

with personal independence and comfort. In the West secular law is above the Church, in the East spiritual faith is above the law. The West looks forward to personal consciousness even after death, as witnessed by our belief in immortality; the East seeks loss of consciousness, and looks upon reincarnations as punishments. The East abhors impersonal law and its cold neutrality, and loves personal autocratic rule. Most of the best things of the West—honesty, justice, mercy, impartiality and sympathy—the East dislikes, and would rather be without.

The East is fatigued and disgusted by the rules, demands, exigencies of the social intercourse of the West. To be on time, to answer letters, to pay visits, to dress at certain times, and in a certain manner, to be severely accurate in money matters, to do day after day certain prescribed duties, the Oriental shrinks from as from slavery; and even though persistent painstaking bring prosperity, he will not drive himself that far. This accounts for the fact that the East submits to cruelty, to conquest, flood, and famine, to being trampled to death by elephants, buried alive in a wall, cut to pieces while alive, and to infanticide on a colossal scale. He will exert himself tremendously on occasion, he will fasten