

selves by their stiff-neckedness. It is not stated that he was moved especially by the motive that Moses had put forward. This is a pure invention of Col. Ingersoll.

The assertion that God "wants the blood of doves and lambs" and "the smell of burning flesh," is a mere play upon words. We already explained in what way God is pleased with sacrifice. It is because it is the outward expression of our belief that God is the Master of all things, and that we are totally dependent on Him. HE does not need that we should make this acknowledgment, but we need God, and therefore WE need to acknowledge his Supreme Dominion.

The Colonel next finds fault with God for believing "in witches, wizards, spooks and devils." The "spooks" are a fabrication of the Colonel. Undoubtedly the Scripture does insist upon the existence of spirits, and this is quite conformable with reason. The devils are spirits who have abused their free-will, and have therefore brought upon themselves deserved punishment. Once we admit the existence of these evil spirits, there is certainly no absurdity in believing that there are persons who have communication with them. Col. Ingersoll has not attempted to prove that it is absurd. Christians, however, do not believe *in* witches, wizards, spooks and devils. To believe *in* them is to accept their doctrines, and to put one's trust in them. Christians believe that they exist, but it is reserved to infidels to believe *in* them. It seems to be part of the mission of the infidel organ of America, the *Truth-Seeker*, to propagate belief *in* witches and wizards, (spiritual mediums,) and *in devils*.