



## New Years 2018

**FATHER MALACHI:** This is how you might understand piety.

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**G**OD MUST WORK in every agent, in every action, or there is no reality to the agent or the act. The divine motion is not a brutal blow putting an end to all opposition, the rule of the mailed fist. If there is irreverence for an individual nature in the world, we can be sure indeed that the irreverence is not from God; He moves all things according to their natures. So the sun, the moon, the trees and the animals are moved necessarily to their goals, for freedom has no part in their natures. Man is moved freely to his goals, for necessity has no part in his moral nature. It is equally true that this action is mine and is God's, His because He is First Cause of all reality, mine because God stands behind the execution of the powers He has given me. To ask to under-

stand how God can move from the inside, freely, from the principles proper to man's nature is to demand a comprehension of the infinite motion of God by the finite mind of man. God's part in our freedom is not a contradiction but an assurance of reality.

Source: *The Summa Simplified of St. Thomas*, Walter Farrell, O.P., Martin Healy, STD, 1952.



**FATHER MALACHI:** You are in nature doing what is the wind of the Holy Spirit.