

Polytheism

The Polytheistic. According to this view, Nature is the work of a plurality of gods. One god made and governs one part of the universe, and another god another part. It is hardly worth while to reason seriously against this crude conception. Whatever may have been its origin, it did not originate with science, nor does it prevail at the present day in any of the more civilized and enlightened countries of the world. It may suffice to say that the Unity of Nature is a ceaseless protest against Polytheism. Nature is one. It is not the confused, contradictory, self-destructive product of many conflicting powers and intelligences. Through all its vast extent can be traced the reign of the same great laws. One Power, one Intelligence controls the whole. The Unity of Nature disproves and dispels the disjointed, incoherent scheme of Polytheism. True science stamps it as worthless and incredible.

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