

One day a young man took a walk out into the woods with his camera and stopped at the entrance to a cave on a rocky hillside. Suddenly he thought that it would be interesting to take a long exposure photograph of the entrance of the cave. He did so and went on his way, thinking no more about it. But when he later developed the plates, a thrill of astonishment passed over him as he examined the photograph. In the center of the cave opening, a huge wildcat was crouched and ready to spring. He had been so close to danger, and yet he had known nothing about it. If he had gone any closer to the cave the cat would have attacked him. The careful study of the camera caught what the quick glance had missed.

This speaks so directly to many people who race through life, never stopping to think of eternity, or to realize the consequences of their actions. If they would only take time to think about it, they could easily see the hopelessness of their position outside Christ. The longer they would look, the stronger their conviction would be that God exists, that we will live beyond this universe, and that the way we live now will determine our future. Just because we can't or won't see the danger doesn't mean it will go away. How many of us live our lives by the shadow of the cave, never seeing what is really there? How many of us just put salvation out of our minds whenever the subject comes up? Are we afraid to look for the truth? The prophets said that the Jews had closed their minds to the truth. Jesus said, 'Seek and you will find', and 'you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free'. If you are in Christ you can stare at the truth for an eternity, and it will never cause you to fear.