

—it only required to be acted upon in order to break down beneath the weight of its own initial fallacies. We are creatures living in time, for ever passing from the known to the unknown, taking the most enormous risks every day, and taking them without turning a hair, engaged upon an enterprise in which every step is a step into the dark. We live every day and every hour of the day by faith, and it is absurd to suppose that faith which justifies itself in the planning of our daily lives is going to play us false or turn out a broken reed when we exercise it in a wider field. Rationalism breaks down in the very act of planning a rationalist meeting for to-morrow—for that is an act of faith. We may presume that the settled order of the universe will provide for the rising of to-morrow's sun and for our rising a little later—we may presume all this reasonably; but to act on a presumption, however reasonable, is to exercise faith. And if you let in faith there, you cannot logically shut it out anywhere