

evolution out of it. "Consider," he says, "what light Evolution throws upon the problem of sinfulness and the conflict in the soul. Primarily, it exhibits man as a double creature. The spirit man rides upon a man of flesh and is often thrown thereby, and trampled under foot. Because the physical man includes all the instruments of the animal realm, there are times when the soul seems to manifest the cunning of the fox, the cruelty of the lion, the traits of the wolf—yea, the sting of the serpent itself. But if there is a lower man having the appetite and passion that sustain the body, there is also a higher spiritual man with reason, affection and moral sentiments. And this union of the two means strife and conflict. It is the doing by the physical man what the spiritual man would not do, that leads the soul to cry out, 'Oh, wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death.' * * * * *

"Now this scientific view of sin is slowly but surely destroying the mediæval conception. The scholastics long have represented God as creating inexperience and innocence, then permitting it to be debauched, and afterward transmitting the awful results to the entire human race, dooming the vast majority to endless torment. Many, for want of any other view, have accepted what they have been taught, not realizing the real extent of the teaching. If a physician should place his child in a plague hospital, and expose him to contagion, knowing that he would transmit the awful disease to innumerable generations, an after decision to introduce remedial proceedings for a very few of the plague-stricken ones would in no wise clear the father's garments of responsibility. Multitudes have welcomed the new statement of the doctrine of sin—not simply because it sweeps away the dreadful nightmare of scholastic teachings, and rids the mind of a horror of thick darkness, but also because this view lends itself readily, first to the facts of experience and the facts of heredity, and chiefly because it interprets that conception of human sinfulness as taught by Jesus Christ."

This is Lyman Abbott over again and Drummond's Ascent of Man. Do I believe it? Certainly not. Eliminate Dr.