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God has delegated power to His creatures, but being self-sufficient, He cannot relinquish anything of His perfections and , power being one of them, He has never surrendered the least iota of His power. He gives but He does not give away. A II that He gives remains His own and returns to Him again. Forever He must remain what He has forever been, the Lord God omnipotent.

One cannot long read the Scriptures sympathetically without noticing the radical disparity between the outlook of men of the Bible and that of modern men. We are today suffering from a secularized mentality. Where the sacred writers saw G od, we see the laws of nature. Their world was fully populated; ours is all but empty. Their world was alive and personal; ours is impersonal and dead. God ruled their world; ours is ruled by the laws of nature, and we are always once remove d from the presence of God.

And what are these laws of nature that have displaced God in the minds of millions? Law has two meanings. One is an e xternal rule enforced by authority, such as the common rule against robbery and assault. The word is also used to denot e the uniform way things act in the universe, but this second use of the word is erroneous. What we see in nature is sim ply the paths God's power and wisdom take through creation. Properly these are phenomena, not laws, but we call them laws by analogy with the arbitrary laws of society.

Prayer

God, make our world alive and personal, fused with the energy of the Almighty God.

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