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no such thing as evil, there is no such thing as sin or death. Simply pay no attention to them, disregard them, they don't exist. God made this world good and it is a good world and if you just forget these things you'll find that they will not trouble you at all. Mark Twain wrote an essay on his idea of the claims of so-called/scientists. I have a set of Mark Twain's works and for some reason that particular article of his has been omitted, from the set which I have, but I have read it elsewhere and with that irony of which he was a master, he told the story of the person who fell and had so many bones broken, and then the practitioner said, "There's

you have no broken bones, that's just imagination, that's just mortal error." Well, most of us don't find it satisfactory to look at things that way. We have to recognize the fact that there is evil in this world, that there is suffering, that there is misery and it doesn't fit with the kind of a world that we would expect a righteous a righteous God, a kind God, a good God to make. God made the world good but the world today is not good. There is much in it that is terrific, there is much in it that is very, very bad. I was interested out in the grand canyon to hear the talks of the rangers there and to hear them tell about the nature of the canyon and one of the things I enjoyed hearing them give because it is so different from what you expect to hear, is their account of what they call the balance of nature. They say that when we human beings run a road across the canyon or interfere with nature, we upset the balance and we do only harm. They say nature has struck a balance, and after they've told you what the many thousands of years, perhaps millions of years, different parts of the canyon took to come into existence, and how many thousands of years these different sections took, then it sounds very idyllic and beautiful to hear them telling about this balance of nature with which we must not interfere, and yet when you find out what this balance of nature is which they describe, you find that it is a situation in which one type of creature is destroying another type of creature, and that type is destroying still another type and there's a balance among them and it sounds