

Now for those "last words."

Be sure that Humanity is moving on; doing well. We may well doubt and criticize the conscious behavior of individuals; but if our progress depended wholly on our understanding and assistance we might almost despair of it, especially in the slow black early ages. But since we have been pushed and lifted up to our present stage in spite of universal ignorance and active opposition, we may now, in our stubborn social consciousness and well directed efforts to "assist nature" feel strong assurance of immediate gains.

Don't worry about God.

God is *there*, working all the time, not angry or jealous or any of those things the limited intelligence of those ancient Hebrews discredited Him with, but a steady lifting force, always to be relied on, bearing no grudge against the last and highest form of creation—Humanity.

"Don't talk of "A Supreme Being," but of "The Underlying Force." To think of God in terms of personality discredits Him. "He" postulates sex. A man-shaped deity involves internal organs—and processes. Spirit is Force, not personality.

Cast out of your mind the trailing, sticky remnants of early misbelief. God is *right there*. No matter what you have done—it makes no difference to God—only to you. As soon as you reach out to that Force and use it, you find it ready.

"God is a Force to give way to—

God is a thing you have to *Do*—"

Do you not see the pathetic egotism of those early Hebrews in imagining their special God, of whom they were the special children—all the rest of the world airily waved aside as inferior—as so intimately concerned over their little sins and didoes? Fussing because they didn't "worship" Him enough or with the exact kind and amount of sacrifice, irritable to a degree, raging most unbecomingly when they misbehaved. We never shall have a decent uplifting religion till we first dissociate it from the utterly derogatory ideas we have been taught were "sacred," and second associate it with the rest of the laws of the universe.

Everything that is true about God and Jesus will keep, will bear examination, will agree with everything else that is true. It's a mighty weak religion that will not bear discussion.

As to Jesus—do him justice. Here is personality. Here is a