

seems to me to be indescribably foolish, not to say dishonoring to God, to suppose as some seem to do, that the Devil in the garden of Eden, outwitted God, and upset His plans. I would much rather believe that the Devil was but an instrument in the hands of God in carrying out the Divine plans, notwithstanding that this theory is also open to objections.

Whether the story of the fall, as told in Genesis, is historical or simply a parable illustrating the origin of sin, it can only be logically explained on the supposition that *God knew what was going to happen*, and that He planned for what did happen, and took the wisest way to establish a righteousness which should be worked out by experience, and finally develop a race which would learn evil from good, and by deliberate choice cleave to the good and refuse the evil.

Not only does this seem to be reasonable when we think of the nature of God, the nature of man, and the results aimed at, but it appears to me not to be out of harmony with the Scriptures. It is apparent to all readers of the Bible, that it speaks of two