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PREFACE

There is *One* God, *one* Will of God and therefore *one* religion.

The ungodly strife among creeds with their inveterate traditional prejudices, and the consequent mental and sentimental confusion, is the result of the fact that none of them directly appeals to conscience as our inward bond with God.

Notwithstanding the universal conviction that conscience is the supreme tribunal of worthiness and judgment, no creed has ever attempted to explain the might of conscience as the living Voice of God and the supreme source of religion.

Though historical creeds possess a large volume of more or less sublime religious aspirations, the absence of the Voice of God in their fundamental doctrines makes it impossible for them to substantiate the spiritual honor of the soul, to establish religious harmony among themselves, and to lead mankind to that godly mutuality which is the desire of every righteous heart.

No religious cult or form has any intrinsic value unless it is strictly based on conscience, the sole might and inspiration of religious truth.

Conscience is the real temple of religion, where the Voice of God is clearly audible.

In this holy temple we see and feel the fatherhood of God, our divine childship and immortal brotherhood, the three eternal gospels of religion and the theme of all great prophets and teachers of humanity.

The cry for religion in the human heart was never so potent as it is to-day. But we must first know and possess conscience, before we shall be able to understand the true religion of the soul.

To all men of good will, interested in their own consciences and in the conscience of mankind, these pages are offered in profound esteem and sincere affection.

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(A psychology based on conscience and logic and the intrinsic interrelation of these sciences.)
3. *The Face of God and the Plan of Divine Creation.*
(A universal theosophy including the structure of the natural universe.)

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