

body or form was to degrade Him to the level of heathen gods. In fact, I do not know any intelligent Christian who thinks of God as a magnified human being, with a physical form, sitting on a material throne far away in the sky.

It is true, there are many passages of Scripture which seem to ascribe to God the possession of bodily parts and organs, as eyes, ears, and hands. But these expressions are anthropomorphic and symbolic, and were never intended, even by the people who originally used them, to be taken literally. We should remember, however, that to speak of God in human figures is not to attribute to God a human form. We know that when we speak of His "all-seeing eye" we mean His universal knowledge. When we speak of His "heart" we mean His universal love. When we speak of His "hands" and His "mighty arm" we mean His universal power. How else can we speak of Him? Let us grant that all the terms we apply to God are inadequate, still they are the best we have.

When we call God "Our Father" we know that this title falls far short of the reality. "When we speak of God as planning and decreeing we know that we are merely making shift to express what is inexpressible by us." In fact, to think of God at all is to think of Him inadequately. But at present we have no alternative. Whatever the claims of Christian Scientists, they cannot help us. Instead of giving us a better conception of God they have