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## The Human Constitution

Last night I was struck with the thought of the three different elements that enter into the constitution of a human being. First there are the elements which come from heredity. In this sense man can properly be said to be a part of the animal kingdom, He inherits genes from his parents. One child has great mental ability, another comparatively little. One has great athletic ability, another comparatively little. Watching a child one can often see mannerisms that remind one of a deceased parent or of a grandparent whom the child did not even know but which were evidently transmitted ~~to~~ physically to him. A great part of one's attitudes and characteristics is derived from heredity. Of course God knows all about this and the particular spirit in the body that fits God's plan for that person.

In every human being there is another element that is so great that it is very difficult for ~~it~~ it inevitably has tremendous effect upon his life. This is the particular circumstance into which he is born. From ~~==~~ Some even go so far as to say that a person's characteristics for his whole life are determined ~~by~~ during the first six months by circumstances bearing upon him during that period. While I think this is an extreme assumption it cannot be denied that the circumstances of one child ~~can~~ tremendously affect his way of looking at things and his whole manner and outlook. One is born into opulence, another into poverty. One has an environment that stimulates physical or mental development another an environment that makes it easy for him to be lazy and indolent. Looking at any man of the age of 40 one can see many things that are natural results of the circumstances that have played upon him during his life.