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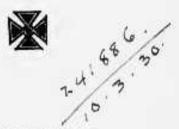
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# Sermon #. WHAT IS SELF-SACRIFICE?

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#### WHAT IS SELF-SACRIFICE!

I LATELY saw a drawing, not unknown to archæologists, which, though it might shock some people as painfully profane, struck me with just the contrary feeling, as being a solemn and touching confirmation, from the outside, of that internal truth which we call Revelation. It was a copy of a street caricature, found, not very long ago, on a newly discovered wall - I think in Rome - where it had been hidden for eighteen hundred years. Evidently the work of some young gamin of the ancient world, and depicting man, after the most primitive style of Art, with a round O for his head, an oblong () for his body, two lines for legs and arms, and five-rayed fans for hands and feet. This creature stood gazing in adoration upon a similar man, only with an ass's head instead of a human one, who hung suspended upon a cross. Underneath was scrawled in rude Greek letters, "Alexaminos worships his God."

It set me thinking. "Alexaminos worships his god." Not God, mind you, but his god: the divinity of his own making, with an ass's head on. How many excellent and earnest-minded people do much the same!