

You made a statement that could be true either way. What about ~~the~~ the gods of Rome? Well, up spoke Jupiter. He said, Yes, I gave ~~him~~ <sup>them</sup> the Sybillene books, and they could look at these books and tell what the future was. He said, One time there was aruler in Rome named Maxentius, and he had not yet been crowned emperor but he was demanding he be crowned emperor, and the people said, Establish your power and we will crown you as emperor. Then he heard that Constantine, a general of the Roman army ~~had~~ had been at York in Britain. When his troops heard of the death of the previous emperor, they had crowned him and said, He's emperor, but that was just a group of the army that crowned him commander.

However, Constantine led his army over into Europe and crossed the Alps and came down and they were almost to Rome. Maxentius said to the keepers of the Sybillene books, What shall I do? Shall I stay behind the great walls of Rome? Shall I here be safe? But he said, If Constantine takes over the whole country outside what good will that do? He said, Should I march out and attack him? The keepers of the Sybillene books said, We have here all the record of the future. We will spend a day investigating and tell you what will happen. He came back the next day, and they said, Maxentius, You march out and attack the army of Constantine, and the enemy of Rome will perish. Maxentius marched out. He attacked Constantine, He was completely defeated. He drowned in the river himself. Constantine was proved to be the true emperor, and the enemy of Rome perished.

Well, I said, I don't think you've answered the challenge! What about Buddah. He never told us what's going to happen in the future. What about Confucius? Oh, Confucius said, I'm interested in how to live a life in this world. I don't try to tell you anything about the future. What about Allah? Well there was the god of Mohammedans. Well, he said, I told Mohammed about the great judgment and how they are going to stretch a rope across in Jerusalem, and those who are Mohammedans will have the power to walk the tight rope and they will get there safely, and the rest will fall off." Well, I said, That's a prediction you've made. But we can't prove it is true. What other predictions have you made? Well, he said, I did not give Mohammed any predictions. That's the only one I gave him." Well, I said, You haven't answered the challenge!

Then up spoke Max Plank and Werner Carl <sup>Heisenberg</sup>. They said, You can't predict the future. They said, The future is uncertain; nobody can know what's going to happen. Why, said they, in 1621 when the Pilgrim Fathers came to the U.S. it took them 9 weeks to cross the ocean. They said even 175 years ago it would have taken them over a month to cross the ocean. They said, 175 years ago -- and we've been talking about thousands of years -- and they said 175 years ago noone had yet crossed the U.S. from the Atlantic to the Pacific; nobody had crossed this continent north of Mexico. And they said, At that time President Jefferson asked Lewis and Clark to try to cross to the Pacific and they went to St. Louis and spent the night there, and then they spent the whole summer following up the Missouri and they had a winter of terrible suffering in Montana in the cold and misery, and then they crossed the Rockies and they finally came to the Pacific after two summers of about 8 months each of hard travel. Having learned something of the country they made the way back in ~~about~~ one long summer of about 9 months as far as St. Louis. What would those men have said if they knew that today someone could have breakfast in London and have lunch in New York and have supper in San Francisco?