

from God soon finds nothing but despair and misery. Our world is full today of those who have a philosophy that ends in despair. I talked to ~~the~~ a man one time who was a professor of history in one of our great universities, who denied the Scriptural truth. <sup>but</sup> I said to him, What is there then in life? What is worthwhile? <sup>He</sup> His answer was, All we can do is to build on a foundation of unyielding despair. To the Christian who knows that God made him for God's -- that God made him only is clearly brought out in

the Scripture. Not only has God made this wonderful universe with its many marvellous features working together in a way of which man is only gradually discovering more and more of the wonders of it, but God has created in this universe spirits who are able to reason, to make decisions, able to think

Man can grovel in the dust, but man is made for the stars. Man is important in God's sight. This leads us to the third point I wish to stress today. ~~A point that has great importance for us all but one that most of us fail to understand perfectly.~~

God has a perfect plan, a plan that has all the intricacies of all the universe He has made, and the marvellous way in which all things work together point to the one who made them. [Get Addison's poem on w---- how the world points to its creator --- Addison's poem] God has made a machine far surpassing what any human being has ever dreamed of as yet. Yet into this machine God has inserted something that is very different. The Lord could easily have made a world that would be programmed, or conditioned so that everything would carry on like clockwork. All would constantly sing His praises and glorify Him. No one would ever perform any act that is contrary to His will. Every detail would be worked out like a most intricate machine that humanity has ever devised with this one difference - that it would not break down ~~at~~ as all human machines do from time to time. But God chose to do something entirely different. He did not make robots as He so easily could