

cause "God's book so teaches," as a kind of joke. They do not know, and they know that they do not know, that "God" was ever engaged in "the book business;" and having thus necessarily a certain amount of contempt for the claims made as to the origin of the alleged law of right, the rules laid down fail to impress them wholesomely—however good some of such rules may be.

It is a maxim of jurisprudence that in order to understand a law one must understand the reason of the law, and this principle applies to codes of morality as well as to ordinary civil enactments. Ethical rules, commending what is right and prohibiting what is wrong, to be of force in controlling the actions of enlightened men, must be founded on demonstrable facts. Children may be influenced by "bogey men" and ignorant adults by imaginary Gods, but this does not prove that practising deception is the best way of teaching true morality. If encouraging hypocrisy and gaining ends by false pretences is the "summum bonum" of ethics, then the present system of deceit, bribery and intimidation is good enough. But some how, along with the increasing modern unbelief in the old religious dogmas, there is coming a quickened conscience which hesitates to perpetrare frauds as a means of promoting righteousness. Men in this age are hungry for facts; they have eaten of the fruit of the tree of knowledge and have what is sometimes called a "coming" appetite. The more facts they learn, the more repulsive becomes a false statement, and it is not surprising that even "pious frauds" are becoming more and more distasteful to thinking men.

It may be that in the nature of things, much truth is worse than none; it may be that man can not reason out his duty in the world, but I, for one, firmly believe that it is truth, actual truth as revealed by reason, that will eventually lead man forward to his noblest destiny. This is the faith of Rationalism; and this, I take it, is the kind of faith which your University will encourage.

I deeply regret that at this time I am not able to become a stockholder in your grand enterprise. I will try to help the good cause a little after awhile.

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**The Great Plan.**

The Rev. Dr. M. D. Babcock's pastoral relation with Brown Memorial Church, Baltimore, has been dissolved, he having accepted a call to the Brick Presbyterian Church, New York.

There was considerable opposition in the presbytery to the change. The Rev. T. E. Williams said he did not believe the Rev. Dr. Babcock's going to New York was justified. He said it may be the judgment of the presbytery that, as one speaker had said, it would be part of the great plan of the great god for the great kingdom.

The Roman Catholic press demands that the Roman Catholic Catechism, a book full of the most horrid superstitions, shall be taught to the children of the Phillippine Islands. It is to be supposed they consider this part of the great plan of the great god for the great kingdom.

A strong protest is being made by an influential section of the Buddhists against the bill for the regulation of religions. The Buddhists may consider this granting of religious liberty interfering with the great plan of the great god for the great kingdom.

What a tumbling of innumerable disgusting, disuniting, unproved theological theories there will be "when the truths of science are received and welcomed, not only for the mastery they give over the outer world, but for the clear light they throw on questions of moral obligation".  
M. M. T.

**Malietao Protests.**

The Samoan chief, Malietao Tanus, writes a letter to the London Times, in which he says:

"The missionaries who graced our country with their holy or unholy presence introduced the same religious differences and hatreds against each other as obtained at the hour in civilized States. The missionaries live in palatial concrete houses, with all the luxuries their countries can afford, and charge us for Bibles and prayer books which, we understand, are sent as free offerings."

Malietao Tanus further charges the missionaries with extracting all the money possible from them, in return for which they only receive a Bible, a prayer book and a "Pilgrim's progress". He instances the Wesleyan missionaries collecting \$100,000 at a single meeting at Tonga, adding:

"The missionaries aroused a great spirit of emulation, telling the natives that the largest givers would be the most acceptable in the sight of God, thus reversing the spirit of the widow's mite."

The Samoan chief concludes: "These be thy gods, O Israel!"

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