

Every human being, when he attempts to judge historical processes, is in a situation similar to what mine would be in watching the production of a plane. The human engineers who make the planes can make mistakes, but God, who has planned all that happens in this world, is omniscient and omnipotent. He can accomplish what He chooses. However, he desires not to have robots but intelligent beings, loving Him because they so desire rather than because they are forced to do so. Therefore He permitted the entrance of sin into His world, but provided the means by which many will be saved from its ultimate consequences. For this purpose He has provided the means of salvation, which may be compared to the airplane. He has planned it and He oversees each portion of the work. The individuals concerned in these portions are not familiar with the other details of the work, and I as an observer can make no valid judgment about the quality of the processes being used. The work of a human engineer may be successful or may fail. God in planning His means of redemption, and in planning the Word of God as a guide for His people, has made a plan which cannot fail, even though we do not see how the process works out. Human experts can look at the two planes and can make a judgment as to which is good and which is not, where I personally would not be competent to do so. Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the omniscient Second Person of the Trinity. He does not choose to explain to us the processes that would go into making a good plane, though He knows all about them; nor has he chosen to explain to us the providential occurrences that God used in forming the canon of Scripture. He gives us His infallible judgment that it is correct and dependable, and that we can trust our **lives** to it.

God's control of the universe is much more involved and difficult to judge, as the making of the many complicated parts of the airplane and the fitting of them together is beyond my present knowledge. In relation to the airplane all I can do