

claim Christianity to be the religion not for any race or any age, but for the whole world and for all time, the clearest, fullest, last revelation of God to man, free from all the incidents and accidents of a changing world. We believe it to be the fullness of truth, not coming to destroy but to more fully reveal and fulfil all truth that existed anywhere before. We believe that it can succeed, replace any other religion, preserving and teaching more clearly and more powerfully whatever truth they taught, and supplying both the truth and the power to live the truth which they lacked. We claim, that Christianity, being not a system but a life, not a creed merely, but a spirit, can meet all the changing wants of changing life by new developments and adaptations, meeting the wants, and sustaining and nourishing the life, of man by fresh supplies from God its source. We claim adherence to Christianity because of the breadth and the universality of the truths it teaches. We claim not that Christianity alone is true, but that it possesses in full all the truths which other religions only possess in part. There are two things which a true, full religion must guarantee, the infinite attributes of God and the separate individuality of man; we claim that in Christianity alone are these found together. In all Polytheistic religion the first is wanting, the gods are lowered into beings completely finite—the problem of the co-existence of the

Infinite and finite is not solved, but evaded by stripping Deity of Infinity. In the great Eastern religions it is the other element that is wanting—the individuality of man is lost. It is only in Christianity that all the elements meet—that man's free individuality is united and conciliated with unlimited self surrender to the Infinite God. Christianity reveals a God whom to serve is perfect freedom, to whom to surrender self is to perfect self, in whom to lose life is indeed to find it. As in the Oriental religions we have an Infinite object of homage but one which does not absorb or crush or swallow up the finite, a Being in whose image man was made, who in His highest manifestation has been revealed through man and in worshipping and serving whom we do not deny but only fulfil and perfect our own nature—a God to whom to surrender ourselves is not to give up free-will but only self-will, not to annihilate self but selfishness. The study of other religions with their great wants will help much to bring out in increasing beauty and power the truth and life of our Christian Faith.

“The more accurately the nature of religion is determined, the more thoroughly its various forms are studied, and the more closely they are compared, the more conclusively will it appear that Christianity alone is the ideal of all religion and alone satisfies the spiritual wants of