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exercise it. Nay, as it is a part of our life, and an inherent and integral part of our life, we have not only the right but the duty to exercise it. It is a part of our total selves ; and we shall not live our total life until we exercise it. And it has come to this pass by now that if we are going to be abreast of the times, we shall have to exercise it. It is no longer to be regarded as the weakness of ignorant and ill-informed sentimentalists. The man who believes alone is up-to-date. The Agnostic is out-of-date, and the Rationalist has become a quaint and pathetic survival.

It is not, however, on this ground that I would urge the exercise of faith, but because a man cannot be a whole man without it. The man who refuses to believe limits his manhood, for our manhood can only grow to its full stature when by faith it is released from the cramping bonds of the material. It is by faith that he lays hold of God. Faith is, of course, more than belief, it is belief at work ;