

of the birds and the fishes and the animals, and different things like that are mentioned as evidently having been included in the scope of the wisdom of Solomon. A remarkable knowledge of natural things and a knowledge of how to administer the kingdom in the best way. That seems to have been included in the wisdom of Solomon. But wisdom alone does not secure righteousness. Wisdom has to be directed by righteousness. As long as the wisdom of Solomon was directed for the purpose of securing the best for all the people and of administering in such a way as to win the favor and approbation of God, it was fairly good, but if this wisdom should be turned to purely selfish purposes, it would naturally become a harmful thing. Education alone will never solve the ills of the world. It is like sharpening a knife. The question is, who uses the knife? Whether it is a good thing or a bad thing depends on the moral purpose back of it. The wisdom is not ¹¹⁻³ moral. It is something which can be used for either good or for bad. However, the Bible does represent Solomon as having been given a most remarkable amount of wisdom, far surpassing any of his contemporaries. And we read in the New Testament where our Lord makes the statement to the people there that the Queen of Sheba, queen of the south, came to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold a greater than Solomon is here." He used the wisdom of Solomon as an illustration of something far excelling other people of the time. Something that was worth a long trip by this great queen in order to see and admire his wisdom, and use ~~it~~ as a comparison to show his own far excelling supremacy over that of Solomon.

Now number 5. Archeological light on Solomon.

(Question) Yes, the book, "The Wisdom of Solomon", in the Apocrypha is a book which was written long after the time of Solomon, but which uses the name of Solomon simply as ~~somebody~~ somebody imagining what Solomon might perhaps have written. It ~~is~~ has always been understood to be not actually a book by Solomon. It is a book by a pious Jew who is considering the life of the nation