

CHAPTER IV

THE CONTROLLER OF THE WORLD

So, through unthinkable æons of time the Architect of the universe prepared a home for man.

We must fit our minds to the thought that God was in the beginning, is now, and ever will be. The great natural processes and moral development of the world are no less witnesses of His intervention because we call them Evolution. If some dramatic event occurred to-morrow by which there fell from the skies some weapon which destroyed the German armies, we should think it an act of divine intervention, but it would not be more so than the slow upbuilding of that love of justice which will destroy the German armies in God's good time.

If the rule of force is doomed to fail, it is doomed because justice is inherent in the human race. Who put it there? Without this love of justice, without religion, the world we know could not have been. There would have been no civilising generations of peace, none of those great periods of history in which man has sought and found the way the brute has missed. Without this sense of justice, without religion, we could not have freed the slaves, we could not have founded human liberty, we could not rule India. And this love of justice in the human heart, this faith in something nobler than we know, is the working of the Mind of God in man, the intervention in human affairs of the Creator and Ruler of the world.

We must not think God is not intervening because He does not intervene as we think best. If man had been at the beginning of the world he would have thought the ways of God beyond all understanding. He would have thought volcanoes stupid things, and deserts an appalling waste. But the more a man knows about this world the less he thinks like that. Volcanoes and deserts are vital to us all, spreading the atmospheric dust without which