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London, E.C. 21 Sept 1893

M. Zola Esq -

My Dear Sir,

As a little token of  
welcome to this country - and of my  
best wishes for success of your  
journey through life - may I ask you  
to kindly accept present of my book  
sent herewith, *Darkest World turned into  
Brightest glory* - hoping you may gather  
some word or principle to nerve and cheer  
you forward - and after you have read  
it perhaps you may lend it from one  
to another - in the hope that it may  
help many to such ideas as may  
further the welfare of Humanity by  
promoting the International Brotherhood  
of Love in co-operation with the Sisterhood  
of Peace, in order to extend the  
Kingdom of Heaven on earth under  
the vigorously effective government  
of the Prince of Peace -

Believe me, My Dear Sir,  
Your Obedient Servant  
J. W. Hebblethwaite

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Kindly see following pages in book:—

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Some 300 prominent Leaders of thought had my book within last two years amongst others I might mention following:—

Right Honble W. E. Gladstone, M. P.  
Lord Salisbury

Lord Rosebery

Right Honble John Morley M. P.

" Sir Wm Harcourt "

" H. H. Asquith "

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## IS CHRISTIANITY PLAYED OUT?

To the Editor.

SIR,—I have read your remarks concerning Mr. Buchanan and the correspondence in the *Daily Chronicle*, in which I now see his reply to your remarks, and shall be glad if you will allow me space for a few words.

The letters from Mr. Robert Buchanan have been exceedingly ingenious in endeavouring to claim for secularism what is actually due to the real working out of the true principles of Christianity. And notwithstanding his advocacy for self-knowledge and conscience, to one who has actually tested the promises of Christ by the requisite condition of obedient faith, it appears quite evident that Mr. Buchanan totally fails to grasp the real facts which Jesus has revealed to solve the problems of each individual life. Where professors of Christianity have failed in their application of its genuine principles is due to human weakness and refusal to apply available power, and not to any fault in the principles laid down by the Founder of Christianity. It is always desirable to keep this clear distinction in mind. All the highest testimony of generations has clearly proved that Christianity positively remains true, however false many of its professors have proved, and if Christianity were not indestructible it would have been destroyed long ago by the wanton deeds and words of those who have taken shelter under the Name of Jesus, which, however, is still the only name under heaven that can bring salvation to humanity. And to clearly understand the solid foundation is the best way to a truer accomplishment of the real principles of Christianity, which prove the living Christ to be the everlasting impregnable rock.

It is simply amazing that men of common sense can assume sincerity and honesty, and profess to respect Jesus of Nazareth for His "veracity, humility, and humanity," and yet say He is not "Jesus the Christ," because they presume to think "His mission has failed." To profess admiration for "the beauty of His teaching," and yet assert that "His knowledge was mingled with errors which have borne terrible fruit," seems the height of absurdity concerning Jesus, who for solution of all the problems of human nature announced Himself as "The Way, the Truth, and the Life." Nothing is more obvious to common-sense than that the assertions of Jesus of Nazareth brand Him as the most rank Hypocrite that ever walked this earth, or else His own plain words demonstrate distinctly enough to ordinary reason that Jesus—the Carpenter of Nazareth—was "the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." Surely the common-sense of such men as Mr. Buchanan must see that this "Man Christ Jesus" was the veriest humbug and greatest liar that ever disgraced humanity, or else His plain words unmistakably and irrefutably prove Him to be "the Christ, the Son of the Living God," in fact demonstrating that "God was manifest in the flesh," and as Jesus Himself said, "he that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." There has been so much sheer nonsense written, with flagrant hypocrisy professing to respect Jesus, and yet denying that He was the Divine Christ that came to ennoble Humanity, that it is now quite time that all "intellectual" experts should recognise the common sense of either accepting Jesus as "indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the World," or else plainly state the only other alternative and say Jesus of Nazareth was the greatest liar that ever lived!

I challenge all the highest intellects, and all the cleverest men of learning and culture in science and nature throughout the world, to produce any real facts as evidence to disprove the historical and cardinal facts showing that Jesus was born of Mary, and lived as Carpenter in Nazareth, was crucified on the Cross of Calvary, was buried, and rose again from the grave, and afterwards in the history of this world walked on earth in the body and talked with eye-witnesses, who saw Him carried up into Heaven, where now exalted at the right hand of God, He verifies His assertion that "all power is given unto Me in Heaven and in earth," "to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance and forgiveness of sins to everyone that believeth in Him," confirmed by evidences in the hearts of millions of believers in Christ by the Holy Spirit of Truth, with clear witness within their innermost spirit that Christ is now appearing on earth, in verification of the Word of Jesus: "If a man love Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him." "God is Love; and he that dwelleth in Love dwelleth in God, and God in him."

If these important tested truths cannot be positively disproved by common-sense facts and clear evidences, then it is idle presumption and stupid absurdity for any man to deny the assertions and claims made by Jesus Christ of Nazareth, which are supported by absolutely irrefutable evidences. If the followers of Christ have failed to practically apply the principles of Christianity to daily affairs for more than 1,800 years, the same as all the clever scientists failed to discover

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to daily affairs for more than 2,000 years, the same as all the clever scientists failed to discover the practical uses of electricity, will more than 5,800 years had elapsed in the history of the world, and when applied this mighty element has worked marvels in comparatively a few months, then surely when the real principles of Christ are actually recognised and positively applied according to their pre-eminent adaptability for regulating the human heart and producing right conduct in daily affairs, then the marvels already achieved in science will be superseded by helping to demonstrate the transcendent victory of Christ in elevating humanity, because Christ reveals the secret of the only

motive power that by personal application of His principles can positively satisfy every human heart, by developing individual effectiveness towards the mutual improvement of society.

Contrary to the assertions of Mr. Buchanan, Jesus Christ clearly proved by the Sermon on the Mount that instead of mere talking about "other worldliness," He came striking at the very root of the laws of human nature in daily experience by teaching self-government to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, by practically applying His principles to the daily personal affairs of human society; and it is the neglect of the principles of Christ that has so far hindered the development of humanity, and although all the highest influences that have contributed to improve mankind have their real origin, not in secularism, or humanitarianism, or any other ism, but in the Person and teachings of Jesus, the Carpenter of Nazareth, and as the Word of Life becomes more actually operative in human society, spreading the Divine Enthusiasm and truly ennobling Humanity, we gradually advance into superior civilisation.

Space here forbids me to show, as I have done in the book I recently published, *Darkest World turned into Brightest Glory*, that it is the intention of Christ that His principles shall so be applied to daily affairs as to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth; that such real application of the principles of personal righteousness, peace and purity in self-government, as shall destroy selfishness and mere personal gratification, and promote the brotherhood of love combined with the sisterhood of peace, to purify and elevate humanity in all that is true and noble and good, in such honest forms as shall positively realise the ideas practically illustrated by Christ, proving the immortal wealth that accrues from the sacrifice of self when expended in practical neighbourly love by good works to secure the individual welfare of mankind with happiness and victory on earth by the Gospel of Hope, preparatory to everlasting joy and eternal victory in heaven.

If in all our social affairs people will give up merely pretending Christianity, and actually work out the genuine principles of Christ as they apply to land and labour and capital and trade, with Home Rule in every department of life, then the discreditable class distinctions and tyranny and greed, and the demoralising tendencies of drink and fornication and gambling, together with the squandered millions burdening humanity towards war, will yield to the nobler impulses of human nature under the motive power supplied in true Christianity, and learn that the once despised Jesus is really now the Almighty Conqueror for Humanity, who can lift morally poor and degraded men and women even in the most fashionable spheres of society, almost as readily as He can help the poorest dwellers in the slum styes of our towns, if each will personally strive to perform daily civic duty, "every man according to his several ability," towards the mutual benefit of human society in accordance with the Gospel of Peace proclaimed by Christ.

The fact is, professors of Christianity have largely shut out Christ from being really operative in daily affairs; and as the Jews did not recognise Christ when on earth because they looked for His Kingdom to be established on earth with worldly pomp and outward show, so the people of this generation need to open their eyes to see the actual fact that Christ now really lives in London and Manchester and Glasgow, as well as in Calcutta and Paris and Chicago, not to-day dwelling in temples or churches, or with any outward pompous show, but in the heart of each obedient believer in Christ; and as followers of Jesus recognise the fact that in the vital unity of love the Kingdom of Heaven on earth is now being produced by the living Christ impelling hearts to personally apply His principles to daily affairs with responsible duty to promote the welfare of mankind, there will not only be truer worship in all our churches, but happier and better lives by honest personal service for humanity in all the daily affairs of society.—

Yours faithfully,  
J. W. HEBBLETHWAITE.  
Primrose Hill,  
London.  
February 11th.

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