Moriarty's God Manipulation

Type: Direct Manipulation and a little bit of Indirect

Setting: Durham(read chapter beforehand)

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- knows a town is being terrorised by a Noble

- naturally, the noble must be a sinful person

- The commoners hate the nobles

Manipulation:

1. A crime is set up where a noble died in an "accident" and his evil deeds were revealed. This makes everyone feel that corrupt nobles don't get to die peacefully, essentially get punished by *god*

2. Moriarty starts off with making himself seem prestigious and then a sense of *familiarity*. He shares his decisions that only commoners would make and acts like his life is similar to theirs. This builds a sense of trust, as even though he's a prestigious noble, he is similar to them. With this comes a sense of uniqueness and contradiction to the rest of the other nobles. He says "while many nobles act like their *gods*, I would rather not be like that" . This builds even more trust as they also believe this. *God* is important for later

3. he gets a ride to the university from one of the commoners(this commoner hates nobles and is pointed out that it's a feat to get a ride from him) before and then he gets called a "Professor" from one of his students, the commoner naturally is startled because of his age. Moriarty then says out loud what the commoner is thinking, using the same word "excessive", which startles him even more. Finally Moriarty says thank you and says his name, even though the commoner has never given his name. William here portrayed: Mystery(by knowing his name) Knowledge(saying what he was thinking and being

prestigious) and Potential(being a maths professor at a young age and being mysterious) This leaves the commoner with William stuck in his mind as to how he knew his name etc. William becomes Infamous in the town.

4. While hearing about the sinful things that the noble has down to the commoners, Moriarty says "Devil's Soonest Tempt, Resembling Spirits of the light", a quote from Shakespeare, this is also where the quote "Hell is empty, all the devils are here" is said. Moriarty drops the word *devil* and before, *god*. Devils can be seen as an evil counterpart to god, a sinful god. William said before that nobles act like "gods" and are sinful, so saying that their devils. although, before he made himself unique and he contradicts other nobles. just like how Devils Contradict God. He is slowly portraying himself as God to all the citizens. through:

Knowledge - God is extremely knowledgeable, knows everything(Omniscience). When Moriarty drops the commoner's name, without him sharing it. This creates a sense of "all knowing". Along with him being a maths professor and being prestigious. His understanding of Hell, which is supernatural and something that only a god would know/be able to comprehend, strengths this.

Mystery - Not too much is known about God, as he does not appear before every human. The Former Pope Pual the IV said "'a reality imbued with the hidden presence of God'. Because God is totally other than we are, totally of the spiritual order, we cannot know God directly." This essentially says that God is mysterious to us. We don't know how, why, where, who god is. Moriarty portrays this by knowing his name and reading his thoughts and the commoners not knowing how/why, etc. Also through his sheer uniqueness and contradiction towards the other nobles is odd and mysterious.

Potential - similar to mystery, god has unlimited/hidden potential. We can't magnify his intellect or any of his prowess. William portrays this by being so young and still being a college professor, also by being mysterious to the commoners

Handsome - God is always depicted as handsome. He is usually also fairly young. Moriarty, throughout the series is shown as handsome and charming. Also is young.

omnibenevolence - God is supremely good. He cares for man and the people. Moriarty portrays this with his charming attitude. Also doing favours for the

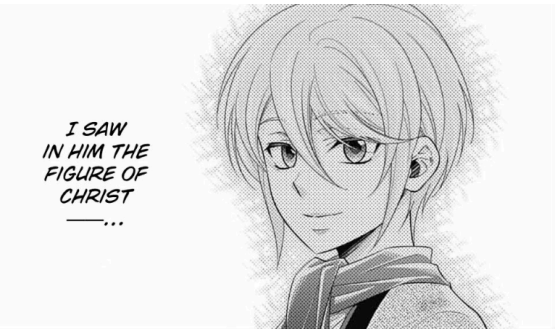
commoners for no charge. He even promised them an easier life. He lowers the rent they have to pay making them have more money and fortune, things that gods portray

omnipotent - God has unlimited power and authority. Moriarty as a noble naturally has what feels like unlimited power to all the commoners. He is also very strong and well built physically. Mainly his vast power and wealth that comes from being a noble, and its shown that hes a high ranking nobles(prestigious)

In addition, he made the commoner who was doing the very important job pay with "her life(dedicating her life)" as a reward. This is a direct contrast to monks who dedicate their life to a god. He says he's a crime consultant, just how someone would Consult God for help, they consulted William.

Now let's go back to the first thing, I said "A crime is set up where a noble died in an "accident" and his evil deeds were revealed. This makes everyone feel that corrupt nobles don't get to die peacefully, essentially get punished by god".

William says the nobles act like gods, and are sinful, naturally they would be evil gods, ie devils. He then says these Nobles(devils) get punished by God. Which he portrays himself as, Later William says the Shakespeare quote. In addition, through his qualities and his *Contradiction*. He has compared himself to other nobles(devils), portrays him as an almighty and Just God. God(Wiliam) punishes the Devils(Nobles). The Devil is also in submission to God. portraying how the nobleds are going to be in submission to William. One who will fix their lives and one who they can trust. He was able to subconsciously manipulate people into believing he was a god. They never even directly thought about him like that.



This is a manga panel of Albert saying this in chapter 63

P.S - I can definitely add some more points to strengthen this argument, although it seems strong enough. This isn't referring to any *one* specific god, most monotheistic gods share these similar qualities.

Although it mostly is Christ This is definitely one of his best *Direct Manipulation* feats.