

the race has a nobler goal than the pursuit of mere material good, that "God is and is the Helper of those who put their trust in Him": can we, in loyalty to ourselves, look calmly upon the present phase of this great problem or refuse to aid in its solution?

It is said by many who recognize the truth of what has been stated that it is unwise to take so solemn a step as the coming out boldly in antagonism to the religion of the day. We reply: "Truth knows no consequences." If Orthodoxy be false, we are recreant to God's Eternal Truth if we lend it our support. Is it manly, is it noble, is it Christ-like, for petty, selfish ends, to play the servile hypocrite, whilst error holds high carnival on the altars of our land? Can we, as lovers of God and humanity, listen with folded arms to these dogmas which we feel in our hearts are false and hurtful? Or, to take even a lower ground, would the key-note of any grand reform ever have been sounded, had those who felt within their souls the Truth, hearkened to the voice which whispered "Peace, Peace! when there was no peace"?

To each of those who still are wavering (and who is firm in his faith?) we would say: "In a spirit of earnest trust in God, read and ponder over your Bible; think, word by word, what it *really* says, and what our preachers *say* it says; test it by the test of God's great Bible, the Universe of Nature and your own soul. Read it, moreover, with the lamp of reason (God's greatest gift to you), not turned down, but brightly burning. Then ask yourself, 'can all this be wholly true?'" The more earnestly and truthfully you study, the more fully you let God's glorious light shine in upon your soul, the more sincerely you strive (with His help) to be a true man, the more clearly, we know and feel, will you come to see that in believing this Bible to be, above all other books, "*The Word of God*," the *one* revelation from on high, you are outraging the most sacred feelings of your being. We are persuaded, further, that the more diligently you search, extrinsically and intrinsically,