

God made all things according to his pleasure, and when God viewed the works of His creation He pronounced them good ; and we must humbly accept these things as they are, and as we find them. To say that God could not have made man otherwise than as an upright, perfect, and immortal being would be to limit the power of the Omnipotent One.

Man as an earthly being exists, but the perfect man does not exist, for the work of his perfection is still going on.

The perfection of the earthly form has been achieved, but the perfection of the spiritual form is yet unreachd. He that is of the world shall pass away with the world, but, "he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

Matthew xix, 16 : "And, behold, one came to him and said, Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, why askest thou me concerning that which is good? One there is who is good ; but if thou wouldst enter into life, keep the commandments." Luke x, 25, "And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? And he said unto him, what is written in the law? How readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind ; and thy neighbour as thyself. And he said unto him thou hast answered right : this do, and thou shalt live." Here are two persons confessing their mortal state to Jesus, and he, by his answers to them, confirms that view of human life, and points out to them how they may obtain eternal life.