

Fate, accident, chance – or SOVEREIGNTY?

“The lot is cast into the lap – but the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord.” Over every occurrence in nature and in providence, He writes, “*I the Lord do all these things!*” True, His thoughts are often mysterious, and His ways are past finding out. We are led at times, amid the bewildering mazes of His providential dealings, to exclaim, “O Lord, how great are Your *works*, and Your *thoughts* are very deep!” Be it ours to *defer our verdict* – until their *full development*.

Oh, blessed assurance – that the **loom of our life** is in the hands of the *Great Designer* – that it is He who is *interweaving the threads of our existence*: the light – and the dark, the acknowledged good – and the apparent evil. The *chain* of what is erroneously called “destiny,” is in His keeping. He *knows its every connecting link* – He has *forged* each one on His own anvil!

Man’s purposes have failed and are ever liable to fail – his brightest anticipations may be thwarted; his best-laid schemes may be frustrated. Life is often a retrospect of crushed hopes – the bright rainbow-hues of morning, passing in its afternoon into damp mist and drizzling rain. “Many are the thoughts in a man’s heart,” (knowing no fulfillment nor fruition) “but the counsel of the Lord – that shall stand.” “From eternity to eternity I am God. No one can oppose what I do. No one can reverse My actions! *“Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns!”* Revelation 19:6