

omnipotent. Why cannot he utter his groanings? The answer is that these are not the groanings of the Spirit at all. They are our groanings. In this case the word "with" is not the best possible translation. The dative here is just like the dative for the word "infirmities" i.e. a dative of specification. The Spirit helps in relation to our infirmities. The Spirit makes intercession for us in relation to the groanings which cannot be uttered. There are things in our hearts, groanings, which we cannot utter. There are problems, difficulties, frustrations we cannot express. But the Spirit makes intercession in relation to these various groanings. The Spirit then can look into our hearts and see things there we cannot know or understand. This thought is carried further in v. 27--"And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit because he makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

Here then, we have the Spirit searching in our hearts, and making intercession in relation to the groanings which we cannot utter. What does all this mean. It means the Bible has already a suggestion of a tremendous truth about humanity, a truth which modern science only discovered in the last three-quarters of the century. About 70 years ago Sigmund Freud in Vienna began a new line of investigation. It is true that Freud eventually went off on certain tangents which are generally regarded as harmful. His name has become a by-word for giving an over-emphasis to certain phases of life. While this attitude consumed a greater part of Freud's later activities, this is quite aside from the primary original discovery that Freud made. This discovery was the foundation ~~of his later views~~ not only of his ^{later views} but of all present-day psychology and psychiatry.