

The reason for this change is to be found in the increase of Knowledge in these different departments of research, new facts being discovered to which methods and axioms have to be adapted.

Now here it may be noted that this change and development does not seem to apply in the same way to moral and religious questions. Notably the Christian doctrine has not changed in the course of its life from the simple statements and injunctions contained in its original records. Its history shows a repeated return to these original doctrinal and historical statements, and it is only in their application to practical purposes that a greater realisation is demanded and possible.

In this way the study of moral and religious phenomena in the light of the Christian view differs from that of other subjects. The data of consciousness, viz., a sense of right and a sense of obligation, have always existed so far as we can trace historically what we now call culture or civilisation. Nothing better has been said on this subject of the supreme rule of life than has been said in the gospel of Love. And even those modern systems which profess to disregard or discard the Christian Revelation have not been able to evolve any other or higher ideal than that of Universal Brotherhood.

A proof of this on an immense, not to say overwhelming, scale has been furnished in these days by the concerted appeal of allied peoples to the universally acknowledged dictates of humanity in opposition to the appalling disregard with which they have been treated by a large section of