

is unnecessary. The doctrine of natural selection would seem to cover the facts fully as well as that of design; and the former has this advantage over the latter, that it does not beg consciousness. All Idealism begs consciousness by failing to realize that consciousness is a natural phenomenon as much to be accounted for as any other. When we observe that the operation of certain forces produces certain adaptations, we have a sufficient account of those adaptations. Force is the ultimate fact of the physical universe. To say that this force is projected by intelligence is to complicate the problem immensely and in vain. The concept of consciousness or of intelligence is much more complex than that of force and it is bad logic to explain the relatively simple by the more complex. How are you to explain the intelligence, if you assume that it has antedated physical nature? To rest finally in a concept so obscure and complex is highly illogical and unsatisfactory.

It seems clear, then, that Cosmology can do very well without the concept of a Personal God. Let us see whether Logic requires it.

II. THE CONCEPT OF GOD IN LOGIC.

Does all thinking imply the existence of God? Can his existence be proven by concepts? These are the two inquiries with which we are here concerned.

The first question raises the whole problem of the nature of Truth, a problem that is still in its infancy. It may be true that all thinking, as Prof. Royce maintains, implies *The Absolute*; but there seems at least an even chance that it is not true. Probably more competent critics disagree with Prof. Royce on this point than agree with him. But even though we should grant (as the writer does not) that thinking does imply the Absolute, yet it would seem absurd to endow this hypothetical entity with consciousness. True, Prof. Royce commits this very absurdity, apparently considering that his Absolute is a person; but this is the very point in Prof. Royce's philosophy which is most called in question. Even among Absolutists it is unusual to regard the