

no Saviour, exhibits no mercy-seat, publishes no infallible moral law. Reason! it bewildered the ancient world, and its light left antiquity in grossest darkness; and we can now see it in the vast idolatries and mental stupidities of India and China, in the horrors of Africa, and in the universal curse that is every where on man, where heathenism has its sway. And further, we find that all the religious systems propounded by reason, have been, and are, ruinous to the human intellect, subversive of sound morality, and socially degrading.

But we need not stop, only with making the comparison between Christianity and heathenism, for we can come even into the circle of christendom, and compare results between a spurious christianity and that which is genuine; and we shall find, whether we compare the Italian states with England; Spain with Scotland; the South of Ireland with the North; Mexico with the United States; and the shores of the St. Lawrence with the shores of Ontario, the same fact everywhere visible between Popery and Protestantism, that the former degrades, the latter elevates. Everywhere it is the fact, that the purer the Christianity the happier, the more prosperous, and the more intelligent are the populations. Popery is just one remove from ancient idolatry, with a Jewish ritual, and a Christian nomenclature. It is Mariolatry, under the claimed protection of the Bible; and it leaves its stamp on man, and on the face of the earth, wherever it can fasten its tenacious grasp; and while the word, progress, is written in letters of gold on the brow of Protestantism, that word is written in blackness on the back of popery, and in the horrid hieroglyphics of the Inquisition.

The contrast, then, is not only in favor of Christianity, but of a pure Christianity. Give man the Bible, the true Bible, and the whole Bible, and teach him to read it and understand it, and it becomes in his heart and in his hand the mighty instrumentality for his spiritual and physical redemption. The Bible! It is the wisdom of God. It unfolds and confers the "Truth," the "Summum Bonum," the "Philosopher's Stone," and the "Elixir of Life," which all the researches of ancient sages and alchemists could never discover. And if it be asked, when shall these glorious consequences of Christianity be realised, we take the Bible to find our reply; and there we have the true philosophy of the whole case, and the connection that subsists between true religion, true happiness, and the earth's fertility. "LET THE PEOPLE PRAISE THEE, O GOD, LET ALL