name 1 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 *underrate 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 orthodox Christian. *I can say, with Mr. Newman, I now  
with deliberate approval ‘love the world and the things of  
the world*.’” *Eclipse of Faith*, p. 57.  
 Christians “*say this world is* NOT *to be the great object  
for which we are to live, and in which we are to find our  
happiness; we say, it is: they say it is* NOT *our country  
or our home: we say* IT IS; *they say that we are to live  
supremely for 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 ’Όνομα, Tregelles.