

saw that the Kingdom of God was to be established by totally different means. By enduring the cross and despising its shame, He has been set down at the right hand of the Throne of God. Is not that a historical fact, is it not a historical fact that by rejecting the splendor of an earthly kingdom, He has been set down at the right hand of the Throne of Heaven? We are apt to fancy that the truly great men of 1800 years ago were the great soldiers and politicians and literary men that were gathered about the Imperial palaces of Rome, and undoubtedly they fancied themselves to be the true rulers of the world. What is the influence these men are exerting now upon the civilization of the world? It is almost as if they had never lived. On the other hand, the life which was spent in beautiful teachings, in deeds of quiet benevolence in the obscure hamlets of Galilee, and which was closed by death upon the cross, has been the dominant power of civilization all these eighteen centuries. That is the life which is remodelling the world at the present day. That is the life which you find thrilling in every fibre of your moral being, from which you derive all that is best in your life at the present day.

Science is beginning to teach us that the significance of Christ's life throws its light upon external nature as well as upon its history. History, I have said, is an establishment of the fact that Christ is set down at the right hand of the Throne of God, because he endured the cross, despising its shame; but science is awakening to the same conception. We have heard a good deal in recent years about one force that is said to predominate all nature, a selfish force, causing what is called "the survival of the fittest in the struggle for existence." I cannot help feeling, looking at recent literature, that many of those who have been speaking in these phrases are beginning to realize that this force has not been truly or fully interpreted, and that there is something more in this universe than a mere selfish struggle for individual existence. Here and there you find a scientific man point to the fact that it is not a competition