THE KING OF NATURE.

The Blessed Sacrament has the same nature as ourselves, a Human Body and a Human Soul, taken from an Immaculate but a purely human Mother. Our Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament is peculiarly the presence of His Human Nature; and therein, to repeat, He is the Son of Mary, the Head of the Church, our Prophet, Priest, and King, the Owner of all temporal things and the Judge of angels and men. Men are His own family; and He belongs to them and they to Him in such mainfold and incomparable ways as pass our power to tell. He did not take upon Himself the nature of angels; yet He is their Head. They were created because of Him, and to be a court to Himself and His sinless Mother.

Thus all nature, angelic, human, brute, and inanimate is gathered to the feet of the sacred Humanity of Jesus, the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world. The Blessed Sacrament is the King of nature, and the government is upon His shoulder, and His Name shall be called Wonderful, the Father of the world to come, the Prince of Peace; and His empire shall be multiplied, and of His peace there shall be no end. And there in the Blessed Sacrament is the actual living accomplishment of that tremendous mystery, the source of all our hopes, the fountain of all our joys, the eternal blessedness of every elect soul of man. O what should we do, if God were not made man? If the sun fell from the heavens, it were less dismal ruin than if Jesus had never been, if the Word had never assumed our human nature to His Divine. How is it we can ever distract ourselves to think of earthly things? Are not all thoughts gathered into this one thought? Do not all lights go out in this light. What are all truths but pale satellites to this shining only with a borrowed radiance from the Word made Flesh, the Light that lighteth every man that is born into the world. All worships be therefore to the King of nature dwelling amid His subjects in the lowly guise of the Sacramental Veils.

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