

matter. This theory would seem to point to a mindless Universe. It is passing strange that those who labor to render the Universe *intelligible*, should yet call in question its *relation to intelligence*. If it takes mind to construe the world, how can the negation of mind suffice to constitute it? Let the disciples of modern Materialism tell us.

There is a Theory of Evolution too which is fatal to any real influential belief in a Personal and Ever-Present God. 'Tis that which though acknowledging that God may have created the primordial germ or germs, leaves all the rest to Evolution, and Force, and Law, to Natural Selection and Development, independently of God, independently of the control of Mind and Intelligence.

But there is a Theory of Forces which we may hold and still retain our living faith in a Personal God. Let us regard forces as coming from one central Fountain-Head of Power; that Fountain the Incomprehensible, yet not therefore the unknowable, God; and then we may accept the Theory of Forces as explaining the observed phenomena of the material Universe. But have you solved the mystery of the Universe because you have traced the working of certain forces according to certain ascertained laws? You have done all, indeed that Science can legitimately do; you have, concentrating your attention on observed phenomena, discovered the *modus operandi*; you have answered the question—*How*. But you have not answered the question—*Whence*.

For example: You have discovered the Force of Gravitation, and the laws according to which it acts. This enables you to understand *How* it is that such and such things happen, but *whence* this force, *whence* these laws according to which it acts? On that ulterior question Science has nothing to say; still less can it contradict Religion when it says that this and all forces—these and all laws issue from the Living God—the central Fountain-Head of Power.

But, I shall here be reminded that forces are inviolable in their manner of operation. We would have