

But why this state of things? Has God failed to place plainly before us what constitutes a true man? Is it impossible for us to find out His purposes and methods of work? Certainly not, His word and His works give an explicit answer to each of these questions. The first receives a full and perfect answer in the life of Christ upon earth. He was truly God, and He became just as truly man. Hence His life on earth, while intended to give us a full and final revelation of the nature of God, is also intended to give us an equally full and final revelation of the possibilities of the nature of man. He is placed before us in the Bible not merely as an ideal at which we should aim, but as a literal embodiment of the very character we should possess. If we wish therefore to know what constitutes true manhood, we must devote ourselves earnestly to the study of Christ, not to the study of what is said about him, but to the actual study of Himself. This is the only source to which we can go to get a final and perfect representation of God's mind upon this subject.

But, again, the second question receives an equally full and explicit answer. In the intellectual, moral and spiritual world, God is constantly at work. He transforms men and women into new creatures right in our presence. We have therefore given us in this region the most perfect opportunities of observing His methods of work. But further, in the natural or material world He is constantly at work before our eyes. All nature is God's work shop. And in this work shop He makes no mistakes ; His ideals are wrought out with unerring precision ; what comes from his hands is perfect.

In following God in this region of His work, scientists have not failed to do faithful service. They have already carefully observed and formulated a wide range of God's methods of doing His work. They call the phenomena which can be formulated natural laws,—which is only the scientific name for God's uniform mode of working. This is what the scientists have done and are doing in regard to the material world. But what are we

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