



The Spirit of the World.

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RENOUNCING impiety, and worldly desires, we should live soberly, and justly and piously in this world. Be not conformed to the spirit of this world, but be reformed in newness of mind, that you may prove what is the good, and the acceptable, and the perfect will of God." (1)

There is no man who ought not to be proud that he is a Christian, that he is called to lead a life like that of Christ, and who ought not to be willing to make sacrifices to approach more nearly to that ideal.

The life of Christ and his teachings are not for the individual man and woman something vague and indefinite. That life and those teachings are so clear and so near the possibility of imitation and resemblance, that one feels and knows that the slightest divergence from them is a disloyalty more or less great.

Christ Our Lord teaches, and his great Apostle repeats the lesson of the Master, as to the spirit of unworldliness, "*Be not conformed to the spirit of this world.*"

Now my brethren, often times when the word "worldly" is used, people try to think that it is in a mediaeval sense, not applicable to the present state of enlightened society, and not suited to our advanced century.

(1) St. Paul in his Epistle to Titus and to the Romans.