

than we do. (?) a queer problem. T What is the answer to it anyway? What is the solution? John saw that there was no one in heaven, or on the earth, or below the earth who was able to open the book or to look into it. And he wept much. Then one of the elders said to him, "Weep not: behold, the Lion of the ~~xxx~~ ^{prevalled} tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath ~~xxx~~ ^{prevalled} to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof." How wonderful! Here is the one who can solve the problem. Here is the great Lion, the descendant of David, the conquering Hero, the One who has the power and majesty and intelligence to take a hold of the problem and to solve it. But look at the contrast with the next verse. He looks for the Lion of the tribe of Judah. He looks to see this great sion of David and he says, "And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, ~~xxx~~ stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes He looks for a great lion and see a Lamb as it had been slain. And then the Lamb ~~xxx~~ comes and takes the book out of ~~xxx~~ "And the right hand of him that sits on the throne, ~~xxx~~ when he had taken the book, ~~the~~ the four beasts and ~~the~~ four and ~~xxxxxx~~ twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and has redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation." The creative activity of God, His majesty, His supremacy, / is a tremendous fact, one we must never forget, one that is absolutely essential to understanding our universe/.~~xxx~~ But it /is not enough. There is something more that is vital. The is the sin that wrecks the wonderful /~~the~~ universe that God has made. There is the sin in each one of us that leads us to neglect the things we ought to do and to do the things we shouldn't do. We look at others and we find see it in them. We look at the very best of men, and we find them moved by selfish considerations, Ø often they themselves deceived by the deceitfulness of the human heart. Who can open the