

facts, these evident facts which are to vital.

The most important of these facts, of course, is the fact of God. God is a fact. We can ignore Him; we can look the other way; we can try to pretend He does not exist, but He is a fact just the same. You can go out of here with a mask over your face, you can put blinders on your eyes, you can try to pretend there is not a sun, but the sun is there just the same. If you look in that direction you cannot help seeing it, and if you look about and see the difference between day and night you cannot help recognizing the fact.

It is the same way with God. The goodness of God we do not know apart from revelation. The severity of God we do not know apart from revelation. The judgment of God and the character of God require revelation, but the power of God and the wisdom of God, the existence of God are very plain, and I think that it is a good thing that we learn to see the evidences of it and thus we can show other people as well.

I mentioned that if you see a house you see the various things in the house, and you immediately know that some person, some mind built the house. It is exactly the same way with the universe. Dr. Gaebelien is very fond of walking in the mountains, to climb up great high peaks. I would like to climb the high peaks but I do more of the walking in the lower areas. If you have gone into mountain areas you know there are sections where it is hilly and rocky, and sometimes there are very few trees. Let's say you are there and you want to get over to a particular place where others have gone before you as you try to figure out the best way to go and then you see three stones, one on top of the other. You might be inclined to say that it is an accident that the stones are placed that way, but the number three is not very likely. After you see these three stones piled on top of one another, you then look a few feet farther and see three more stones piled on top of each other. Then, in the same distance ahead of that, a little to the right, you see another pile of stones. Thus you find a series of piles of stones like this which you can follow very conveniently all the way over to the place to which you want to go. Well, nobody on earth could convince you that when you find such a thing it was an accident, that they just happened to fall out of the mountainside and land that way on each other in a neat sequence in just the way you needed to get to your destination. It is perfectly evident that someone else has gone that way before and had set up these piles of stones in order to show himself how to come back and how to go the next time. It is a very common thing in the mountains, a series of stones like this to indicate a trail. Whenever someone sees it he knows that someone else has gone through there before. Once I was a beautiful, tall mountain which appeared difficult to climb, but not too difficult for my ability, and so I thought I would like to climb it and see the mountains in the distance. I thought that I might be the first person who has ever climbed that mountain, and, as you know, a climber is always proud to be the first person to climb a certain mountain, and so I began rather laboriously to make