

not to be intelligently followed until from ages to ages Man had groped across the entire sphere, mapping on the way the unclaimed portions of his domain. Before he was permitted to grasp the Universe, Man had to grow up to Humanity.

3. Kept awake by the throbbing of the divine law through whose unconscious agency he had appropriated his vast apanage of land and water, Man aspired to assert by Universal domination his mastery over his fellow-beings and over nature. Ambition, self-defense, dynastic requirements, national necessity, religious zeal, God-appointed mission, what names and verbal disguises have not the conquerors used, simply to obey the behests of Unitism?

Recall to mind the great empires of antiquity, their heroes and their legendary exploits and their authentic thirst after more territory. Do you still hear the sobs of Alexander of Macedon in presence of the ocean opposing its unbounded immensities to the boundlessness of his desires?

The Jews, assigning to the voice of their prophets and to the text of their scriptures a literal interpretation, entertained the idea that they were predestined to command the world. The Messiah, so long looked for, was expected to deliver their race and establish Israelitish supremacy of religion and government.

The Roman people, who started from such a small interior point, pushed their conquests to the extremities of the earth of the Ancients! What energy of perseverance! What valor on the battle-field! What wisdom in council!