

Religion must be subject to good sense. It is always in danger of being carried to excess. "Religious excesses" is the very just phrase of men of the world.

Morality cannot be carried to excess. Logic cannot be carried to excess; and it is not subject to good sense, but on the contrary gives good sense its law. But religion if not taken in moderation leads to insanity & that not as is sometimes said, because it is ^{adulterated} ~~perverted~~, but because of the element of it that is most essential, - the mystical element. It not only leads to insanity, but also directly to impurity. It always has from the earliest phallic worship to modern camp-meetings

I say that mystery is the most essential part of religion. A religion may exist without miracles, that is, I do not see why it might not, though perhaps more ever has. But a religion without mystery, a religion without anything different from ordinary nature, - like Confucianism, - ceases to be religion. I don't say religion could exist without a God, but ~~it~~ certainly a theosophic doctrine does not in itself constitute a religion.

Scientists have faith in science

Religionists want faith in religion

Prayer test - This is also a test of faith -

Elijah & the guests of Baal

I have not troubled Israel

Religionists afraid of science, deny it. This shows their want of faith

If they had had faith, they would have encouraged it
sure that it would ultimately abound on their side.

History of faith -

Reality. True nature given by me. Opposed to concep-
tion which makes it origin of force. True philosophy
adequate to govern the science of the XIX Century, is
given by develops itself from my conception alone.

~~To the business man - gold alone is real, To~~

Passage of Cayley's address - Appears at first sight
an anachronism. A man like Cayley had better
not be rightly accused of anachronism. Really what
distinguishes this XIX above all is the force of it.
How this came about

To the business man - gold alone is real. To the
scientist physicist force alone. To the mathematic
relations alone; & more real than gold.

8 Another reason why energy matter time space electricity are considered as real is that they are indestructible while beauty is evanescent -

Omar Khayyam -

But does it? It departs from this eating & drinking world? But is this the only world that possesses permanent interest? I think that is not the doctrine of this XIX Century. Now more than ever we recognize that man is not fed by bread alone -

Keats A thing of beauty is a joy forever;
Its love lives increases; it will never
pass into nothingness.

9 Science must be careful not to deny any observation. An observation is bound to be true. We may interpret it wrongly but the observation is something.

10 Science takes things in the
Science is continually correcting & denying observations. How it does this. But still the field.

Effects on morals various.

16 Moral danger of excessive religion. Ecstasy in some degree a part of worship. The excess of religious sense is ecstatic. Ecstasy is certainly hypnotism. This is well made out - Intoxication of religion. Religious insanity. Nobody ever heard of scientific insanity.

18 ^{Mindful} High perception in mesmeric state.

19 Science has halted before this citadel. Even clairvoyance not impossible. We hope all will get explained, we have no reason to doubt it.

Whatever the ultimate judgment of science may be, I ~~strongly~~ believe it will strengthen our confidence in sober religious perceptions.

20 Addison's hymn -