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Mrs. Charles G. Danehy  
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Dear Mrs. Danehy:

Thank you for your letter of December 10. I am sorry not to have been able to send you word sooner about this important problem. It is one with which I have dealt for many years.

In your letter of December 10 you suggest a very interesting idea which I have never heard presented before. Unfortunately, I fear it would not work because the word that is translated "man" in Genesis 1:26-27 and in Genesis 2:5 is exactly the same word as is translated "Adam" later on. Adam is the Hebrew word for man, considered as a human being, not as man in contrast to woman. This word, "man," is the name of the first man.

I am expecting soon to receive copies of an article I wrote last summer that discusses the length of the creative days and the relation of Genesis 1 to Genesis 2. As soon as they are available, I shall send you a copy. In considering these problems, it is important that we keep clearly in mind the purpose of the Bible. The Bible was not written to answer all the problems that might occur to us at any time. Some of these are answered in the Bible and some are not.

If God had undertaken in the Bible to tell us everything that might interest us, he would have had to fill the whole world with books. Naturally the information that He gives is limited. The Bible has its primary purpose, to teach us the way of salvation, to explain our lost condition to us, to show us why it is that we are lost and how we can be saved, and to lead us to know God, to be saved through faith in Jesus Christ, and to grow in grace. Everything in the Bible is related to this purpose.

Wherever the Bible touches upon any field of knowledge, whatever it says is true, but it does not attempt to answer every question that might be raised.

If I should say that I came to Philadelphia from Boston last week, this brief statement would tell that I left Boston and that I arrived in Philadelphia. It would mention the beginning and the end of the journey and also the direction