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trine of the Atonement, just as if it —itself—does not rest on this silly story—in the Garden of Eden. We tremble for a religion when its votaries have to suppress the truth—so that their creed may live.

Lord Macaulay, in his essay on Ranke's History of the Popes, points out a strange phenomenon regarding Protestantism. "No nation," he observes, "which did not accept the principles of the Reformation before the end of the sixteenth century, has ever adopted them. No great body of men will ever again desert Catholicism for such a system as Protestantism," but we every day witness converts to Spiritualism and Christian Science, and even Mormonism, and we have known a whole nation (France, during the Revolution) to change from being a Catholic nation to become an Atheistic nation, and back again to Catholicism—but she did not become Protestant.

Among the intelligent heathen, Protestantism makes very slow advance, and we feel sorry for these misguided but well-meaning people who spend millions every year accomplishing so very little. They fail to recognize that a change has taken place in the moral and intellectual conditions of the world—a change which has been brought about by the practical business training of the last one hundred years, and the methods which science has adopted for the investigation of truth. This new intellectual atmosphere makes it forever impossible for Protestantism to gain any more converts in large numbers.