

Hillis's nightmare of the small number of the elect, borrowed from Massillon and Jonathan Edwards, which has nothing to do with the question. What remains? First, a denial of the Fall, which not only renders false the simple historical record of Genesis, but innumerable New as well as Old Testament statements founded upon it. Next, it makes sin reside in the flesh, which is neither scripturally nor psychologically true. We may yield our members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin, as Paul says, but it is the free spirit that does the yielding and does the sinning. Many a cowardly wretch who does not dare make his fist or his tongue an instrument to sin with by injuring another, yet sins in spirit by diabolical hate. Paul only became conscious of sin when the law said, "Thou shalt not covet"; and coveting is not sensual, though devilish. The modern biologist who takes upon himself to instruct theologians knows nothing of philosophy or he would have been aware that the Gnostic and Manichaean identification of matter with evil has been disproved over and over again. Allow that the present natural tendency of the brute is evil; it is not his necessary condition. Here are simple working men in possession of dogs, cows, horses, elephants, dancing bears, hunting cheetahs that are harmless, docile, affectionate even. Is man greater than the Evolver that he should be able thus to correct His work? It is no solution of the problem of the origin of evil to shift it from the shoulders of man on to those of the brute, and make it a necessity of evolution. There are contraventions of God's law with which the brute, including man, has nothing to do. The lightning bolt which carries death, the cyclone that sweeps the land, the storm that engulfs the ships at sea, the pestilence that rises from no one knows where; these and many more un-bestial, but real and terrible, evils defy God's holy law: "Thou shalt not kill." The poor beast is not responsible for evil and attendant sin. They belong to a region spiritually higher but morally lower than it, even to principalities and powers and the rulers of the darkness of this world, which Dr. Hillis and the biologists who think with him ignore. How any man can profess to teach Christianity or the life of Christ, while shutting