

the souls of men and prefixed to them an end worthy of his own greatness, and of their dignity. Reason, also, proves that created objects exist simply because the Creator willed their existence ; and they possess such qualities as it pleased him to bestow.

The human mind being limited in its capacity, should recognize that innumerable truths must be beyond its ken ; that the causes of many effects must be frequently unknown, or only partially understood ; that the entire plan of action, the relation of parts to the whole scheme and end of creation, cannot be fully grasped in our present state. Despite our most profound research we shall live in an atmosphere of mysteries, knowing a few facts clearly, having considerable knowledge of many others, but seeing innumerable others only darkly and as in a glass.

On all sides the thoughtful man will find evidences of the action and disposition of an Almighty power, and of an infinite wisdom, whether he considers the fruitfulness and seasons of the earth, the order and regularity of the planets, or the history and vicissitudes of the human race. He will find that whilst to the eyes of the flesh only material objects and the action of natural forces are presented, the supernatural encompasses him round about, and is more in evidence to the intelligence than the natural. In fact, it alone can give an adequate explanation of, or reason for, the simplest experiences of our daily lives. It so permeates the world, and is such a constant factor in its government, that we look upon it as purely natural. A perpetual miracle is before our eyes, yet we recognize it not. The multiplication of the loaves and fishes is being continually repeated in our harvests, and it excites no wonder. Was it really any greater exhibition of power, and of command over the elements of nature, to feed five thou-

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