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Some Hindu religious orders consider that the highest ideal here is the extinction of all desire and all feeling, such as joy, sorrow, hunger, pain.

The aims and ideal of monks and nuns is to become like a corpse in the hand of the superior.

When death is imminent they are taken to the river-side, and the face smeared with the sacred mud of the Ganges.

When death is imminent, they send for the priest to administer extreme unction, which includes anointing parts of the body with oil.

After the death of relatives, in order to assist the spirit in the next world, they perform Shradha; it consists of various ceremonies, and especially large presents to the priests.

After the death of relatives, in order to liberate the spirit from purgatory, and take it to heaven, they pay considerable sums to the priests for masses to be performed.

Comparison might also be made between Romanism and Buddhism, as there is much in common, as the veneration of relics, forbidding priests to marry, large houses of monks and nuns, etc.

THE ATROCITIES IN ARMENIA—IS GOD ON TRIAL?

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I have recently heard good men—professing Christian men—question the goodness and power of God. They have asked, Is God indeed a God of love while He yet permits His people to suffer such dreadful and prolonged barbarities as those which have been witnessed in Armenia? Or does He lack the power to prevent them? Is Satan, after all, mightier than God? Notice:

1. Such questions have been asked before. Jeremiah, Asaph, and Job are Old Testament examples. Thousands of years ago the souls of the righteous were vexed with this same problem. But *they* approached its investigation not from the standpoint of doubt but of faith. God help us to do the same. In all his affliction Job did not charge God foolishly. Asaph's feet had almost gone, his steps had well-nigh slipped into open infidelity, almost, but not altogether, because he held to the fundamental postulate that "God is loving unto Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart." Jeremiah would talk with God of His judgments, but he begins by affirming his belief that He is righteous. In no other way can we expect light to come to us on this Armenian question.

2. Let us remember that similar atrocities have occurred before. God's people have known these things in all ages. Israel in Egypt under Pharaoh was not essentially unlike Armenia in Turkey under Abdul Hamid II. Compare the current correspondence from Constantinople with the opening chapters of Exodus in proof of this. And what about "the noble army of martyrs" who suffered at the hands of the early Roman emperors? What