

--cosmological observations vss 4-7: the earth follows a system or pattern that makes it predictable and gives it continuity.

--sociological observations vss 8-11..man is caught in a gale of transient recurrence. He is not here sufficiently long to grip it all and he cannot stop it in its relentless progress.

The conflict therefore is somewhat emotional and apart from some sort of mental imbalance, inevitable.

C. Discourse # 1..The Search for Answers...1:12-2:26

1. The thinker and his inner self.

The author is determined to find some resolution to the conflict as we understand it, This is a self-imposed decision and the bulk of the book is taken up with its prosecution. The key to this in this section is the emphasis on "heart". Note the following "heart" references..I cannot discuss them all in detail.

1:13...I gave my heart

1:16...I communed with my heart

1:17...I gave my heart

2:1....I said in my heart

2:3....I sought in my heart

2:10

2:15

2:20

2:22

2:23

I have not listed them all and you will find that about 1/3 of all the references to this matter are in these first two chapters...and when you see where the bulk of the rest of them are you will understand why we say it is the writer and his inner self.

The heart features in both positive and negative resolutions, incidentally, and if you work with it enough..the idea will remind you of how hard it is to come to certainty and absolutes when we are working "within ourselves".

2. 2. The Quest 1:13-2:26

a. Areas of Search:

--academics 1:13

--experience 1:17

--pleasure 2:1