

to the study of nature, and the endless round of perfectly ordered life around him, must admit a master mind. Every man has experienced times when the complexity of his nature has appaled him; when the good and evil in his make up have waged war; when in moments of solitude his mind has been deprived of its own power, and he has been forced to think, in contradiction with his own inclinations, of beautiful things in a beautiful way.

The fact is, that it is not a spirit of materialism that is passing over humanity, but rather a spirit of uncertainty. There is not a desire to discredit things spiritual. Instead, there is a craving to get nearer to the understanding of them. Men are looking for a solution for the modern misunderstandings; they are willing, if properly led, to grasp the real meaning of life. The feeling of dissatisfaction that characterizes men to-day, is the awakening of their spiritual nature. The emptiness of modern business life, the wide disparity of social conditions, along with the injustices of present civilization, are not, to the masses, satisfactory. And the recognition of these evils—for evils they are—will mean, in the end, not the embracing of materialistic ideals, but the embracing of Christianity as the sole remedy.

Thinking men of to-day who look around them and see the forces that are operating upon our life, tell us that we are in the dawning of a great age. They tell us that, in the coming age, Christianity is to be a powerful factor. The Christian conscience is beginning to manifest itself, and is pushing to the forefront with a persistence never before equalled.

Down through the Christian era, there have been wars and national complications. Land-grabbing has been the object even of those nations which call themselves Christian. At this present moment, there is an unjust war going on, and the other nations of the civilized world are indignant over the happening. But, at some time or other, those countries which are opposing the war have been guilty of the same offence. Can it be that they, themselves, are getting beyond the offensive stage, and that the twentieth century will go down in the annals of history as the century in which unholy wars and national armament were done away?