

God, or to enjoy any of the glories of Heaven. "Like lightning" (Luke X, 18) Christ saw him fall from Heaven; "he was cast forth unto the earth; and his angels were thrown down with him."—(Apoc. XII, 9). As he is the irreconcilable opponent of God in way and works, so his abode and surroundings must be in direct contradiction to those of the Almighty. Peace, order, happiness, glory, unending joy, are some of the characteristics of Heaven: hence unrest, disorder, bitterness of spirit, shameful degradation, unceasing anguish must prevail in the abode of Satan, or in what we call hell. So obvious is this that a moment's reflection must make it apparent to any reasonable being. The traditions and literature of all nations attest to the universality of a belief in a place of happiness and a place of suffering in a future life. In this the ancients gave evidence of a proper perception of the requirements of justice.

Now, there is one undeniable fact which has been, and is, continually verified in the history of man, viz., the existence of virtue and vice, and of those who practice the one, or cleave to the other. Just as we have the two leaders, Christ, our Lord, and the devil; so we have their respective followers. The war between good and evil began in Eden, and will end only with the last man. No one can be neutral in that unceasing fight. Either we are with Christ, obeying and serving Him, or we are not under His banner. Let no one plead that he is simply standing aloof, and not actively opposing Christ. Our Lord has said:—"He that is not with me, is against me, and he that gathereth not with me, scattereth."—(Math. XII, 30). We are either, then, "children of God," or "children of the devil." Many, indeed, may be for years in the army of Satan, and finally, through God's mercy, may repent and pass over to the side of