

consciousness, and the continuous working and outworking of these factors, despite the effects of sin on them.

- (3) This internal general revelation discloses God's attributes of rationality, personality, holiness, and justice, as well as God's works of creation and judgment.
- (4) This internal general revelation, although marred, is not vitiated or totally annihilated by sin, either objectively or subjectively.
- (5) This internal general revelation reaches every human being in the world. It transcends all spatial, temporal, and cultural distinctions and differences, especially ethical and moral relativisms.
- (6) This internal general revelation is actually known by all human beings.
- (7) This internal general revelation has been and is being suppressed and perverted by all unrighteous human beings.

5. Practical implications of the doctrine of general revelation

At least six implications of practical relevance may be drawn from this doctrine:

- a. General revelation is constantly pressing (both from without and from within) on both the native of Philadelphia and the native of the Amazon basin, on both the native of Moscow and the native of the Philippine rain forests. No human being is without a revelation of God as Creator.
- b. By means of this revelation all human beings have an awareness, a sense of God, although they constantly engage in suppressing and perverting that awareness.
- c. No human being is entirely successful in suppressing and perverting God's general revelation. This means that no human being is a complete atheist, in the sense that he has no religious consciousness at all.
- d. Because of this universal awareness of God that cannot be entirely suppressed, every human being has a point of contact, a God-given preparation for the presentation of the gospel.