

was in Rome and went to see the Pope. As he talked to the Pope he mentioned to him, he said, You remember that day when we saw Hitler and you said, Ah, he'll never amount to much; he'll never accomplish anything." But look what he's done now! And the Pope said, Yes, but, I was not yet infallible at that time. (Laughter) A very good answer in the situation.

Just a few years after this happened in Munich, I took a boat from Egypt across to Greece, and there in Greece after a day in Athens I took a sleeper and got off the next morning at Salonike the site of the old Thessalonica. There in the distance in the clouds I could see the top of Mt. Olympus and being a great lover of mountain climbing I wished my train was not leaving in a hour because I would like to have climbed to the top of Mt. Olympus. If I had I wonder if I would have seen the Greek gods up there drinking and eating their ambrosia and having all the discussions the authors tell us the Greek gods had!

I did not have that experience then, but last night I imagined I had a dream and that in that dream I did climb Mt. Olympus and there on the top of Mt. Olympus I saw the gods sitting there. There were Baal, and Molech. There was Ashteroth. There was Asshur and Marduk and Nebu the gods of Babylon. There were Isys and Osirus, the gods of Egypt. And there was a ~~table~~ lower table over here at which Nobel prize winners were allowed to sit, and I noticed particularly two of them. I noticed Max Plank and Werner Carø Isenberg developers of the theory of indeterminacy as regards small particles of matter. Others there I did not recognize. But as I watched these people, and they of course would not deign to pay attention to me, but I saw them standing there and I heard a voice from heaven and this voice from heaven gave a challenge in the words I read to you a few minutes ago. It did not give the whole passage, but it said to them: "Present your case; bring forward your strong arguments. Let them bring forth and declare to us what is going to take place. Declare the things that are going to come afterward that we may know you are gods. Behold! you are of no account, and your work amounts to nothing."

I said, Did you hear that challenge? Can you answer that challenge? Immediately Jupiter, the god from Greece; said Yes. He said, Apollo had an oracle at Delphi and he said, you will remember that Cressos, the king of Lydia, that great great realm in Lydia where he reigned -- Croessus has become synonymous with great wealth -- once found that Cyrus the king of Persia had led his army across the southern end of the Caspian Sea and come across into Asia Minor, and entered Asia Minor and come right to the river Hallus, the border of my territory. And Cyrus -- And Coessus had ~~said~~ said to his people, What shall we do? Shall we march out and attack Cyrus? Or shall we stay here and defend the river and keep him from crossing? if we can? And they said, Of course you want to send to the Delphic oracle. Send a messenger to the oracle in Delphi and he will tell you what to do." And the priest of Apollo gave the answer: "If you cross the river Hallus, a great empire will be destroyed." Well, he led his troops across the river Hallus. He attack Cyrus. He was completely defeated, taken captive and eventually burned to death. It was proven that the Delphic oracle was right, because a great empire of Crese was destroyed, however, if it had come out the other way the Delphic oracle would have been equally right.

Well, I said, Apollo, I don't think you've proved your case!