

Christianity which it presents, for I presume it never was at any previous period so influential or successful in these respects, but in the promotion, as I have already stated, of that *practical* Christianity, that *personal* and *individual progress in spirituality*; that consecration of soul to the Lord Jesus Christ, and to the true interests of his kingdom, which alone can fulfil the hopes and aims of those who have been advocates of this Reformation. This is not a sectarian movement. It is an overture for Christian Union. It is the cause of Christ himself. It calls upon the pious everywhere for help. in bringing about a complete restoration of Primitive Christianity, completely disentangled from all human traditions and speculations.

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CHANGE—A LAW OF TIME.

Nothing in nature stands still. All things move on in that course assigned them by the great Originator of all things, ever changing their attitudes and conditions, some tending to perfection, others to decay, but all working out the great design of the Creator. Those mighty spheres which appear piled above each other move on rolling round in their orbits, each one fully answering the purpose of Him who bade them appear and observe the order and laws under which he placed them. The seasons change in rapid succession, showing a corresponding change in all things around us. If we behold the Spring opening and unfolding all its beauties to the eye of the admiring beholder, and Summer spreading forth its full bloom and luxuriant vegetation, whilst Autumn yields its rich store of all things requisite to fill our hearts with joy and gratitude, a continual mutation is beheld. The twig which springs from the acorn becomes the majestic oak which for many years sets the tempest and storm at defiance, at last yields to the same law stamped on all nature by the Creator's hand and moulders into native earth. Human life shows the same regular change, for feeble youth soon rises to the vigor of manhood, and again sinks to the feebleness of age, showing us that change is the order of time, and all this by the wise arrangement of the Creator is working out the improvement of man; fitting him for a more exalted position and a more noble and exalted employment. Empires have risen and become great in strength and vast in domain,