

One of your best and most reliable historians, Mr. Lecky, says that the Christian religion has made more wars and caused more innocent blood to be shed than all other religions on the face of the earth. The struggles brought about by what you call the Athenasian Creed caused the destruction of over three millions of innocent lives. The religious wars, called the Crusades, caused the destruction of four million more of poor, deluded men, women and children. The "Thirty Years War" in Germany caused the murder of many millions more and left the country a desert and created a bitter feeling which has not yet been allayed. The massacre of St. Bartholomew and the murders of the Albigenses in the south of France many millions more. In fact, European history is nothing else but a description of "Religious Wars" and butcheries and murders, so says Lecky, and we have no reason to doubt him.

Will you kindly tell us if your historians, Buckle and Lecky, are telling the truth. For if they are, please do not send these missionaries to teach us about this terrible Christian religion of blood and thunder. We have trouble enough here without bringing such a scourge as this upon us. Kindly reply to these questions as fully as possible, for we are anxious to know the truth.

From your sincere friend and brother,

THE MIKADO.