

RELIGION AS FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

From earliest ages amber rubbed with silk was seen to attract small particles to itself, and sparks of light were produced when bodies thus treated were brought near to each other. But only during the last century did we realize that these separate manifestations were due to the same great force, which we call electricity.

Step by step men gathered the diverse facts of life into ever-widening groups until at last the great evolutionary hypothesis was enunciated. This pointed out that everything that is works with one common impulse to bring order out of chaos, to bring perfection out of the imperfect and incomplete. What a vision that was! All these myriads of sights and sounds, the sun and the moon and the stars, the sea and the land, the seasons as they pass, the day and the night, life and death, and all that vast complex that makes our lives,—all this was one, turning to one great end. A Universe! A Unity! Is it any wonder men lost their heads, and falling down before that all-embracing law, cried, "Behold your God."

For man himself must rise, if he would see the full meaning of any step in his progress. He must look back upon that step from the