

ualism accounts for the rapid success which it made. They believed that he was always present with them fighting their battles against Paganism.

But the Jesus of our day is shut up in Heaven with the Father behind walls, and the Church holds the keys to the gates of this man-made Heaven. And they have buried, and they continue to bury, true spiritual religion beneath volumes of metaphysical arguments and ecclesiastical verbiage. No one to-day believes in the Bible as our forefathers believed in it—as the inspired word of God. That belief is dead. And it is a short step from a dead Bible to a dead God. And the God of the Christian Church is a dead God, buried within his wall-girt Heaven, millions of miles away.

At the Reformation, Protestantism appealed to Reason against the superstitions of Rome, and set the Bible down as the foundation stone upon which Reason should rest. But they soon broke up into a multitude of sects, each writing its own Creeds and Catechisms. Bitter enmity and strife took the place of the one orthodox Church. The Episcopalians hated and persecuted and murdered the Presbyterians, and they, when they had the power, returned the compliment. It was the old story of bigotry and intolerance towards the opinions of others. "When you have the power, it is your duty to tolerate me, because I am in the right, and when I have the power it is my duty to persecute you, because you are in the wrong." This was and is to-day, the spirit of Protestantism. But the goddess of Reason refused to be bound to the new tyrant of Protestantism, and she reared a new temple to herself and called it Agnosticism, and she opened fire upon the old temple, and made it uninhabitable for intelligent men. A most unfortunate step for Protestantism was this appeal to Reason.

A new John the Baptist has arisen, and he preaches