

He took some eggs, some sugar, some flour, etc. and he made the cake. Someone says, "I'll show you how he did it. I'll take out the ingredients and show them to you. I'll put the eggs over there and the flour over here and the sugar over here." I would say, "Well, I don't know anybody who can restore the eggs out of a cake. I don't know anybody who can do that." But it is altogether different to take eggs and put them in a mixture in order to keep them from spoiling as my parents used to do before present methods of refrigeration were available. They would drop the eggs into this chemical mixture and later on they could take the eggs out whole and could separate them easily.

There are books which are written exactly like that. A student came to me once and said, "I am tremendously interested in the book of Ecclesiastes, and I have written a book about it. Help me get a publisher to publish it." "Well," I said, "I will be glad to look it over," and so I looked at it. He had written, "The book of Ecclesiastes is a very important book. Professor so-and-so of the University of Chicago said..." Then he had half a page in which Professor so-and-so said that it is a very important book. Then he wrote: Professor so-and-so of the University of Michigan said that it is a very important book; Professor So-and-so of the University of Buenos Aires said..., and then he quoted half a page in which he also said that it was an interesting book. Then he quoted various opinions of the meaning of the first chapter of Ecclesiastes from Dr. so-and-so of the University of London. Ninety-nine per cent of the book consisted of quotations. I said to him, "Why don't you study these quotations and examine the matters for yourself and reach some conclusions and write a book in your own words?" I said, "I don't think any publisher would be interested in a book that was just a series of quotations, and I don't think many people would be interested in buying such a book." Professor Raven's *Introduction to the Old Testament* is a useful handbook, though it is now forty years old and is quite out of date. But if you were to examine its section on the canon you would find that it includes whole sentences taken out of William Henry Green's book on the Canon. He did not summarize in his own words, but went right through picking out sentence after sentence. When he came to the