

But we ought to at least say something about the two million people that are have been slaughtered recently in Cambodia; about the millions of people who have suffered in tremendous bondage elsewhere in the world. You look at the forces of nature, and you look at the relation of animals to animals and of man to man. How could a good God create such a work?

So we need to know more than we can know from nature, and there is only one way we can find out. Our human speculation gets us nowhere. It's easy to imagine all sorts of things, but that does not mean they are true. There is only one way to learn about the character of God. That is to read the revelation God has given us. How wonderful that God is in the beginning of this book, that God has directed it from beginning to end. That we can depend upon it. You read almost any other book from ancient times. You read the writings even of the early Christian fathers and you will find in them illustrations that are perfectly ludicrous in the light of what we know of science today. You will find statements that are demonstrably false.

But here is a book written in a period over far more than 1000 years, a book written by 50 different authors, a book written in 3 different languages. Yet in this book we find a beauty, we find a unified presentation of the ~~of the~~ God of the universe. We find its ~~st~~ statements standing up for every test that can be given them so well that next week a large group of people from many parts of the world are gathering in Chicago to declare their belief in the inerrancy of this book. It is not merely a good spiritual help. Not merely when it talks about religious matters we can trust it, but in everything that it affirms ~~wax~~ it can be depended upon as true. There is nothing else in literature that is comparable to it. God in the beginning of this marvellous book!