

THE SUPERNATURAL IN MOTION.

Nature, as a whole, is made up of individual natures; and there is a process by which some attain a higher nature. Nature exceeds nature; there are many supernatures. Movement of this kind is like, yet unlike ordinary motion. Ordinary motions may be studied in the transactions of daily life, and the best science primers are sufficiently exact for our guidance. Supernatural motion is that in which the Eternal, the Absolute, the Infinite, brought Himself into relation with time, finite existence, and space. The further differentiating manifestations of the Eternal Energy, are those natural but incomprehensible forces by which we have mechanical, chemical, vital, sentient, intellectual, volitional processes.

Movements in the air rise above mere noise into musical notes, which gladden and exalt us while we listen to sacred melodies and sublime anthems. Motions in the ether, impinging on our retina, convey other motions to the brain, and impart the sense of light. Our other senses, acted on by various motions, awake our consciousness. The material eye and ear give work to the mental eye and ear—these influence the volitional and moral. The body, in itself, would be sensual only, if not elevated by the soul and spirit. Flesh, formed and informed by the soul, receives spirit—is man. Flesh, soul, spirit, are separable elements; the separableness being rather of condition and power than of space. Man is not three persons, but one person; he has not three lives, but one life; his three natures form one individual. To this fact, apart from Holy Scripture, we attribute human consciousness of God: as Trinity in Unity, and Unity in Trinity.

Suppose you have power to reduce the earth to something like its original nothingness. Imagine that you separate a space, to be as a kind of box, from the surrounding infinitude. At one end of the space make a hole, and affix over it a tightly stretched compact cloud. On the floor of your space sprinkle a strong solution of ammonia, and then convey within the space some common salt as in a dish. Over the salt pour sulphuric acid of commerce. The ammoniacal gas