

# Why We Believe

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### WHY DO WE BELIEVE IN GOD

Many of our beliefs we have received simply as a matter of training and tradition. They are handed down from parents and teachers to children and accepted without any question. But to most thoughtful persons there comes sooner or later the questioning stage and unless one surrenders his intelligence to churchly or priestly authority he will demand a reasonable explanation of his beliefs. This is what the Apostle Peter urges: "Be ready always to give answer to every man that asketh you a reason for the hope that is in you." In the earnest desire to be of some help to those who are thinking on these vital questions that lie at the very heart of our Christianity I have undertaken these addresses.

People in every age and condition are in some way seeking after a Supreme Being. In some it is a dim and distant fancy almost buried beneath a superincumbent mass of gross notions and superstitions while in others it is a comparatively pure and lofty con-