

for its origin. We instinctively ask : By whom were all things brought into existence ? How did life and mind originate ? No answers that do not recognize creative power and intelligence can be deemed satisfactory.

Facts relating to mind are as pertinent here as those that relate to the material world. Hence the general consent of mankind (with few exceptions) to the existence of an Unseen Power who is the cause of all things, is a fact of great weight in its bearing on this question. Whether this belief is the result of natural intuition, or arises from the consciousness of a Supreme Being and an instinct of worship in the human heart, or results from the exercise of reason regarding the order and purpose observed in nature, in any case our nature and reason would be false witnesses if there is no such Creator.

The manifold evidences of order and design which are seen in the universe are a powerful argument for the existence of a personal Creator. When we note the way in which one thing is adapted to another, and in which natural forces operate according to fixed laws, we see that the universe is one vast system of means and ends—all indicating intelligent purpose. Those who tell us that though the eye is the organ by which we see it was not designed for sight, and though the ear is the organ of hearing it was not made to hear, may deem this very scientific, but it is contrary to common-sense. If it requires intelligent thought to understand the order and adaptations of the natural world, it would be absurd