

We need not go on adding to the sadness of death the hideous pomp of the funeral.

If the belief in a future state should depart, as it certainly appears to be departing, the consequence will naturally be, in fact is already being, increased care for the prolongation and enjoyment of this life. Probably there will be a more intense struggle for the goods of the present world, attended very likely with a conflict of classes and a disturbance of the social order. Lazarus will no longer be satisfied with the promise of another world. Men will continue perhaps to sacrifice themselves for the objects of their personal love, but hardly for the community and much less for mankind.

I did not undertake, in opening, to solve the great questions, but only to point out what they were and the general lines of argument about each of them, as well as the spirit in which we should approach them all. That has been the purport of my address. My first word will be my last; there is no salvation for us but in the fearless, cautious, reverent pursuit of truth.

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