

- success 2:3
- b. The method of research: the thinker and his inner self 2:1-11
 - the attainment of things *v. 5-5*
 - the assessment of opportunities *v. 10*
 - the evaluation of endeavor *v. 11*
- c. Preliminary negative resolution 2:12 2:11
- d. Analysis 2:12-17
- e. Failure of accomplishment 2:18-23
- f. Preliminary positive resolution 2:24-26

3. Assessment:

The writer has put everything at his disposal into the quest.. his endeavors and life activity and has been metwith, at just about every turn, the fact of our transiency and the difficulty that imposes. The fact is that nothing has been reached that gives a sense of satisfaction and so he turns to various resolutions for help.

In treating these matters one must keep in mind that the writer is expressing honestly the results of his enterprise. There is a certain grimness to the factuality that is not very pleasant. The writer knows this, too, but it is inescapable. Our misery is the greater since we have used every resource and not aided our understanding. If that sounds tough to you, it is, but it is an inescapable conclusion when we work in our world within ourselves and have not advantaged ourselves by the aid of the Lord.

D. Discourse # 2...Of Life and Its Things 3:1-5:20

- 1. Circumstances of Men and Time 3:1-22
 - a. The poem of time 3:1-9
 - b. The conflict 3:10-11
 - c. Preliminary resolution 3:12-15
 - d. The execution of time 3:16-21
 - e. Preliminary resolution 3:22