

- 8 And I shall set My face against that man and make him a sign and a proverb, and I shall cut him off from among My people. So you will know that I am the Lord'."

4. Development of the doctrine

- a. Given man's depravity and his sinful suppression and perversion of the true knowledge of God as given in general revelation, it would appear that a true, valid natural theology, in terms of theologically significant propositions formulated by unaided human reason is not possible.
- b. Nevertheless a natural theology, in terms of the construction of other gods, the creation and worship of idols by the human imagination, is not only possible, it is a fact! This fact is amply witnessed to by the Bible and confirmed by comparative religion and cultural anthropology. The problem with all such constructions of natural theology is that they do not yield a true knowledge of the one true and living God!
- c. Whether or not regenerate persons, using the faculty of reason, are able from the data of general revelation to formulate theologically significant propositions, is a question that needs further study and reflection. This question has special relevance for the natural sciences and the social sciences, and is important to both theology and apologetics.

For the present, perhaps we can say that although special revelation is needed for primary theological construction, general revelation may be carefully used for secondary theological construction (i.e., construction within the limits and under the guidance of those principles and truths given in special revelation.