

nature. They are naturally as bright, apt to learn, and have just as clear moral perceptions as the men. In this respect, they are as nearly equal as can be.

The fact of the matter is, that Idolatry lays its wide, heavy hand upon *all* alike, and crushes them down *together*. It crushes all the *manhood* out of the men, and all the *womanhood* out of the women. It has withered up all the *purest* and *noblest*, as well as *tenderest*, faculties of their nature. The mother loves her child, yet her love is little more than animal instinct. Love between husband and wife is such a rare thing that it is not supposed to exist at all. Care for the aged is more the result of the fear of their spirits after death than inherent filial affection.

The same may be said of hospitality. The Hindu is hospitable, benevolent or philanthropic, in order either to better his position here or obtain *merit* for the future. All the *man*, the God-like part of his nature, is burned out. Under idolatry, the devilish and brutal propensities of his nature develop, and reproduce each other in an ever-increasing ratio. Civilization alone does little or nothing for them. It tames no passion, roots out no vices, restrains no desires, nor unveils any corruption. It gives no holy purposes, no pure affections, nor noble aspirations. There is nothing in civilization that can warm a frozen heart or quicken a dead spirit; nothing that can *create* a loving principle in the heart and make the golden rule the outgushing of a regenerate nature. It has a magnificent head, but no heart. The Gospel alone can give life, living, eternal life, to a man, a nation, or a race. Jesus alone is the great Life Giver.

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