

that neither a Chinese nor a Japanese is a distinct Atheist, since in their mind political and social tradition has a sacredness, at the bottom of which is a vague belief in some divine authority. Imperial Rome was more definitely Atheistic; but then Imperial Rome fell and her fall was owing to the collapse of duty. Certain, however, it seems that no national sanction of morality, public or private, has yet been produced apart from belief in divine authority and in conscience as its organ. Let the moral law be the product of as long an evolution and the accumulation of as many generations of tribal experience as you please, let it be as conducive as you please to the well-being of the community, still the question remains why am I bound to sacrifice my individual profit or pleasure to the product of Evolution, to tribal experience, or even to the well-being of the community? The community, if I make myself a nuisance to it, may hang me. But suppose I choose to take the risk; suppose I can escape the police. Napoleon, the offspring of Revolutionary Atheism in France, living absolutely without God in the world and sacrificing his kind without limit or remorse to his own ambition and rapacity, did escape the police, and with a little more prudence, or even if the winter of 1812 had been less severe, might have ended his career in triumph. The pangs of his Evolutionary conscience we may be sure he never would have felt. Hæckel plainly avows that Evolution is not moral, and an American writer of some mark has reproduced in set terms the doctrine of the Sophist who said that morality was invented by the weak to prevent themselves from being devoured by the strong. Napoleon himself recognized the necessity of religion as the foundation of social order, and accordingly restored it in France. That thoroughgoing Agnostic, Mr. Cotter Morison, in his *Service of Man*, could only propose that the bad should be killed off, without telling us by what criterion we were to recognize the bad, how the dividing line was to be drawn, or to what hands the Evolutionary guillotine was to be entrusted. Neither Nero nor, so far as we know, Napoleon gave any special sign in his youth of