

RELIGION AS FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

est scientists and the greatest thinkers of our age. After evolution—what? After evolution, God: for He was before it, and He works through it. The last word of science is not evolution. The last word of science is personality, divinity, God. Evolution demands the God who works by evolution, and the true scientist, the man who thinks deeply and honestly enough, will be led through the multitude of things which crowd our lives by the pathway of law up to the vision of God. As Tennyson sings,

“The sun, the moon, the stars, the seas, the hills and
the plains,
Are not these, O Soul, the vision of Him who
reigns?”

In the light of that vision man goes back and reconstructs his world. When the savage heard the winds blow, or saw the waters burst forth in a full, flowing stream, or saw the lightnings flash, or heard the thunder roll, he ascribed each to a separate god or a separate spirit. When he saw the wonders of nature, he said in every case, “It is a god.” For his theory of life he needed as many gods as there were separate experiences, and