

observed in cases where one or more of the senses are wanting, as in the congenitally blind or deaf, we have evidence of the importance of innervation to the development of psychical power. It is quite conceivable that if the functions of the nerves could not be called into operation in a human being born into the world with a nervous system complete, there would be no manifestation of mind, not on account of the absence of the *divinæ particula auræ*, but from the want of that force by which it maintains its relations with the external world.

The question might properly be asked—"If mind be one of the dynamical agencies which operate through matter, what becomes of it when the material substratum through which it acts is so altered as to prevent its manifestations or in other words, when death ensues?" There is a point in all enquiries relating to mind, beyond which, man's unaided reason cannot penetrate. "Hitherto shalt thou go, and no further," is the inexorable decree. I would answer the question thus: Mind, in its present association with matter, may be studied in its relations with nerve force, and through it, with the various other forces which operate throughout the material part of the universe; but the determination of its *nature* and *destinies* cannot be arrived at by mere scientific investigation. The Creator of mind, as well as matter, has said, however, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return to God, who gave it."

Whence are these forces, and what are they? By the Pantheist they were said to be the rhythmic development of the soul of the universe; by the more modern Materialist they are considered to be the powers and potentialities which inhere in matter. Inasmuch as these views ignore the existence of a personal ever-governing intelligence in the universe, they are opposed to the sublime dogma of a revealed and eternal Deity.

Force is, doubtless, an emanation from the Divine will, which operating through various forms of matter, manifests