

could very well spend a whole period on. To me there is nothing that is of much greater importance than the matter of Christian understanding ⁱⁿ of and Christian progress than a correct understanding of this question -- the level of belief. I feel that failure to understand it properly has led perhaps to more harm, more mistakes in the Christian world than anything else I can think of. Failure to understand the importance of levels of belief. How do we know anything? How do we know the world was not created yesterday? Certainly as far as anyone of us can prove it might have been created yesterday. There is no way to posit any time to imagine any time the world came into existence when there was not considerable complexity already in it. We are all born with a very complex mechanism in our brains. How do you know this world was not created yesterday and all the memories you have are not simply formations in your brain that were with them when you were created yesterday. I would say no man knows that the world was not created yesterday or can prove it except for belief in the Bible. We believe the Bible is God's Word. What God says in it is true. God tells us of events that happened long before this. God says that he created the world, at the very least 6000 years ago. So that is the only basis, I believe, on which we can know that the world was not created yesterday. We use these words in various ways. The word know properly should be used of that for which we are absolutely sure. There is no way we can be absolutely sure of anything except as God has revealed it to us, because any of us can be mistaken in our observations in our thoughts, or in our ideas. We know what God has told us. I know on whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. We know what God has revealed in His Word. Everything that He tells us is partial knowledge, everything else is uncertain knowledge, everything else is subject to great change as we get more facts. We sometimes laugh at the people in the middle ages who would state that something falls because everything falls down naturally. And therefore the earth cannot be round because if it was round when you got