

In Reason's ear they all rejoice,
And utter forth a glorious voice;
For ever singing, as they shine,
'The hand that made us is divine.' "

Ever since that first morning, "when all the sons of God shouted for joy" have "all the morning stars sung together," and raised high to heaven one unwearied psalm of praise to Him to whom they owe their being.

God's truth, then, is seen in His works, and unfolded in His Word. These two volumes reveal to man all he now knows of God. The volume of Nature is an immense one, and its contents are interesting, marvellous, and profound. He who studies this volume finds ample scope for the exercise of all his intellectual powers. But not less interesting, marvellous and profound, are the contents of that other book, emphatically called *THE BOOK OF GOD*. And he who studies this volume finds ample scope for the exercise, not only of his intellectual powers, but also of all his moral and religious capabilities.

He studies either amiss, or to small advantage, who studies it apart from the light of the other. The latter is the sequel to the former. Shall I call it a continuation of the former? Shall I call the former Vol. I. and the latter Vol. II? Very well. Vol. II. assumes the existence of Vol. I., and also some knowledge of its contents, and thence proceeds to subjects to which no reference is made in the other—to unfold mysteries of which the other contains no intimations.

Such being the character of these two revelations, this thing can be postulated—must be granted as soon as stated—*they are in perfect accord with each other*. If we are satisfied that Vol. I. is the handwriting of God, and if we find in Vol. II. contradictions of statements in it, or things which (to use a mathematical phrase) are not in a right line with things in the former, then two conclusions, and only two can be arrived at. Either Vol. II. is not the work of the same author, or it has suffered injury by the hands of others.

And thus the one is pitted against the other. Some of those profoundly versed in the former have made light of the latter, belittled its teachings, and denied its claims to have been written by the same Divine hand. Those who study the former, proudly call themselves *Scientists*. They are students in the school of Science. What Nature teaches they call Science. What they understand of the contents of the Volume of Nature, and have ranged into systematic order, they denominate Science.