

The Lord faced a great problem/dealing with this field, because He was speaking to the people whose experience and knowledge was limited. He ~~would~~ could have ~~it would have~~ taken a year to teach them a great deal of the ^{important} matters outside the area in which they were immediately concerned. This was not necessary, nor was it a part of the ~~purpose~~ purpose, yet when ~~the additional~~ the word is given in such a way that when such additional information has been learned, and man's knowledge has been extended, it would then be ~~found~~ found that nothing in the new gains of knowledge ~~would~~ would be contrary to what was contained in the Bible.

One day in 1929, a professor from Yenching University in Peking China, and I stood together on the steps of a Scotch hospital at Nazareth in Palestine. Across the street was a French hospital. I asked a question of an Arab boy, who had some knowledge of English. After replying, the boy said to me: "Your friend is neither Scotch nor French, is he?" I said: "No, he is neither a Scotchman nor a Frenchman. Where do you think he comes from?" "Oh," he said, "he comes from India." This impressed me as rather ludicrous, since a man from India and a man from China impress me as much more different from each other than either of them is from a Scotchman or a Frenchman. I said: "No, he is not from India. He is from China." "Oh," he answered, "I included that." Evidently he thought of the whole area to the east of him under the general head of India. I could have taken a few minutes to try to explain to him the great subcontinent of India, and the large area of China, and how remote they are from one another, how different their peoples are, and how dissimilar their history is, but I saw no need to do so.

God could have chosen to tell the people in the garden of Eden about the existence of the American continent; and the differences between the North, South and Central America. It was no part of His purpose. However, he did not say anything that is contradictory to these facts