

in need of the leaven of religion and morality. If France is at a standstill, is suffering from dry-rot, or is in declension and decay it can be credited more to the persecution of religion than to any other cause. Many of the grand mediæval churches have been destroyed. Will the peasants have the piety, the courage and the generosity to restore them or build new ones in their places? That remains to be seen. Will the war have any effect on the government of France? Are they calumniated in calling them atheists? Are they irrational enough to think that this orderly universe is an accident and has no personal cause?

And what about Germany? Religion was not persecuted in the Vaterland, nor was it in Russia or Austria. Germany was the home of Lutheranism and the cradle of Protestantism. The anniversary of Luther will not be celebrated at all or with a lessened enthusiasm this year in English-speaking countries. Even up to August, 1914, Protestant seminaries went to Germany to get polish and inspiration. Kant's "Critical and Practical Reason" was a text-book everywhere in the colleges and the author was often rightly or wrongly dubbed the philosopher of Protestantism. Nobody seemed to see that his "categorical imperative" was nonsensical and unchristian and would sap the foundations of morality. We certainly see now that self-sufficient rational morals are no good. Unless obligation the sense of duty is profoundly and primarily owed to God and dereliction in this regard are penalized by the eternal and solemn sanctions of Heaven and Hell your morals are a sham, a deception and a snare. But English Protestantism is of age—has attained its majority, and it can and will stand alone. They will not go to Germany any more for the higher criticism. They will be able to get too much of that in Scotland. In fact Modernism will receive a hard blow from this war. Men will see that criticism destroyed faith in the infallibility of the Bible, that it consequently destroyed religion. Men without religion or morality adore everywhere and always the golden calf. Men will adore something. The instinct of religion is undeniable and in the absence of God men will make a superman and a superwoman and they will begin to burn their incense to things graven and made with their own hands and hearts. At any rate Protestantism will have a new orientation after the war; it will leave Germany alone. The Catholic church in Italy and France is apt to gain much ground lost in the last quarter of a century. War will do religion good.

Will war contribute anything to political science? I don't mean to ask if certain boundaries and colonies will lose their present positions and their present sovereignties? That is