

Majesty—the beginning and term of human greatness. Respect for parents, respect for neighbors, respect for magistrates, respect for the various forms by which the majesty of law reveals itself are all founded on the supreme reverence for the Majesty of God.

The Masonic sects, whose sworn aim it is to overthrow religion and society as at present constituted, and to lay the foundations of human happiness over again on another basis, could not take a shorter cut in their work of destruction than by uprooting from the people all reverence for God, His name, His priesthood and civil representatives. They would not only hush the mention of His name but efface the idea of Him. They substitute blasphemy for praise, and hate for love. The trend of modern thought and institutions under the inspiration of the Lodges has been to thrust God aside, ignore His claims, and deny Him every outward mark of respect. If it does not openly glorify, it accepts as respectable and worthy of consideration theories, such as gnosticism, pantheism and evolutionism, which are but thin veils for blasphemy and unbelief. It idolizes indifferentism, which sets God in contradiction with Himself, as founding, approving or accepting creeds and forms of worship that give the lie to one another; or it banishes Him to the clouds by representing all certain knowledge of His truth or any one sure way to Him as impossible and beyond our reach.

Likewise the institutions which go distinctively by the name of modern pass God by and condemn His claims. He is banished from conscience, from the Church and from the Bible itself, by the free and independent play of private judgment; from the family, by the lowering of marriage to a mere civil contract, and the breaking by divorce of the indissoluble seal which He set upon it; from the school, by a merely secular training, without the mention of His name during all these precious years when