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RATIONALISM.



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Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord.

—Isaiah 1: 18.

Can Rationalism furnish a complete system of religion? We might as well ask, Can a strip of land supply food enough for a human being? Of course much depends on the length and breadth of the strip and on the manner of its cultivation. If one means by Rationalism the system, or want of system, that has usually gone by that name, it must be confessed that it falls far short of meeting all the requirements of the human soul. Or, if one confines himself to the definition of the term as given by the lexicographers, which signifies nothing except what Rationalism might once have been, or at least, what the manipulators of words conceived it to be, then too, it must be deemed unworthy of commendation.

Regarding simply the more ancient, and what, perhaps, even now, is the more popular application of the word, I am not a Rationalist. But, by the same token, I am not a "Christian" and do not believe in "God" or "heaven" or "hell." To one who will not allow to words the benefit of expansion, there is not very much at the present day which is worthy of belief.

Taking language as it was, rather than as it is, would fasten us to Materialism; for as I have already said in a published article: "The Kingdom of Heaven has no vernacular. Spirituality is entirely dependent on bor-