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ANTITHEISTIC COSMOGONIES COMPARED WITH  
THE DOCTRINE OF PERSONAL CREATION.

THE creation of the Universe is a fundamental truth of religion. It cannot be accepted without acknowledgment of our just relations to Deity ; and it cannot be rejected without denial of all that is precious to the believing heart.

We propose to attempt a demonstration of this truth by a natural course of reasoning. Without any appeal to the Scriptures, or even to the direct proofs of Philosophy, we shall endeavour to establish the fact of creation by showing that all theories which conflict with it are untenable.

We take it for granted that the Universe exists, with all its magnitude and sublimity, order and beauty. Now whence is it ? What is the origin of these wonders and glories ? All the answers which have been given—and, we believe, all which can be given—to these queries, may be reduced to four.

There is the theory of *endless succession* which regards each generation or cycle of being as one link in an unmeasured