

now the culture of all Humanity is coming rapidly to this conclusion—that the religious Battle of the world is to be fought and determined around the Galilean, and nowhere else. There is nothing for mankind but Christianity or Atheism. Every contest is hastening to this alternative; every controversy is settling into this tremendous issue. And the upshot is not doubtful. Our race is not relapsing into atheistic night or the cesspool of sensuality. The dial denotes progress, and the advancing daylight is in the sky. Religion without miracle is religion without the words as well as the works of the Lord Jesus; it is religion without Jesus; and religion without Jesus is no religion at all, but the folly of the heart that cries—"No God." To all other religions and religious writings but ours we say—Stand down and depart. You have long and largely been tried, but only to be found wanting. You can mock us no more with your lying trumpery and impure vanity. "We know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know the true One; and we are in the true One, in his Son, Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life."

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The author's special interest in this conversation is easily accounted for. At sixteen years of age, in the transit of a Canadian hayfield, some of the Master's words to Nicodemus about the new birth, fell upon his ear, as an announcement of divine authority but unknown import, occasioning earnest prayer for the mysterious change, till the injury of a logging-field served to give him (like Philip to the Eunuch) a guide to understanding in the matter. Mr. ANDREW STEVENSON, whose memory is fragrant to the Author and to many still living, as the spices of Arabia by the