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The Social Basis of Religion (Classic Reprint)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2016. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from The Social Basis of Religion I Began writing this book with a simple plan, which was the welding together of the ideas acquired in two earlier fields of work. My Development of English Thought was an endeavor to create an economic interpretation of history. This, carried to its legitimate consequences, would afford the objective basis of social progress. I had written also in the field of social psychology. From this a subjective view of these same facts is derived. Religion seemed to me to be the point of union between these isolated views. I thought to use the economic interpretation of history to explain the degenerate tendencies in civilization, and then to employ social psychology to set forth the opposing forces of regeneration. To put this in another way: Degeneration is objective and economic, while regeneration is psychic and personal. This conforms to the views held by religious reformers, and, if correct, gives a firm basis to religious thought. Religion is by this means given a scientific foundation and its doctrines are transferred from the...



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