

is. No one thinks, or can think, that his love and faith are not, on the whole, justified. Everything tends to show that a further advance in the same line will be made, and that just as certainly as made it will be justified. Supposing that an infinite advance be made in the same line, will not it also be justified? In other words, hate and fear are dying out. The argument is that their total extinction is justified. Faith and love are increasing. Infinite faith and love are justified. That means that there is nothing to warrant fear and nothing to warrant hate in the universe. It also means that the real nature of the universe is such that it warrants on our part unlimited love and absolute trust. Why, then, if we live in a world where everything is really good and beautiful, and in which an all-powerful and infinitely beneficent providence holds us safe through life and death in its keeping forever, why should we ever fear? Why should we ever hate? For the same reason that, living in a world of infinite possibilities of action, we toil like slaves for a poor reward, the means of a bare subsistence. For the same reason that, living in a world of infinite law and order, we grope in the dark through the centuries for scraps of knowledge. For the reason that our moral nature, like our intellectual and active natures, is bound in seven-fold adamant chains, so that we cannot love, cannot trust, just as we cannot act,