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SOME THOUGHTS ON READING MR. UNDERWOOD'S ARTICLE IN
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ATHEISM is Mr. Underwood's propaganda. The Bible is the writer's propaganda. The former springs from the power of intellect, the latter from the simplicity of faith. Though the Bible may be warped from its intent, this in no sense impairs its truthfulness. Science develops the intellectual power; the Bible develops the spiritual power. Atheism limits the material power of man to this world; the Bible places no limit upon the spiritual power of man; it is eternal. Material man dies; spiritual man lives. The Atheist can dispose of his material body at will; he can never get rid of his spiritual body. It may pass into the next world deadened by doubt and scepticism, or it may pass into the next world quickened by knowledge and faith, to a new life. There is no earthly satisfaction to the Atheist equal to the realization of that latter fact to the Christian. That quickening to a deadened spirit may come early in our material life or it may come late; science can never produce it. Through its chemical knowledge science can create an egg, but it cannot make that egg produce a chicken. Science may even go so far as to produce a chicken by its knowledge and application of chemistry, but it cannot give that chicken life.

Man is endowed with great creative power. In that respect he is after God's own image, but his power to create is limited to things material. He cannot create anything with a force of its own. The will power of man applied to it is necessary to give it force. The throttle of an engine must be opened to give the engine force. The phonograph cannot utter its sounds unless the voice or sound is put into it. Not so with man. God created man, and he became what he is to-day through the spirit that was breathed into him, and which has been transmitted from generation to generation down to the advent of Christ, when that spirit was