

city of its denials, or all of these combined, are in conflict with the Supernaturalism that shines and glows in every book of the Bible, and are bringing back for our acceptance what our fathers scorned, then we must be allowed to show the practical results—the results on life which of necessity followed the triumph of the speculative opinions of the popular idols of the ancient world in the realm of thought; and, oh! what a life was that! What a poor exchange for the certitudes of faith and the simplicities of patriarchal times. I do not know whether an Epicurean philosophy grows out of an Epicurean life, or an Epicurean life out of an Epicurean philosophy; but both are indissolubly and logically connected. The triumph of the one is the triumph of the other; and the triumph of both is equally pointed out by St. Paul as a degeneracy, a misfortune,—a sin to be wiped out only by the destruction of nations, or some terrible and unexpected catastrophe, and the obscuration of all that is glorious among the works of men."

Another quotation is as follows:—"We are told that we ought to give up part of our old-fashioned theology to save the rest. We are in a carriage, travelling over the steppes of Russia. The horses are being driven furiously, but the wolves are close upon us. The danger is pressing, but what must we do? It is proposed that we throw out a child or two. By the time they have eaten the baby, we shall have made a little headway. But should they again overtake us, what then? Why, brave man, throw out your wife: 'All that a man hath will he give for his life.' Throw out inspiration, and let the critics devour it. Throw out election, and all the old Calvinism. Here will be a dainty feast for the wolves, and the gentlemen who give us the sage advice will be glad to see the doctrines of grace torn limb from limb. Throw out natural depravity, eternal punishment, and the efficacy of prayer. We have lightened the carriage wonderfully. Now for another drop. Sacrifice the Great Sacrifice. Have done with the Atonement. Brethren, this advice is villainous. It is murderous. We must escape these wolves with everything, or we must be lost with everything. It shall be the truth, the whole truth, or none at all."

This is the doctrine which I wish you to hold and teach. These are the sentiments which I wish you to entertain. They are not popular. But, has the truth of God ever been popular in any age? It was far from being popular in the earliest ages, when Christ Himself was its exponent upon earth; and so it will ever be, while this dispensation lasts. Nevertheless, see that you reject not these truths. Stand up for the plenary inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. It is a fundamental doctrine. It cannot be set aside without grave attendant perils. Upon it rests our confidence in the reality of the Fall of Man, the Redemption of Christ, the Resurrection from the dead, and the hope of eternal glory, with all that