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Chp. "The Religion of Tomorrow"

..... There cannot be the slightest doubt that religion in the past has produced far more suffering and misery than it has ever relieved or eliminated. It has doubtless been the greatest disaster associated with the fact of man's slow and gradual evolution from a state of bestiality and abject ignorance.

..... Any friend of religion with an up-to-date mind can but rejoice at the prospect of ultimate emancipation from the antique religious psychosis. The reconstruction of religion which is in prospect would at one and the same time relieve religion of the notorious defects which present a legitimate point of attack by the enemies of all religion and would allow us to conserve any potential social benefits which may inhere in a socialized and secular religion.

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Chp. "God's Word"

We might perhaps judiciously conclude this chapter by calling attention to certain frequent illogicalities on the part of others than the orthodox in approaching the problem of the Bible and Sacred Scriptures. Indeed, the orthodox are by all odds the most logical of religionists in their attitude toward, and utilization of Holy Writ. There are a certain group of Modernists who completely reject the Biblical God and yet retain reverent respect for God's Word. Another group reject any such conception as that of the divine inspiration and sanctity of the Bible but cling to the conception of God which we owe to the Bible. It ought to be apparent to any logically-minded individual that God and God's word are an indivisible couplet which cannot well be separated, though of course we recognize that it is possible to believe in a God who is in no sense related to the anthropomorphic God of the Bible. What we are maintaining is that it is illogical to reject the God of the Bible and retain the conventional attitude toward the Bible, and equally indefensible to accept the God of the Bible and reject His word as