

If we did not believe this it would be foolish for us to try anything anything.

We would simply think of ourselves as automatons, going through the motions that were the result of our nature, or of the effects produced by our environment. There would be no difference whatever between human beings

and animals. There is something A human being is indeed an animal

in many ways. We have great similarities in the structure of our bodies

with (?) and those of many animals; we have strong cravings for food, for water,

for the fulfillment of the natural impulses of our bodies. In these

and many other ways we are very similar to the animals. Yet we know

that we are different. This body is actually only a garment or a tool.

It is a very important tool. Without it we could not affect the world of

physical objects. Through it we are greatly affected by the world of

physical objects. Yet we believe that we exist apart from this garment

or this tool. We believe that each of us is a spirit created by God for

His own purposes, and that He has a purpose and desire in the particular

hereditary situation into which we were born, and also in the particular

environment which was around us from the time of our birth and on to through

our lives. We believe that everything that happens is directly under God's

control and that God has a very definite purpose for it in relation to us.