

justice." We confess that this goes very far to prove that they believe in no coming judgment, but it does not prove that they believe in a heaven unless they say they do, and give us an evidence of it by committing suicide; because atheists may do the former, and assign strong reasons for not doing the latter: as very few like to plunge into everlasting nothingness. But you have no such excuse: you believe (in a word) that all is eternal day beyond the tomb. Show it in deed then, or do not blame us for doubting your sincerity. Do you not say by staying, that you enjoy yourselves better here than you expect to there? Do not, I beseech you, disparage heaven by preferring the miseries of hell to all its endless glories.

Again,—it is your duty to commit suicide, to show your faith by your works. For, says an apostle, "Faith without works is dead." Now if your doctrine be true, you are bound in honor and justice, to carry it out into all its practical results. You ought to discharge every duty growing out of it. From what has been said, it appears that one duty growing out of it is suicide. For if it be a man's duty to work out his salvation; or, in other words, to deliver himself from sin and its consequences, it is evident he must leave this world, where, according to Universalism, sin and its consequences abound. Where the books are opened almost as soon as he opens his eyes. Where the judgment is set, and continues sitting from the dawn to the evening of life. Now arise;—work out your salvation. As a tree is known by its fruit, show us the fruit of Universalism. Show us the razors and halters. Point us to the pistols and vials,—the great saviors from sin and sorrow;—and we will believe. Let us hear you say, as you expire, "We show you our faith by our works,—we have no slavish fear of death, of God, of hell, or coming judgment." Or, if we are too late to witness the scene, and hear the confession of faith; the wounds and the instruments of death will bear testimony of your sincerity. And as we gaze upon the pale features of these heavenly martyrs we will say: "These were Universalists, indeed, in whom there was no guile,"—strong in the faith; for they have sealed it with their blood; and we will write upon their tomb-stones the following lines:

These all by suicidal flight,  
Enjoy the beatific sight;  
By razor, rope, or pistol fires,  
They've gone to join the heavenly choirs.

We will now attend to your objections. And first, perhaps, you retort upon us by saying, "you orthodox expect to go to heaven when you die, and therefore you ought to commit suicide in order to get there the sooner, as well as we. Now to this we reply,—the only reason we do not, or dare not, is this—we have not faith; that is, faith in Universalism. You know "all men have not faith." We