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name! has not been written in the book of life of the Lamb slain  
from the foundation of the world. 9. If any have an ear, let him  
hear.” .  
  
Who are these “‘ dwellers upon the earth”? The  
same party we have had oft to consider. They are a  
distinct party from the tribes and tongues before named.  
They are secularists, who are satisfied with the earth  
as their portion, and refuse the stranger-and-pilgrim  
attitude of the Christian.  
The infidelity of our day is more and more taking  
up an attitude of opposition to Christianity on the  
ground of its unworldliness. As witness the following  
passages :—  
“The Christian, like yourself, looks upon everything  
with a jaundiced or distorted eye, and is apt to under-  
rate the claims and pleasures of this present scene of our  
existence. I can truly say, that I now enter into them  
much more keenly than I could when I was an ortho-  
dox Christian. J can say, with Mr. Newman, I now  
with deliberate approval ‘ love the world and the things of  
the world.” Lclipse of Fatth, p. 57.  
Christians ‘“‘ say this world 1s Nov to be the great object  
Jor which we are to live, and in which we are to find our  
happiness ; we say, it is: they say tt is NOT our country  
or our home: we say 1 18; they say that we are to live  
supremely jor the future, and IN it: we say FOR and IN  
the present ; that if there be a future world (of which many  
doubt, and, I for one have not been able to make up my  
mind), we are to hope to be happy there, but that the main  
business of our life is to secure our happiness here, to  
embellish, adorn, and enjoy this our only certain dwelling  
place: and in fact to live supremely for the PRESENT.  
Such is the constitution of human nature” (Ibid., p. 60).  
Such is the very spirit of those who apostatize from  
  
1 "Ovoua, 'Trogelles.