

often be a pretty good representation of aph. But the NIV, which has just appeared, is I think nearer. It has "did God really ~~xy~~ say?" you must not eat from any tree of the Garden? "Did God really say?" That's not quite so literal as the KJV--"yea hath God said"-- but the yea can make ~~xxx~~ ^{us not} quite get that idea too.

You notice there is almost a little bit of a sneer in it. There is a question, "Well now did he really say this?" "Did God really speak?" That is one of the great questions in the world today--"Has God really spoken?" We see God's power, God's majesty, God's tremendous skill. That is perfectly evident in nature. And there are not many people who will call themselves athiests. There are a few organizations that are very active in trying to promote ath~~is~~ism, but they don't attract any great following. Because the fact of the great, powerful Creator is so evident in nature, so evident in the universe that unless a man has been brain washed by clever philosophical arguments, he is pretty apt to have in his mind a real conviction that there is a great God. But this, of course goes beyond that. Has God really spoken? That is the vital question. Do we know something about God's character? Do we know something about His purpose? What is life all about? If we are to know, we must get a revelation from God. God must speak. And so the certain statement touches on a very vital question today, Has God really spoken?

But it goes beyond that. It goes beyond that: Is this really exactly what He said? Can we trust what is said to be God's Word? When I was in college, I attended a college which a few years before I went there was one of the finest Christian colleges in the country. The President of the college, in my senior year, was at a meeting of Christian people and he remarked: From Occidental College there is a larger proportion of its graduates in the ministry