

In studying the nature and purposes of God one must always recognize the possibility of concepts or principles that we do not have sufficient data to discover. Ignorance of these concepts can make it necessary for us to accept facts that seem to us sharply to contradict one another. A good example is the doctrine of the Trinity. It is clearly taught in both testaments of the Bible that there is only one God. It is also clearly taught that there are three persons in the Godhead. To the human mind these facts seem quite incompatible. Every theory that has attempted to explain them has been found to be heretical. Orthodox Christians simply accept the two facts as true. It is altogether possible that there is a simple concept, completely unknown to us, that would make it easy for us to see how these two facts fit together.

The statements in the Bible about angels, though few in number, clearly point to the existence of innumerable data that are not accessible to human consideration. Further evidence of the incompleteness of our knowledge is suggested by the last verse in John's gospel, which says: "And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written" (Jn.21:25).

#### D. Limitations from the nature of language

If God had chosen to do so He might have invented a new language specifically intended for the revelation of facts about the supernatural and have provided a dictionary precisely explaining the meaning of each word used. Instead He chose to reveal His will to people using languages that are constantly changing.