

which the Church throughout all ages has understood that term and has believed and taught Him to be divine. That He is, on the contrary, a human being like ourselves—at best perhaps a spirit of a high order and possessed of remarkable gifts and powers, who, descending from the higher spheres and assuming a human body, was content to lay down His life as a testimony to the truth of the doctrines which He taught.

“3. That the teaching of the Catholic Church respecting His character and person and the aim and purpose of His death, is based upon a misconception, due to human error and weakness, and to subsequent philosophical thought and speculation.

“4. That there is no priesthood specially set apart and ordained by Christ with a view to perpetuating His work and to forming the link between the sphere of the human and the divine.

“5. That the Church, with its sacramental institutions for the effectual carrying out of this work, and for the raising of the human soul to