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PREFACE

The attitude of the average man of to-day toward the Christian religion is not one of open hostility but rather one of careless indifference. Actual atheism is very largely a thing of the past, and while multitudes of men live as though "there is no God," only here and there is one who openly avows his denial of a belief in God. The average man leaves God out of the affairs of his life, not by any carefully defined plan or purpose but simply by neglect. Prof. James wrote that if actions dictated by religion are not different from those dictated by irreligion then religion is a superfluity. So, if the life of any man is not made to differ by his religious faith he might as well have no faith.

There are several controlling reasons why many men are thus so indifferent. Probably the undue emphasis that has been placed in the past upon denominational differences has

been a large contributor. The neglect of ethical and practical teaching has been another. And a third is the mistaken but not surprising idea that religion is unscientific.

But whatever the reasons, a majority of the men of our day apparently consider the question of their personal relation to Christ and His Church as non-essential to them in their busy lives. The writer has been through the trials that accompany the journey from an inherited faith to an intelligent conviction that the Christian religion is the most reasonable and just guide of life. In writing this book he invites men that may be in doubt to give the effort and the time to follow the thread and see for themselves whether there is not for them a present comfort and a sure ground of hope, in the Christian religion.

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