

original arrangement of the laws of the natural and moral world such as to produce special results, or of a direct modification of those laws at any time by divine power in some of the links of causation out of sight.

And, finally, that the events are equally special, whether the result of an original ordination in the divine mind, or of direct modification of natural agencies at the time of their occurrence; nor can we, from the nature of the case, prove in which mode, or whether by both modes, divine wisdom acts.

The main question now returns upon us — whether there is any evidence of special divine interposition in nature, save those which revelation has recorded. All such interpositions must, indeed, occur in natural operations, since it is their suspension or modification that constitutes the interposition; but the inquiry is, Does science, or common history, apart from revelation, contain any such records?

We waive the inquiry, at the present time, as to the evidence which uninspired civil history may contain of special interposition, both because the field is too wide for the limits of this article, and has already been to a considerable extent explored. But the records of physical science have not hitherto, to our knowledge, yielded much of this kind of fruit. Our object, at this time, is to attempt to gather at least one cluster from that field.

It must be confessed that, as a general fact, physical science seems barren of any evidence of special divine interference — presenting us, instead, with operations as uniform and unchanging as mathematical laws can make them. Nevertheless, if we do not greatly mistake, on some portions of the vast field we can discover the imprints of special and miraculous providence.