

race. All men and nations, today are judged by standards of morality which are Jewish and Christian in their origin. All men are measured by the Perfect Man. All books are measured by The Book of Books. All law finds its root in the Law of Moses.

Matthew Arnold was placing his finger on a great fact when he said: "If any man will show me, outside of Christianity—outside of a Christian country—ten square miles, where infancy is regarded, old age respected, womanhood revered, and where human life is held sacred—I will surrender my interest in the religion of Jesus Christ."

Christianity is built on the deepest natural instincts of the human heart. It has the best answer for the unanswered questions of the soul. It provides the doctrine of God as nature's fundamental fact. It opens the door of prayer as the way of admission into the presence of the invisible. It flashes upon the pathway of man the light of Truth. It enthrones the law of Love as the rule of life and the standard of Character as the test of experience. And it lifts up the goal of Immortality as the master motive of the soul.

No other religion has dared to combine three such ideas as the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man and the Immortality of the Soul. Immortality is the brightest gleam that ever spanned the river of death. Victor Hugo, in his old age, exclaims, "I begin to feel within me the throbbings of an immortal life."

The stars shall fade away,
The sun himself grow dim with age,
And nature sinks in years.
But thou shalt flourish in immortal youth
Unhurt amid the war of elements,
The wreck of matter and
The crush of worlds. ●

Christianity has shot its roots down deep into the soil of history. Christianity rests on the solid granite of historical fact. Our faith is founded on fact. The Bible is a gigantic fact. The Church of God is a stupendous fact. Christianity, as a moral force in history, is a colossal fact. A Christian civilization—the last and best civilization which the world has ever achieved—is a tremendous fact. The character of Jesus is a majestic fact. The regenerating power of the Holy Spirit, by which bad men are made good, good men made better and bettered men made even more blessed, is an all glorious fact. The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, on third day, according to the Scriptures, is the one great fundamental fact of Christianity and the turning point in history. Toward that event all history converged and out from that event all history radiates: "Up from the grave He arose, Jesus my Lord!"