

exaggerated, until the echoes of the spent passion, shreds and patches of worn out sin, the rags and tatters of the past, are the whole fabric out of which the lives of men and women are framed. Natural law has been deified until man is but an automaton in the iron grasp of necessity, a fragment of wreckage hurled onwards on the crest of an irresistible blast. And to hold fast to the metaphysical conception of God, while accepting Heredity and Environment as His only and infallible prophets, is to add a new ethical horror to the dismal delusion of life. While this doctrine is being constantly exposed on the lower plane of psychology and scientific fact, the widest reaching revelation of moral freedom lies in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. He tramples underfoot the figment of a false heredity, and constantly asserts the voluntariness of his own actions and the ability of all to reach the requirements of God. "Ye will not," and "Ye would not" are His explanations of failure. It is true He often puts very strongly the weakness of human nature; but, in view of the provision which His Father has made to meet it, it is inexcusable.

The doctrine of Jesus respecting the Divine immanence and activity in the world is expressed in the language of common life and is intended to inculcate trust in a Sovereign Father infinitely wise and unchangeably good. It is equally removed from an unknowable reservoir of force on the one hand, and mere unconditioned, irresponsible omnipotence on the other.

The most clamorous of all the questions, which, to-day, press for a settlement on every man with a tender conscience, is, "What is my duty to my fellow-men, especially in view of the startling inequalities of life?" These inequalities were perhaps even more marked in Christ's day, and yet He never allowed them to unduly distress or agitate Him, although His lot was cast among the poor. One of His principles is, that real happiness does not depend on our outward condition but upon our inward state. Another is, that the life of every individual is continued beyond death, and that there, the sorrows and losses of time, in so far as they were unjust, will