. If we can imagine something, then we know it is true, and then everything in life will be the way it is imagined. There is a certain influential organization in the