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"around this world of sense" adapted to the development of spiritual beings, who take up the onward struggle where they left off here can look upon the whole purpose of creation as one grand original plan. We can see how man's body may have been developed from a lower animal form by the laws of evolution; we can also see how his mental and moral facilities coming along "pari pasu" with the physical, have been gradually advancing towards the great infinite mind under the operation of similar laws, and we may believe with Tennyson—

"That life is not as idle ore
But iron dug from central gloom,
And heated not with burning fears,
And dipped in baths of hissing tears,
And battered with the shocks of doom
To shape and use."

Spiritualism is said to be a religion; this is partly correct, as it embraces within its scope all that religion rightly teaches. It is the science of life, and tells about man from his birth into this life till his birth into the life beyond. It deals only with facts which can be demonstrated by scientific methods, while religion deals with beliefs and faiths which are based upon tradition and theories; the more faith you have, the more religious you are, while Spiritualism regards belief without proof as valueless. If you could reduce religion to a science in which every belief could be verified and every theory proven as completely as a proposition in Euclid, you could then understand the religious aspect of Spiritualism.