

motion? Compare also Psalm xix., where light and sound are strongly associated.

Take another instance of scientific accuracy. Solomon says in the twelfth chapter of Ecclesiastes: "Or ever the silver cord be loosed or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern." I suppose we all understand that life is a kind of quadruped, it goes on four legs. There is the brain, the respiratory system, the heart, and the nervous system. What did Solomon know about physiology? And yet look at the marvellous description. The "silver cord" is the spinal marrow that passes down the back, from it the double system of sensor and motor nerves radiate in every direction; loosen that, you die. Pass your dissecting saw horizontally through the cranium, turn over the top of the skull, it is a "golden bowl" that holds the brain; shatter it, life departs. Open the chest, you find here the lungs, the "pitcher" close to the fountain of life, shaped like a pitcher, with a spout like a pitcher; it takes in the air, and it pours out the air; this is the "pitcher at the fountain." Now look closer, here is the heart, it draws up the blood through pipes of blue, it pulses forth the blood through pipes of crimson exactly as the "wheel" at the ancient cistern used to draw up the water through one set of pipes and propel it through another! Who taught Solomon to use language that exactly accommodates itself to Harvey's discovery of the circulation of the blood, hundreds and hundreds of years before the circulation of the blood was thought of?

And so in every department of science you may go through this Word of God, and you will find no single well-established fact of science contradicted in this Holy Scripture anywhere. I know that infidels often try to make out that there is a good deal of antagonism between the Word of God and their "science." There is, and there ought to be! When they find anything that they think is a fact, and they think it bears against the Holy Scriptures, they ram it into their gun with a double charge of powder, and fire, and expect to see the defences of Christianity totter under the tremendous shock of their artillery! But lo, the walls stand, and there is not even a breach, not one stone fallen out, not even the mark of an impact. If you come to examine, you will find that instead of hurling some huge solid shot of hard fact against the walls of Christian defence, they have been simply firing a paper wad of their own fanciful theory, which took fire from their own powder before it got out of the mouth of the gun! Let science become settled and established, let us pass from the domain of hypothesis to unquestioned and accredited fact, and then bring these facts to compare with the Word of God, and there is no collision. Or, if there appear to be conflict, it is only like the failure of stereoscopic views to come together into one complete picture, when we look first into the eyepiece. We have only to wait until we get the common focal centre in which the visual rays may coincide, and the pictures will come into harmony. So all we have to do is just to wait and be patient until we get the eye on the proper focal centre, and all the facts and truths of science, and all the statements of the Word of God will harmonize absolutely and come into place.

Well, a word about the *ethical* truth of the Bible. I think it quite remarkable, dear friends, that the Bible should not only teach ethical truths so sublime and magnificent, but that it should actually contain within the compass of its ethical teachings not a single grain of error. Find me within this entire Word of God one solitary immoral teaching—