

in so doing, God was not and is not responsible for evil of any kind. While this is generally allowed in the case of moral evil or sin, the Church has not recognized in it 'the sphere of physical evil. But the problem has met me in the region of natural theology and in connection with the argument from design. This argument seeks to prove the existence of God as a wise, powerful and beneficent creator from the evidences of beneficent design in the works of nature. Sin came into man's work and death by sin, not by God. So far from this crowning and being an act of God, it is called the last enemy to be destroyed. The God of Moses is the God of Jesus; but the former God allowed easy divorce, the latter does not. God does not change, but man does. Prophets were never straightened in God, but in themselves. It is not the divine but the human in revelation that makes the difference between Moses and Christ, the law and the Gospel. 'I have yet many things to say unto you,' said our Lord to His disciples, 'but ye cannot bear them now.' Mark, the evangelist, says: 'And with many such parables spake He the word unto them as they were able to hear it.' Paul tells the Corinthians, 'I have fed you with milk and not with meat, for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.' Punishment follows sin, as it follows every departure from God's law.

(To be continued.)

Man is within yourself, it is in the inner sense of your power that resides nature's instrument for your development.—*Pestalozzi*.

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