

Christian Religion, and call it an immoral and unscientific religion. One of your own advisers, the Hon. John Morley, a clear thinker and a good man, says, "Science, when she has accomplished all her triumphs in her own order; will, when the time comes, assist in building up a creed by which men can live; this creed must be in harmony with our intellectual conceptions of truth and mercy and justice." We believe that Mr. Morley is right, and that science is opening up the way for us to understand better our relationship to ourselves and to God.

Please do not send us a religion which is based upon theological legends, and crude superstitions which your own best men have discarded. Are these things true? Is it a fact that your greatest scholars and thinkers have either lost or are losing faith in this Christian Religion? Please let us know, for this is very important.

We understand that the very cornerstone of this religion, what you call the doctrine of the atonement is the old story that the first man and woman were placed in a garden by God and that the woman took an apple which she was told not to take, that she gave this apple also to her husband who also ate it and found it good eating, and that this is the origin of Sin, that before this act everything went along decently and in order, and that immediately after this everybody went wrong; that beasts began to eat one another and that men began to hate and kill one another. The story says that this God had to be appeased, for he was very angry because he was disobeyed; and in order to make things right again, he had to kill His own Son: but as a matter of fact, things were no better after the Son was killed than before. We in Japan cannot see why God did not forgive this poor woman, as he is always telling others to forgive their enemies. He