

The text of Deuteronomy 29:29 will be better understood if it is read: *"The secret purposes of Jehovah our God, and the things that are revealed, concern us and our children for ever (they are our eternal property) in order that we may perform all the words of this law."*

This verse is very much misunderstood---It DOES NOT MEAN that the secret things belong only to God and the revealed things to His people; but it does mean....That God's purposes, whether secret or revealed, all belong to Israel!

The things revealed were what the consequences that would come upon Israel's obedience or disobedience.....The secret counsels of God are the purposes of God in Grace to Jacob-Israel, notwithstanding her disobedience.....

It was Jacob-Israel's failure that opened wide the door of hidden counsels of Grace. This is what is all explained in the New Testament era!

To preach LAW without Grace is error! To preach GRACE without Law is folly!

With regard to these hidden secrets in God's Word Bishop Butler in his ANALOGY Part II Chapter iii said:

"As it is owned that the whole scheme of Scripture is not yet understood; so if it even comes to be understood, before the restitution of all things, and without miraculous interpositions, it must be in the same way that natural knowledge is come at---by the continuance and progress of learning and liberty, and by particular persons attending to, comparing and pursuing intimations scattered up and down it, which are overlooked and disregarded by the generality of the world.

For this is the way in which all improvements are made: by thoughtful men's tracing on obscure hints, as it were, dropped us by nature accidentally, or which seem to come into our minds by chance.

Nor is it at all incredible that a book which has been so long in the possession of mankind should contain many truths as yet undiscovered. For all the same phenomena, and the same faculties of investigation, from which such great discoveries in natural knowledge have been made in the present and the last age, were equally in the possession of mankind several thousand years before.

And it might possibly be intended that events, as they come to pass, should open and ascertain the meaning of several parts of Scripture.

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The religion of the Bible is a religion that is founded squarely upon certain things that God did in History.

According to the Bible, there was a very definite intrusion of the supernatural into the affairs of men.

As the late J. GRESHAM MACHEN put it, "The centre and core of all the Bible is History. Everything else that the Bible contains is fitted into an historical framework and leads up to an historical climax. The Bible is primarily a record of events."

It is in this manner that the great saving events of Old Testament history are presented. *"I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."* Exodus 20:2

The teaching of this text is perfectly clear. God is here represented as speaking to the nation as a unit. He speaks to the entire nation, it should be noted, and not to a few individual tribes.

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