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in the Scripture He intervenes in order to do something contrary to nature. Now that is no part of our Christian creed, to say: "I believe that at every possible point in the Scriptures God intervenes in a way that is beyond nature. We believe that what the Bible tells us is true but whether God used providential working of forces He had established in the beginning or whether He intervened in a supernatural way in any particular case is a matter for study of that particular case and decision in the light of the evidence we have there. The same thing is true about the authorship of the books. The book of Hebrews does not say who wrote it. So far as I know we have no evidence that is convincing as to who wrote the book of Hebrews and I do not believe that it has ever been a point of doctrine in the Christian church to believe either that Paul wrote it or some other individual wrote it. We don't know who wrote it but we know that it is a part of the inspired Word of God. we know that it is one of those books which God intended to be accepted by His Church as absolutely true and free from error. Well now regarding the book of Isaiah we have noticed that in the first thirty-nine chapters we have repeated statements that Isaiah wrote or Isaiah received these words from the Lord or Isaiah performed a certain act.

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Isaiah is very prominent in the first thirty-nine chapters of the book. He is mentioned in the first verse and he is prominent in Chapter 39. Then, from Chapter 40 on we have no further mention of Isaiah. Now did Isaiah write these chapters or did he not write them? There is no statement in the book about it. Were these chapters added as another roll, another book added at the end of this one? They didn't use titles in those days. We know that the Hebrews had the custom of naming most of the Bible simply after the first word of the book.

They would take the first word and give that as a name. Our modern habit of titles is a comparative recent thing. Nowadays somebody will write a book and they will call it or Prophecy or Materialism or something like that, anything for a handle to put on it. The habit has gotten so bad that way that when I was a valedictorian of my college class