

reference in the paper to "the ~~the~~ biblical doctrine of the sanctity of human life."

I never heard of any such biblical doctrine and do not believe there is any. Someone may try to make an inference from the Scripture that there is such a thing, but I do not believe it. Personally I think of the body as a very wonderful instrument that God has lends to a person for a shorter or longer period of time, as His means of contact with- the world and His means of learning about the outside world and of influencing it. It is a wonderful thing but no one of us has it permanently. The idea that a great service to God is rendered by keeping a human body breathing as long as possible impresses me as materialistic and extremely unfortunate. The body is given us for only a certai length of time. God knows how long that is to be in each case. All must come to an end and in most cases, humanly speaking, it does not seem to me to make a great deal of difference whether it is sooner or later.

I think of a caterpillar confined to crawl about the earth and eat what i can it can reach in this fashion. Then I can imagine the caterpillar breaking its way out of the chrysalis ([do they eat while in the chrysalis?]) and flying out into the higher air in the form of a butterfly. How terrible to bring the life the existence of the caterpillar to an end! How terrible to break out of the chrusalis and fly away! That to me is exactly the attitude that is taken by those who insist that it is so very important to keep a body breathing as long as possible.

There are two principles in all of life it seems to me. One is the principle of law, of cause and effect. We are affected by our environment and by our heredity, our actions, and often/~~it~~ can be predicted with accuracy definiteness by those who know of our ~~hazk~~ background. A doctor was very upset about this. He was a representative of the Christian Medical Society, but he talked to me at Campus-in-the-Woods at length and told of his prblems. He said that God we believe that God controls all things, and yet, he said, whether He gives the right treatment to a patient determines whether the person lives or dies. There is As far as he could see from a medical viewpoint it was all cause and effect. I believe we must recognize that a great deal of our life ~~is~~ is the result of cause and effect. Yet each one of us feels that there