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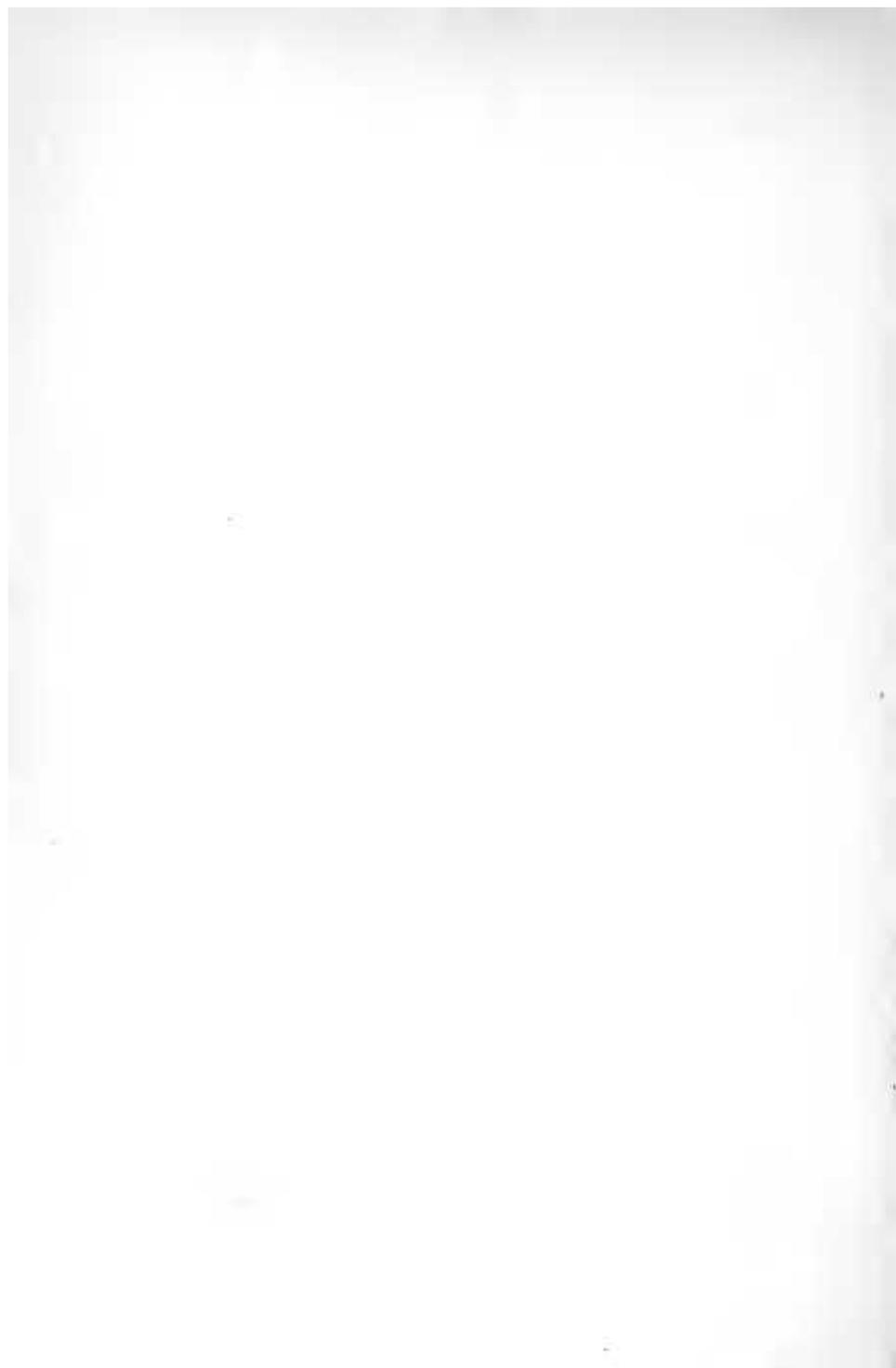
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THESE pages are intended to complete, in outline, the subject of the Lectures on the Four Great Evils of the Day. In speaking of those evils, I was often aware that the positive truths ought to have been stated first, and that the Sovereignty of God must be understood before the Revolt of Man can be measured. These Lectures, like the last, are printed as they were taken down at the time. Believing the truths and principles contained in them to be of vital moment always, and more than ever in these days, I let them go with all their faults, in the hope that some one with greater ability and more leisure will fill up the outline I have tried to draw.



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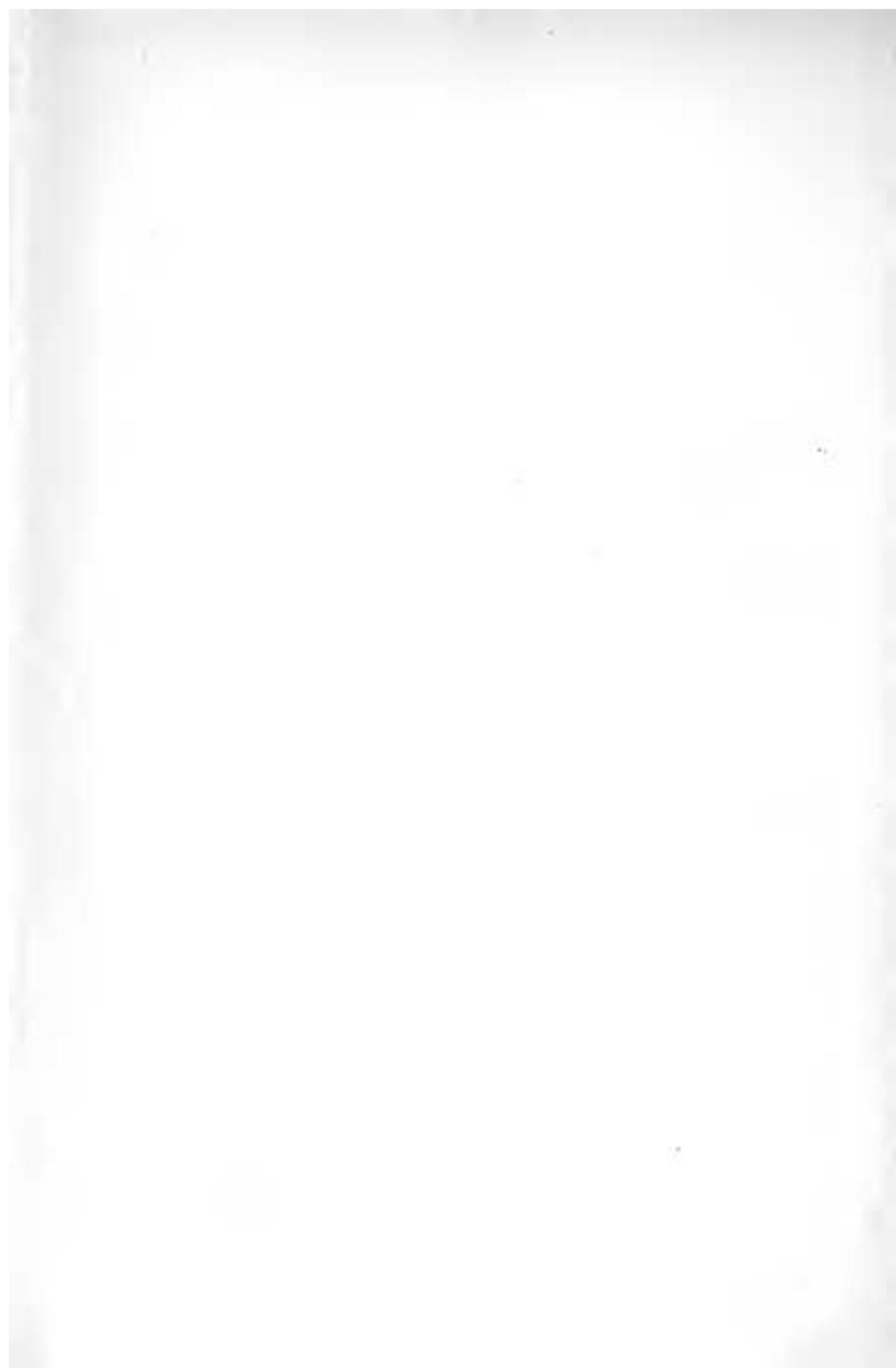
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LECTURE I.

THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD OVER THE INTELLECT OF MAN.

'And God indeed, having winked at the times of this ignorance, now declareth unto men, that all should everywhere do penance. Because He hath appointed a day wherein He will judge the world in equity, by the Man whom He hath appointed, giving faith to all, by raising Him from the dead.' Acts xvii. 30, 31.

SUCH was the announcement of St. Paul to the Athenians, when their philosophers called him a 'word-sower' and a 'publisher of new gods,' because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection from the dead. His meaning was this: God, in times by-gone, shut His eyes to the idolatries and polytheism of men. Those times are past now, for God has manifested Himself to the world. He has made

Himself known, and has therefore commanded all men everywhere to do penance—that is, to believe in Him, and to repent of their sins—under pain of eternal judgment; for He has appointed a day in which He will judge the world by that Man, whom He hath appointed to be the Judge of the living and the dead; and for this end He has given faith—that is, a witness and an illumination to believe in His word by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. In this declaration, the Apostle distinctly asserts the sovereignty of God as the Creator and the Judge of all mankind; His sovereignty over man both in body and soul, over the intellect in all its faculties, over the will in all its powers. As Maker and Lord, God has dominion and sovereignty over man, whom He made to His own image and likeness; and man being of a rational, a moral nature, is therefore a responsible being.

Last year, the Council of the Vatican made a decree in these words: 'Forasmuch as God is the Creator, and the Lord of all things, therefore man altogether depends on Him; and every created intellect is subject to the Uncreated Truth, and owes to it a perfect obedience both of reason and