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the secrets of nature by the hands of Science—the effect of the truth on the mind of man by the operation of the Holy Spirit—and the gradual refinement of the nature of man by the spiritualizing power of thought, working in harmony with the successive events of human history, will remove the veil and reveal an ascended Christ, perfect in human form and “in like manner” as He left the earth?

Robert Murray McCheyne, surrounded by a circle of devout believers, turned earnestly to the first and asked the startling question: “Do you think He will come to-night?” “I think not,” said the one addressed. To the next friend he addressed a like question: “Do you think He will come this week?” “I think not,” was the answer. Turning to the next communicant, he inquired: “Do you think He will come this month?” “I think not,” was the response. And, then turning to the most venerable Christian in the group, he inquired: “Do you think He will come this year?” “I think not,” was the grave reply, and then, with the splendor of a peculiar hope shining in his deep eyes, the Scotch divine quietly closed the devout discussion by remarking “In such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh.”