

from the nearest star.

One time I was crossing the ocean and I was asked to preach on Sunday morning. It's always interesting to preach, or at least it used to be in the days of steamships, it was always interesting to preach on Sunday morning because you never knew who were in your audience. I think if I had known that day who would be in my audience, I would have spoken a little differently than I did. In the course of my talk, I said that light comes in 8 minutes from the sun and that there are stars so far away that it takes 100 years for light to come from them.

After I had finished a man spoke to me and said there were eight members of the Washington Naval Observatory ~~here~~ in the audience today. He said, You could have made your illustration even bigger. He said there are stars it takes 1000 years for light to come from them." I was glad I had made my illustration smaller rather than larger than the facts. If I had made it a little larger I can imagine a skeptical man saying, Oh, he said 100 years, and it only takes 8 years. But when ~~he~~ he's saying, Well at least 1000, it simply passes all imagination to think of the tremendous size of this universe God has made. Yet God has not made simply a great blocked universe. It's not simply a matter of size.

When I was in college, I took a course in botany. In the book it said that every leaf has little ~~apertures~~ in it to let water and air in and out. These stomata, these little ~~apertures~~ in the leaf, are so small that they cannot be seen without a microscope. Somebody asked once, How can a molecule of water or air get through such a tiny ~~aperture~~. The answer given was that the stomata, that one of them would appear just as big to a