

insoluble problem. He does a certain thing and a certain result happens. Yet the Lord controls things, and the Lord does all things in accordance with His will. How do you fit these together? It was a very difficult problem to him; it was one which made it very difficult for him to hold to his faith. I think it is a matter we have to take on faith. There are these two aspects to life . They are both there. They are both true. We believe that what we do makes a difference. We definitely believe that. And yet we believe that a great deal is the result of causes, simply of mechanical facts. God has given us the ability to affect certain things in our lives. Medical science has made tremendous advances, and it is able to enable many people to live far longer than they would have otherwise. Many people carry on/in ways they could not have some time ago. There is no question of this. There are many children who have come into the world that would not have come in 100 years ago because medical science has found ways of overcoming difficulties that would prevent their being born alive. There is no question of this. And yet there is no question that when we believe in the Bible, that God controls all things and works all things together according to His will, and causes all things to work together for good to them that love the Lord.

Just how to fit these two things together we just can't understand in this life. Many mysteries of life we attempt to explain by giving them a title, making a name for it. But the name on it does not mean knowing more about it than we did before. It simply means we recognize that the thing exists. Just where the line is between these two, how they fit we certainly cannot say. But that both are true, both are very real, both are very important in life is certainly a fact. The --- Somebody is body with a tendency toward alcoholism, he has I have known people who have said, I don't dare take alcohol because I know I would become an alcoholic if I have that inheritance from my ancestors in my system so I just don't touch it. Other people can drink a little and it seems to have no effect upon them.