

this terrible supernaturalism.

But, you reply, I am ready to denounce the Christian faith, but—and here you give this or that reason, and finally end—I cannot afford to shoulder the responsibility alone. My family must be provided for. I have spent years of time and thousands of dollars to get where I am. It would be pure folly to oppose Christianity as a faith at so great a cost personally. I have a good business among Christian people, and without it I would be ruined. Besides, I observe that the best men are church-going men and believers in the religion called Christianity.

Yes, it is the same old reply. A practical admission of moral cowardice. The message I send you is that such as you would be the most contemptible of men in the sight of a just god or a just man. You and your like, the so-called well-to-do, the so-called better class, who have means and respectability, you are the cause of the world being a thousand years behind what it might have been in progress and advancement but for this same old cowardice you manifest. It is such as you that is really responsible for the wrongs of our present social system, which shoulders the burdens upon the poor, the ignorant and the weak. You belong to that class of people who believe, or pretend to believe, that a loving God watches the sparrow and numbers the hairs of your heads, yet permits a part of the human family to crush, directly or indirectly, another part into the direst poverty, enslaving toil and darkest ignorance. This submerged class are wicked, criminal, dirty and depraved. Yes, this loving Christian system of society has made them so. You want the good will and patronage of this dominating class. You court their favor. You fawn at their feet. Much as I can give of credit to modern liberalized Christianity and the church, many of whose people and ministry are good at heart, more or less dishonest in profession of faith, yet I want it plainly understood that as long as I draw the breath of life I am to be an enemy of dogmatic Christian faith, founded upon fictitious teachings of a Jewish bible. If this attitude costs me my financial success, I am still rich in my self-respect for doing what I know is right. If it costs me social obscurity, I am still happy in the thought that I do not deserve my treatment. If it costs me my life, I shall die, as did the martyrs of old, counting it blessed to give up life for conscience's sake.

If you are men with half human hearts, you would stand for truth and justice, and we would soon compel creed and those who profit by it to give way. But no, the race is controlled by the same old selfish spirit, which guides the apes

as they forage through the jungles of Africa. We co-operate when it is to our interest, but, like wolves, we are ready to turn about and eat each other if this best serves our ends.

If a moral coward can find one good excuse for his lethargy, I wish it might be published. My message is, fear not to bear witness to the truth.

ELTON BLANCHARD.

**Endless Hell.**

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

I think one of the best things to do is to cause the Christians to stop and think, if it is possible to do so. I know it is almost impossible for you or me to reason with them, from the fact that the more unreasonable and miraculous the bible is the more they believe in it. Yet it may be possible to cause them to reason with themselves.

In the course of reading, I have met with an effort to describe eternity. It is not new, but it was new to me the first time I read it, and it caused me to think, too:

"Fancy ten thousand times ten thousand of the longest conceivable ages in futurity, and then multiply this sum by itself ten thousand times, and has endless suffering come to an end? Nay, verily, it has only just commenced! Then extend your imagination on a million times further, if possible, into futurity, and then subtract all these innumerable ages from the misery of the damned, and they have just as long to writhe in ceaseless torture as when those ages of torture first commenced!

"When these are gone, as many add to these  
As leaves, and buds, and blossoms crown the trees!  
When these are gone, as many millions more  
As grains of sand upon the ocean's shore!  
When these are gone, as many more shall pass  
As in the verdant fields are blades of grass!  
When these are gone, as many more shall rise  
As stars that gem and decorate the skies!  
As many millions more their rounds shall run  
As rays of light which burst from yonder sun!  
When these are gone, as many more shall glide  
As drops of water in the swelling tide!  
When these are gone, as many millions more  
As moments in the millions gone before!  
As many more this mighty run shall swell,  
But still the sinner groans in endless hell!"

J. T. Cox.

Roseburg, Ore.

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