

been and still continues to be the baneful delusion that they only worship the only true God, and that their Bible was the only revealed word of God, the only revelation from God to mankind, the only rule of faith and conduct, the only star in the firmament. The best thing in the Koran is the repudiation of this word only. Mahomet did not claim to be the only prophet of God, nor his revelations to be the only revelation from God he acknowledged that there were others.

Just fancy the look of contempt and disdain that Socrates, Aristotle, Cicero, Marcus Aurelius and the great and good Julian whom the Christians called an apostate, at a bigoted, ignorant Hebrew, or an equally bigoted and ignorant Christian presuming to tell men so much superior to themselves in wisdom and virtue that they were the only ones that had the true religion. The same profound presumption is propagated by modern Christian missionaries in the faces of the sages of China, Japan, India and Egypt. The ignorant Salvation Army spouter puts on the same lofty air among modern scientists and philosophers.

There can never be peace in the world till these ignorant fanatics are taught their proper place. Of course this cannot be done by persecuting them. Coercion will never cure lunatics or fanatics. Let them have their play, but they must not rule over others, but we must have the right to laugh at them, which is the right that I for one intend to exercise on all proper occasions.

THE RELIGION FOR OUR DAY.

A great deal has been written about the religions of the past, and some who might be more profitably employed discuss learnedly "The Religion of the Future." It is much more important, however, to outline a good working religion for the present than to waste too much time about the past or in prophesying about the future. The present is enough for us. Our forefathers have left all the so-called civilized nations of the world heavily in debt. The interest that all the countries of Europe and America have to pay on the national debts are enormous. The cast iron confessions of faith they have made for themselves, and their children should be cast into the