

possibility of the direct intervention of the Creator, and so belief in the miraculous will be swept away. And truly if this were so there is only one course open. There can be no compromise. To sweep away the miraculous is to sweep away everything from Christianity. The resurrection of Christ is the keystone. To make nature so selfsufficient that no interference is possible on the part of the Creator is to reduce the world to orphanage. But evolution is not materialism. If there is one doctrine more strongly insisted upon than another by the theistic evolutionist it is that God does not create the machine, wind it up, set it going and then retire only to step in occasionally to repair, rectify, improve and introduce new parts ; but that He remains within His universe and works out its destiny in accordance with his plan. So He is really brought nearer than before, made resident in nature, directing every event, determining every phenomenon. The forces of nature are simply manifestations of His power. The laws of nature are simply methods of His working. Can He reveal Himself ? Hath He ever hidden Himself ? Natural religion has nothing in it that is not of God, and what wonder that He who is immanent in nature and who has ever been manifesting Himself in history should in these last days reveal Himself in the person of Jesus Christ in order that He might furnish man with an ethical ideal and make propitiation for his sins. Evolution demands the acceptance of no theory which would debar us from accepting evidence to substantiate the record of a miracle. There can be no doubt that the human mind exercises control over the forces of nature. Human reason and human will have harnessed them and driven them to work. Not by violating, but by using laws of nature, men do work miracles and create a providence. Surely God is able to do the same and with superior skill direct the great powers of nature to special results. No one now believes that a miracle is a violation of law, and the doctrine of God's immanence, whilst largely reducing the element of surprise, in nowise detracts from the possibility of the miraculous, nor renders the proof thereof more difficult. Whether or not there have ever been *extraordinary* manifestations of His power remains, as of old, a question of evidence.