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Prophets are men who see God in relation to their own times, which makes him *real*. Substance of the prophetic message remains the same, as God is the same; its form changes as the times change.

Peculiarly difficult for this generation to apprehend God, for three reasons:

1. A materialistic civilization to which spiritual truths are dim.
2. The scientific habit of mind, which is hostile to dogma.
3. The rapid growth of natural science, which has established the universal reign of law, and finds in nature no Personal Will.

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