

all these things are only so many hypotheses that are more or less useful in explaining the world and the phenomena that we see round about us here and now. And, of course, by the way, there are very few sane scientists who think that even these primal elements of things were made otherwise than by the power of a Creator who chose such a method of developing the universe, that also includes us and our purposes.

Granting, then, that we do, and with the most deliberate consciousness, adopt this somewhat lofty attitude about the moral man as the maker or the creator of an order higher than the natural, what, in the absence of all the dubious substitutes for morality of which we have been talking, is the determinative principle of the conduct of this man as a social agent of to-day. To this question there is but one answer, first: the "universality" (or the precedent-establishing impartiality) that the deepest thinkers have seen to be bound up with morality; and, secondly, the "good sense" which Maeterlinck has so rightly described as the special characteristic of our time. A man's duty, that is to say, in the case, for example, of relieving a hungry man, is to act, first, as a man should act towards his fellows, as if he were (as he is by his very human nature) a legislator or a director of things, instead of a passive spectator—like the Levite or the Pharisee in the Bible story. And then, and at the same time, with the common, or the good, sense that sees that it is neither right nor fitting to do for a man anything that he can do for himself. The street singer should, in other words, get his crust from society if physically exhausted, and then be made to see to it that he does something better than to seek to sing his way through the world. And, of course, if this destruction of vagrant street-singing means new municipal arrangements in the city of Lucerne, these new arrangements become the duty and the ideal of every intelligent citizen. And the moral man, being, by his nature, something of a reformer, will help to bring about this new stage in the social