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Preface.

GOD has verily spoken at sundry times and in divers manner to the world! In the twentieth century He has a twentieth century message which I have endeavoured to interpret.

To interpret to omniverous readers on the one hand, and on the other to a new strata of Society to which ancient conventional forms of religion and even politics do not appeal with any enthusiasm.

Do not appeal with any enthusiasm, because ancient remedies only attempted to deal with ancient conditions, while modern conditions require modern remedies.

Modern remedies, such as arbitration and national alliances, social reforms and reformed religious, have all been very helpful in indicating the direction in which final remedies are to be sought, but they are only preliminary to some better methods. Arbitration means submitting our disputes to the judgment of a disinterested third party, instead of to the insane lottery and barbarity of brutal war. Alliance means uniting two, three, or more nations to defend or to enforce what they consider right. The logical outcome of both is to get a just award enforced by the whole federated world. Modern religion, which endeavours to establish the Kingdom of God not only in the hearts of individuals, but also in all the institutions of the world, believes that man cannot rise above his own source-God; that God seeks universal peace, which is a condition of universal progress and prosperity of every class of society in every nation on earth.

To give some help towards this happy end is the aim of these few chapters on *Modern Religion*.

If these ideas find an echo in the conscience of any of my readers, is there any really higher proof of its being the voice of God? Countless witnesses in all lands and ages say if you loyally listen to that Divine call within you, then, in addition to conferring incalculable good on others, you may be clothed with infinite moral and spiritual power, and you can get that peace of God which passeth all understanding and far surpasses all other joys of life. Is it not worth trying it? To do the Will of the Father was the meat and drink of our Lord Jesus Christ. Only remember that the daily joy is in proportion to the daily service.

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