

which the Bible adheres to throughout, is that between the natural as embodied in matter and energy, and the spiritual as denoting the domain of intelligence and will.

When in this lower world we seek for ultimate causes, we find only one—the human will—which cannot be referred to material power, nor brought under the dominion of the laws of matter and force ; yet we do not regard reason and will as supernatural, though, like the Creator Himself, they belong to the unseen and spiritual, The First Cause, or Creator, whose existence we must, even independently of revelation, assume, in order to avoid the absurdity of mere chance and causelessness, must also be spiritual, and His modes of action, though inconceivably greater, must have some analogy to those of the will of which we are conscious in ourselves. Hence arise two different but not contradictory modes of expressing ourselves respecting material nature. The first is that which relates to secondary causes and natural laws ; the second that which relates to the First Cause as present in all phenomena. In ordinary elementary science we are occupied with the first aspect of the matter. In more philosophical science, and in religious beliefs, we rise to the consideration of the latter. So far as we can understand, not only the whole material universe, but even the spiritual world, must be within the domain of Divine law ; but in any case we may be sure that God is over all and in all, and this is the appropriate view of Holy Scripture, which speaks of all things as originating in God, and does not, except on rare occasions, concern itself with secondary causes.

Let us not then present to our scientific friends the partial and inaccurate distinction of the natural and the supernatural, but the true and scriptural one of the Natural and the Spiritual. We shall thus find the real meeting-place of Science and Religion, excluding atheism and agnosticism, and leading easily and naturally to the Almighty Creator and loving Father and Saviour presented to us by Divine revelation.