

creature did not. According to the Bible account of the creation, physical life results from the union of spiritual with material substance; that is, life is the influence resulting from the union of matter and spirit. Science asserts that all existent life is produced by antecedent life, and that life is produced by life only. Also, that produced life must be after its kind, that is, life will be the same in kind as the life that produces it. The Bible clearly shows that life in its last analysis is not only derived from God, but that it is the conscious working and intelligent power of the all-penetrating Spirit of God. This divine vital power, operating upon and uniting with organized matter, produces physical life "after its kind." In man, however, this vital essence or nature of the Divine Spirit (*ruach*, *πνεῦμα*), did not merely operate upon, but entered into his physical being, producing a conscious, self-working, intelligent life-force, differing only in degree, not in kind, from the divine life which produced it. From these considerations, we affirm that God's affinity to man is *sui generis*, and differs from His connection with all the rest of creation. He possesses the characteristics and sustains the relation of a father to the human race. In so affirming, we define father to be an intelligent person who, by a conscious, deliberate act of free will, begets another free intelligent person having the same nature in kind as himself, and who continues to support, protect and nourish the person thus begotten. Herein is asserted not only the ethical but the physical Fatherhood of God, not figurative or relative, but actual; not national or theological, but personal. Fatherhood is used in the sense of including motherhood, signifying thereby the whole element of parental relation. The anthropomorphic account of man's generation, represents "the human form divine" as coming into self-conscious existence and spiritual life by a parent's kiss, and as an expression of parental love. The birth of the first Adam, thus interpreted, as truly reveals the creative Fatherhood of God as does the death of the second Adam the redemptive Fatherhood.

#### THE DIVINE SONSHIP OF MAN.

Man consists of the material body related to earth,