

from various sides, and depend on to stay quiet while we do so. He has thoughts and plans and purposes. His influence and activities show themselves at many points within our lives. ^(Authority) Great upheavals and mighty changes come because He wills them. The little circumstances that affect our lives at thousands of points are all under His close control.

^(Wonder) What a tremendous universe the Lord has made! Planets whirling thousands of miles through space--distance ⁺ suns so vast they stagger the imagination--whole galaxies of newly-discovered stars whose very existence was previously unsuspected--all give witness to the matchless power of the Creator!

Someone has compared this universe to a great fly-wheel several hundred feet in diameter, whirling around at a rate of a thousand revolutions a second. As this fly-wheel goes round and round at this tremendous speed a little fly is sitting on the edge of the fly-wheel, ~~exists~~ and he sometimes imagines that the fly-wheel exists simply for the sake of the fly. No great and intricate machine in this world comes into existence through pure accident. In every case there is a directing mind back of it planning and directing it. || There is purpose in the universe. || The complexities of nature, the mighty cosmic forces moving in accordance with fixed laws, the wonderful inter-relationship of the various parts of the human body--these did not come into existence through chance. There is a vital factor: a directing mind who has established and controlled them. How can our plans for our lives be worth anything if they do not take into account this mighty factor--the greatest factor in all the universe.

How then shall we take this factor into account? Shall we, like the little fly on the great fly-wheel, think of ourselves as having created the great universe, and imagine that we can twist and change

Authority

Wonder

Explanation

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