

done anything else than to confirm. The relation of philosophy and faith is not that of absolute exclusion,—Philosophy *or* faith; nor that of antagonism,—Philosophy *versus* faith; but that of harmony and coöperation,—Philosophy *and* faith. It would be as senseless and irrational to give up the great scriptural doctrines because of this persistent and impudent cry of rationalism about the “collapse of the Supernatural,” as it would for the world to suspend all its business activities because Vennor predicts a coming cyclone, or rather, because of the one which he predicted but which did not come.

(2) A still more shallow sensationalism and materialism, culminating in the all-pervasive teaching of Herbert Spencer, has gone far toward muddling the minds of men over the question whether we are anything more than developed brutes, or, worse than that, than mere developments of matter and motion by redistribution. There is no God, no soul, no freedom, no immortality, at bottom only matter and motion. It is sensationalism run mad, the “philosophy of dirt” clasping hands with the philosophy of brutality. Animal enjoyment is the great end of existence. Virtue consists in pursuing it under stress of the master instincts of nutrition and reproduction, and is thus merged in pure bestiality. God there is none, except perhaps the double, or supposed ghost, of our great-great-grandfather.

Now philosophy, according to Ueberweg, is “the science of principles”; but this scheme has no principles. Its assumptions and assertions fly in the face of all the fundamental truths of reason, and it is high time that thinking men should wake up to this fact of the essentially irrational character of this pretentious system, and estimate it at its real rational value which is mathematically expressed by *zero*.

(3) These false philosophies, in connection with others of kindred nature inherited from the past, have resulted in the prevalence of a heathen and immoral morality that has led to the divorce of Christian Doctrine from Christian Ethics, thus fossilizing the former and annihilating the latter.

Now if this be so, it is certainly a very serious state of things. The fathers told us that “truth is in order to holiness.” Christian doctrine was evidently intended to be the foundation of Christian ethics—*i.e.*, of an ethics whose essential elements are self-renunciation and self-sacrifice in devotion to Christ, and leading to a heroism that crucifies self and scorns all ends centring merely in man whether in his happiness, his culture or his dignity. The great Christian doctrines rightly presented imperatively demand, and by the grace of God surely lead to, such Christian morality.

But the false and heathen philosophy, new and old, has introduced the new morality, so called, of *egoism*, or selfishness and mere humanitarianism, which bids man get the best and the most for his own enjoyment, and perhaps for the enjoyment of his fellows, so far as that