

former trees and plants compressed and laid away by a wise and foreseeing Providence for the future use of man. To-day, indeed, we live in the enjoyment of the light of bygone ages.

But the animal world is ultimately dependent upon the vegetable world for nourishment, and to the sun as the source of all food we must attribute our existence as living beings. The sun is necessary for our food, and for the purity of the blood that nourishes our brain. Shall we then say that it is the sun that lives within us? Shall we then say that it is the sun that thinks and moves our being? This is the conclusion that the materialist must ultimately reach, but in this consideration of our subject all that we need admit is that as mind and body are at present united and conditioned the sun is *necessary* for our thoughts, not the originator of them.

We could continue, had we space, to enumerate how the other phenomena of the earth are dependent upon the sun, but we presume from what has been mentioned that you can form some idea of the influence of the sun upon the workings of the world.

Though separated by so great a distance, how intimately connected with every movement upon the surface of the earth is the condition of the central star of our small system!

If the earth is an offspring of the sun, as many scientists declare, what a close relationship binds the offspring to the parent! How dependent is the one upon the other! How necessary for the welfare and progress of the child is the unvarying condition of the parent sun! The sun it is that gives it heat, and thereby determines the condition and relationship of the different chemical elements; it gives it light and adorns it with its various colors; it purifies its atmosphere, controls its electricity, causes the breeze to blow and the rain to fall, bedecks the heavens with clouds, bends the rainbow, gilds the polar regions with the auroral light, lays up fuel and provides all food; and for man in particular how necessary—warming, lighting, clothing, feeding him, being even necessary for his every thought. Instead of the question, "What does the sun for us?" we might better ask ourselves, "What does not the sun for us?"