

that we come across material that explicitly denies the existence and power of God. The attitude is rather one of ignoring Him. However, when all problems of life are discussed in such a way without any mention being made of the God who created life, it amounts to the same thing as if His existence were denied.

Denial of the existence of a supreme being is rarely found in explicit form today, a side from the propaganda of the Communists. Most people in our western lands/ stop at denying the existence of God. However, the great/~~big~~/ bulk of our intellectual leaders today simply ignore him and the effect is just about the same.

There , among ignorant people there has always been an extremely personalistic attitude which can, when ever/~~if~~/ anything goes wrong to look for a personal agent on whom to blame it. Primitive people when they cannot find something are apt to think that a demon has snatched it away. When anything goes wrong and individual spirit has intervenes in one way or another. Against this attitude the whole of modern science has reacted strongly. In most cases when we cannot find something it is because we have misplaced it or because the wind has blown it away ~~to some~~ or some other natural phenomena accounts for our difficulty. Most of our problems in life come from our own failures and weaknesses. We do not gain anything by putting the blame for them on an imaginary personal being. Science has made tremendous progress by moving forward on a/~~an~~/ mechanistic basis of dealing with forces that can be handled and observed and seeing what their result is. It has been demonstrated that a very large part of the forces that affect our lives are of this type. Against this general attitude perhaps more than against any explicit statement there has come a general attitude of ignoring the presence of God, and tending to think of the universe as solely as a mechanistic organization without any personal element entering into it.

Yet as we deal with life in general we constantly find that we have to deal with personalities. Individuals react in unexpected ways . As a person goes through a picket