

He Who Preserves the Order

And surely it must be the main concern of life with us to keep ourselves at peace with Him whose unaided hand holds up the heavens with their millions of worlds. Surely it must be the height of madness to oppose the will of him who preserves the order, the harmony, the everlasting beauty of this great empire from age to age. Disobedience to him is the only discord that has ever disturbed the peace or darkened the light of the universe. Disobedience to him alone has brought misery and desolation upon our suffering world. Disobedience to him has kindled all the fires that burn, and caused all the tempests that rage in the guilty soul. To sin against God is to set oneself against the power that holds uncounted millions of worlds in their orbits. To sin against God is to stand in the way of divine purposes which are from everlasting, the fulfillment of which is the harmony and the happiness of immortal millions. To sin against God is such blindness and madness as it would be for a feeble man to lift his hand to sweep the sun from the heavens and to blot out the stars from the sky.

(Our Father's House, or the Unwritten Word by Daniel March, (Author of "Night Scenes in the Bible"), Philadelphia, PA: Ziegler & McCurdy, 1871, 34)