

not been for these glorious heroes the Hun would even now be thundering at the gate. What a deterrent to recruiting! All the miserable coward needs to put forth is the plea that conversion has not yet come his way; and that while his country has a right to demand that he shall rise up in the defence of freedom, it has no right to demand that he imperil his eternal welfare in doing so. What answer can be made to his contention?

I submit the iniquity is in the inherited creed. I affirm that for a puny mortal to define or to even attempt to define the movements of God's mind in His dealings with the souls He has created is nothing short of blasphemy; and that the only attitude of mind and soul to assume is one of humble, childlike trust in the vast life of which each one is the conscious child. "To this man will I look even to him who is of a humble and contrite spirit and who trembles at my rebuke." Coins of expression like that ring like minted gold on the counters of experience! To sum up, theology is simply speculation. Speculation is a purely intellectual process. Speculation of any kind has no inhering moral qualities. It is often a mere lazy indulgence—save when it is trained scientific speculation and then it is most valuable. Religion, on the other hand, is the attempt to discover and obey the highest demand of the universe as touching rational and spiritual creatures like ourselves. "the Highest is the measure of the man." It comprises realities, to name