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YES, GOD IS STILL SPEAKING, BUT

Into silence, when as yet there were no years,
a “singularity” exploded. Its “big bang,”
seventeen billion years ago, drowned out
the Word who made, from start to finish, “us”
in seven sacred days and thought it good.
Very long ago men heard “God speaking.”
They heard before they learned to write,
in trees that whispered, caves that echoed.
They watched in awe the sun and moon and stars,
the heavenly bodies moved by unseen wills.
Much later, Hebrew authors said that One
led Abraham into Judea’s hills.
Moses met the One on Sinai’s summit.
Prophets fretted, few could understand
the One supporting good, reproaching bad.
Who now listens to what Jesus said?

Where best is heard what Jesus’ Father says?
In cathedrals or in sanctuaries?
In Sunni or in Shiite mosques?
Does He never speak in synagogues?
Is He prohibited in laboratories?
By “God is Speaking Still” do we imply
we hear what others can’t – or never did?
If we cannot explain how all God said
in times long past can still be true today,
we’ll just drift with current fashions, aimless.
If we “market” U.C.C. like advertisers,
we will sound like just another business
selling innovative products rather than
explaining sacred truths while keeping
well informed about our high-tech times.
Much is good and right about our church,
about the sermons some still come to hear,
explaining Scriptures we revere,
that tell about the Savior we proclaim,
urging us to love and service – but
that we are able (best?) to hear “God speaking”
is a slogan that can be misleading.
It may attract some “liberal minds” to “us”,
but will we satisfy the souls who seek
a risen Son, not a denomination?

