

Bauer ; and the denial of dogmas in religion is now almost general among the leading non-Catholic minds in Europe and in this country. Beecher is a latitudinarian, Bellows is a Unitarian ; Greely is a Universalist and we have Colfax, Summer, Philips, Dr Weiss and Frothingham who seem to believe in nothing except in their own notions, which vary as often as the chameleon's hues.

An idea with these men is nothing but a phantasm. A dogma is a mere assumption. They hold that God varies according to the different views men can get of Him. Religion is a mere sentiment. Rationalism or the licence of every man to think what he likes and say it against God or for Him, against Christianity or for it, is the system of the non-Catholic world. This system is based on the theory that truth, ideas, God, religion are mere matters of opinion, mere words, whims, purely subjective, constantly changing and perfectible by the law of progress. Do not Mill and Spencer deny the fixity even of geometrical axioms ? Has not Mill said somewhere that two and two might make five ; in short that even geometrical truths are purely conventional ?

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