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They are a great expression of his strength of thought, as well as of his individual temperament, brought into conflict with the autocratic principle of government in both Church and State from which men have so largely broken away.

The first great division was by a geographical line into east and west, Greek and Roman. Underneath that line was a radical difference of temperament between the peoples of the West centering at Rome, and those of the East centering about Constantinople. They had been bound into one empire through the power of the sword. Now they are free to give expression to their individuality. It has been commonly said that that division came about through the dispute over two little Latin words in the creed. But that only revealed the different modes of thought of peoples diverse in temperament, and now free to give expression to their thoughts.

The next division, the great Protestant movement, was an evidence of the new life, both mental and spiritual, of the peoples of Europe. The whole body of Protestant churches to-day tells out the vigor and vitality both of man's life and of the Church. It spells out large the greatest movement of man towards a new intellectual life. The race was catching fire afresh. It was having a new birth.

The varying names within the Protestant Church grew up naturally in different nations. In Germany the personality of the great leader in their midst gave the name Lutheran. Under