

Nor should Christianity be held to account for all the bloody wars and persecutions connected with it. For man is not a perfect creature. There's a good deal of the persecuting and bloody spirit in him that nothing but time could eradicate.

Many people are pessimistic over religious conditions that prevail at the present time. They point sorrowfully to the decay of religion. This is due to a false conception of the matter. That man is retrograding spiritually is very doubtful. Men are imbued with ideals obtained from former times. They do not keep up to the advanced spirit of the age. It is quite true that dogmas interest men far less than formerly, as do also belief in the supernatural and the myths and traditions connected with Christianity. But the spirit of brotherhood seems steadily growing. This is the thing most helpful and most worthy to retain. Science has introduced the great law of the survival of the fittest which has caused a more reasonable interpretation of the law of love laid down by Christianity.

Life is ever freeing itself from the yoke of the past. In this process much remains to be accomplished.

It will take some time before the clergy are given perfect freedom to express truth as they see it and untrammelled by cast iron creeds, doctrines, and beliefs. There should be perfect intellectual liberty. Nothing would do more to advance man intellectually. Under present conditions he is asked to base his very soul's salvation on much that is error, and consequently, his life grows towards false ideals and his moral condition must be faulty. Standards are changing. The Bible is no longer an infallible guide. How can life be measured accurately with a faulty standard of measurement?

Our social system is largely influenced by religious