

Nearly 100 yrs. ago there was a doctor in Vienna who made a tremendous discovery, a discovery that is the central thing in modern psychiatry. After making this great discovery, Freud went on to build a lot of theories on it, some of which I think are very harmful, but his initial discovery was a tremendous discovery. That there is a subconsciousness, and we can push our irritations, frustrations, etc. into our subconsciousness where we forget about them, and they can induce us physically.

I've heard doctors say that 9/10th of the physical troubles people have are psychosomatic, they are due to something in their consciousness, in their attitudes. Well, we didn't have to wait for Freud to discover that. It's right here in Romans already. How wonderful we can have the Holy Spirit for our psychoanalyst. We can have the Holy Spirit to investigate your heart and see the things that are irritating you that you haven't even expressed to yourself but if you keep them bottled up there can do you tremendous injury. The Holy Spirit can bring those things to your attention and you can lay them at the foot of the cross and get rid of them. How much better those of us are who do come to the Holy Spirit to investigate our hearts, to search our hearts and to intercede for us instead of letting things pile up to the point where we have physical or mental difficulties from them, and have to get a trained person to search them out and find what they are. Here it is in the book of Romans already, a lesson from the Greek dativ there. A lesson which unfortunately a great many have missed but which I believe is very clearly there.

I struck something a few years ago that surprised me greatly. We have a number of cases where the prophets speak of how God stretched out the heavens. We have it in Isa. 45:12, in Jer 10:12 and in Jer. 51:15 the statement that God made the earth by his own power and he stretched out the heavens by his understanding. Now that is the Hebrew perfect, and it is very easy for us to understand that as a description of creation--how God stretched out the heavens.

But it is very interesting that there are about 10 other cases where the participle is used. Where God says that He is the one who stretches out the heavens. This phrase is used in participle--that He is now stretching out the heavens. Now I do not believe that that use of the participle would in itself alone be enough for us to make a strong statement about astronomy or about the universe. But it is most interesting that early in this century the discovery was made that the the distant galaxies have a red shift which is accepted by astronomers as meaning that they are moving away from us, and that the further away they are the faster they are moving. That it's like a little toy balloon that has a picture on the outside of it, and you blow it up and everything on the outside of the balloon gets further and further apart, and that the whole universe is moving farther and farther away from every other part rapidly.