

whether the speaker had made the complete trip in one step or had made one or more stopovers, nor would it be known whether he had used one method of transportation for part of the trip and a different one for another part. It would be easy to think of many additional questions to which no answer could be found in the statement.

We should also note that as a rule words indicate areas rather than points. Thus in the statement quoted Philadelphia might indicate a person's home or might refer to a railroad station or to an airport. If a person said that he had traveled by plane from Philadelphia to Toronto this would not rule out the possibility that he had gone in a private car from his home in the city to an airport in the suburbs before starting the actual trip, or that he had traveled in similar fashion from a suburban airport to a hotel in Toronto.

TRUE BUT NOT NECESSARILY COMPLETE

It is particularly difficult to convey ideas quite beyond the experience of the listener by means of words. How would one describe colors to a blind man or a symphony to one who is deaf? When the Bible speaks of events that occurred long ago, or when it presents spiritual truths that are remote from our human experience, we must recognize that there may be factors involved that are completely unknown to us.

If a man were to give a lecture to little children about a scientific subject he would greatly simplify his language and would leave out many facts that might be of great importance. He would have to use analogies that were within the child's experience. What he would give would be very far from a complete presentation of the subject, but if he were an honest man it would be entirely true as far as it went.

The situation with the Bible is similar. It was given before much was known about science. Even today what we know about science is probably only a tiny fraction of what will be learned in the next thousand years, if the Lord should tarry as long as that. If Christ had mentioned vitamins in one of His parables no one would have had any idea what He was talking about. The same would have been true even 60 years ago. Today they are known to everyone. There is much that the Bible does not tell,