

interests of humanity has been generally acknowledged; but where was the concrete representative of things invisible, which would have the force and the toughness necessary to be a breakwater against the Deluge?

'Three centuries ago, the establishment of religion—material, legal, and social—was generally adopted as the true expedient for the purpose in those countries which separated from the Catholic Church, and for a long time it was successful; but now the crevices of those establishments are admitting the enemy. Thirty years ago<sup>1</sup> education was relied upon. Ten years ago there was a hope that wars would cease for ever, under the influence of commercial enterprise and the reign of the useful and fine arts. But will any one venture to say there is anything anywhere on this earth which will afford a fulcrum for us whereby to keep the earth from moving onwards?

'The judgment which experience passes on establishments, on education, as a means of maintaining religious truth in this anarchical world, must be extended even to Scripture, though Scripture be divine. Experience proves surely that the Bible

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<sup>1</sup> This was written in 1865.