

perception. It is a marvel beyond any of the wonderful things that man has succeeded in making.

The human eye is thus like so many parts of the human body, a most intricate and wonderful mechanism for the glory of God.

This material universe is characterized by a series of causes and effects. If we look at the material universe, every effect seems to have a cause and we trace it back. It is very easy to reach the point where we imagine that every effect is caused by something that is itself an effect, and consequently there is just a material mechanism that proceeds as it began and there is no possibility of any change any alteration in it. This idea has intrigued many scientists, many scholars and it is an idea that leads to despair. If there's nothing we can do, if everything is cause and effect, our thinking is only the result of our genes or our circumstances in which we have been produced. I know of men who have been greatly disturbed by this-- how to relate the Christian faith to the cause and effect nature of the universe.

I was at the University of Chicago one time at the meeting of a linguistic club and they had a professor from the University of Wisconsin who was a ^{extreme} behaviourist who took this aspect and carried it out to its absurdity. He said, he was speaking to the linguistic society in order to try to show them that we should not try to use such words as thought, as concept, as ideas--these do not exist! Nothing but material things! There's no such thing as God or concept. He gave a very eloquent presentation. When he finished I asked him, Why are you saying this? If what we do is just the result of causes and effects, what is the purpose of your talk? Are you trying to get an idea ^{to us} that there isn't any such thing as an idea? No, he said, Of course not. I'm not trying to get an idea. I'm simply trying to produce the same sort of behaviour in you as there is in me, to lead you to reproduce the same sounds. Which of course reduces it to nonsense! Logically you can show that there is nothing, but cause and effect. Logically you can show it but no man actually believes it. If this man had actually believed it he would not have bothered to try to convince us that our ideas were wrong! Yet how much of the attitudes of today are affected by that sort of thing. A man commits a crime and they say, O you shouldn't blame him, it's the way his parents treated him when he was a little boy. It's the result of his genes. A man in ~~Yew~~ New York murders nine women and tries to kill