

must be religious, or must be moral, or must turn over a new leaf (as is said), or must mend your ways, but "must be born again." What a cutting searching word. It sets man in his best state or worst state aside altogether; it brings in a *new life, a new nature*. There is necessity here, for ye *must* be born again; such necessity that "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

There are two grand reasons why ye must be born again. *First*, because nothing less would suit God, righteous, holy as He is.

*Secondly*, nothing less would meet the case of man, ruined and lost in himself, irreparably bad. But do you say, where am I to get this other life, this other nature of which I hear so much in these days? The very same Scripture that shuts you out in your natural state, supplies the answer to your question. "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that *whosoever believeth* in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Reader, soon all *unreality* will have passed away; soon will this day of empty profession be over. Where shall you be found then? Where are you now?

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And the Spirit and the bride say, come. And let him that heareth say, come, and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. (Rev. xxii, 17).