

this cabin came into existence by -- without some intelligent Being making it. But how much more of a fool are you if you think this tremendous universe with all its variety will its tremendous complexity and with everything working together so wonderfully to produce the marvels of it, that it came into existence by accident.

We don't have to presuppose God. We don't have to imagine God! We don't have to hang our heads in shame when someone looks at us and speaks of us as people who believe in God. Ordinary intelligence is enough to convince anyone that there is a great Creator with intelligence who made this world. We should recognize this intelligence and say as these did in ch. 4, You are worthy our God to receive glory and honor and power for you created all things ~~by~~ and by your will they were created and have their being.

We might stop there and say, Isn't that wonderful we recognize God, and his power and greatness. But ch. 4 is immediately followed by ch. 5. Ch. 5 doesn't show us people saying, Isn't this wonderful and how happy we are. It shows us people who are distressed. When you look at this wonderful world God has made you cannot help being distressed. because God has made a wonderful world but it is a world in which there is violence. There is sin. There is destruction. There is misery. There is ~~unhappiness~~ unhappiness in this world, and it is widespread. You look at the world and cannot help seeing there is something wrong with it.

What is the answer to the mystery of life? I talked with a young man who had become a prominent professor in one of our universities. He had come from a great fine Christian family, and he had gradually lost his faith as he came under the influence of those who deny the existence of God. He was a very fine chap and had a fine ~~background~~ background of Christian character. But he had absolutely no faith. I said, What is your ~~philosophy~~ philosophy; what is the meaning of life? What does it amount to? He said, All we can do is to rest on a foundation of unyielding despair! When you look at the world apart from God that is all you can do.

You have a little fleshly pleasure. You eat and enjoy it. So long as you don't eat too much and injure yourself. You enjoy the good things God has given, but you enjoy them for a season and then you lose the power to get any further enjoyment out of them. You find other people who should be joying and rejoicing in them who are sad and miserable often for no sensible reason at all. They tell us that a tremendous portion of the beds in American hospitals ~~today~~ today are taken by people who are having mental trouble and the reason for that in the great bulk of cases is because we are looking at ourselves and not feeling happy or satisfied because we're just looking for satisfaction instead of looking to the God who created us and trying to find what His will is.

So we have something wrong with the world. Nature tells us