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"... in a living being, especially in a nice Englishman, what is latent is the chief thing." GEORGE SANTAYANA, The Psyche.

FOREWORD

It is my firm conviction that there can be no health in our civilization or stability in our institutions until the mass of educated mankind and womankind are come to some sort of agreement on fundamental matters. For the pre-Renaissance Christian world these ultimate matters were settled by reference to the "Mosaic" Legislation, modified by the principles laid down by Saint Paul, and subject to the tacit understanding that the decisions must be in some way reconcilable with the teachings of the Jesus of the Gospels. The apparent value of this latter provision is, however, much modified by the fact that his maxims are often couched in such general terms as to lend themselves in practice to many conflicting interpretations.

At the Renaissance, the views of mankind were much modified by the rediscovery of the pagan philosophies—particularly that of Plato. During the last three hundred years the steady increase in our knowledge of the material universe has made belief