

whatever to believe that the world was created in six days of twenty-four hours each, that there was no universal deluge, that the sun does not move around the earth, and that the laws of nature were not interfered with to please Joshua or any one else, that it is absolutely ridiculous to talk about a man living three days in the belly of a fish in the sea. What is the object in teaching innocent children these foolish yarns as facts? What kind of conception have you got of an omnipotent being, all wise, powerful and good, who can be influenced by your foolish flattery? If He is influenced by praise, He is not unchangeable as the Catechism says He is. Then you want to know what you can get in place of all this nonsense? Let me tell you. If you really want to know something about people worth knowing something about in the olden times in Europe and Asia, read Herodotus. His history is a great deal more amusing, interesting and instructive than the miscellaneous collection of pamphlets called the Bible; read Plato, the biographer of the good and noble Socrates—read Tacitus, there you will find more about your own ancestors, if you are of European origin, than you will find in the Bible—read Caesar, Cicero, Plutarch's Lives of Illustrious men—Homer and Virgil, Juvenal, and a whole host of others, that are now all translated into all modern languages. These were the people that speculated about such interesting themes as life beyond the grave and immortality of the soul. The early Christians copied their ideas about these matters from such authors as we have referred to. They certainly did not find such ideas as they have been preaching in either Moses or the Hebrew Prophets. Moses and the Hebrew Prophets were too materialistic to speculate about these things. What can an insignificant mortal like ourselves do for you or me after we shuffle off this mortal coil? Nothing. It is pure bluff and a confidence game and is corrupting the human race. Take a glance at the history of Christianity, the murder of Hypathia, the early wars of the Athanasians and Arians about the foolish doctrine of the Trinity in the time of the monster Constantine, who first amalgamated Paganism and Christianity, thereby corrupting both of them. Read the history of the Popes, the bloody Inquisition, the war between