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INTRODUCTION

Busy as it is with material tasks, the world still listens to spiritual prophets, when once it is convinced that they actually *are* prophets, and have come, like an earlier one, "from God to bear witness to the Light." Nothing after all matters so much to serious men and women like us, in a world like ours, as do fresh revelations of God and convincing evidence that He is near us and for us and with us; and when one among us has come into intimate fellowship with Him and speaks with first-hand authority of what he has seen and handled, we are ready to give attention to his living words.

This tremendous hour has suddenly revealed the fact to us, as we never saw it before, that we cannot *stand the world* now without God. Once we might have jogged along and have done our common tasks, or have run through our ordinary pursuits, half unconscious that there must be something more in our universe than we see with our dull eyes; but now we are shaken wide awake and we know with startling clearness that we cannot get on in any real fashion without a Divine Companion. The powerful recrudescence of superstition, the wide-spread craving for the supernatural, the intense interest in "revivals," and the eagerness of men everywhere to read what a popular novelist has to tell of his discovery of "God," make unmistakably clear the fact that the heart of man to-day is profoundly troubled, and that his hands are knocking anxiously at the door where he hopes help may be found.

But while the need is great and the search for Light is an urgent one, the real guides are still, as always, rare. It would surely seem that this time must eventually bring forth a major prophet who can authoritatively speak to the age