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ginally proposed for examination is established. This answer is all the more important and vital because of the spread of materialism which aims at confining all human activity and purpose within the narrow bounds of the bodily, and animal element in man's nature. Materialism denies the possibility of the whole supernatural and of man's relation to it. For this reason alone, Materialism is, apart from the many other objections that can be urged against it, utterly and completely irrational.

The acceptance of the truths of Faith is in no sense a *submission* of Reason, nor is it unworthy of a being endowed with Reason. On the contrary, it is the only reasonable and perfect completion of the powers and capabilities of a rational being.

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TENEBRAE FACTAE SUNT

HIS friends were hiding, and the light of day
Unfaithful too, forsook Him there and fled.
O coward daylight! Wherefore didst thou flee,
And then come creeping back when He was dead?

O shamefaced day! returning all too late
Upon the footsteps of departing gloom,
To haunt the evening hilltops half-afraid,
And see thy Master carried to the tomb.

ELIZABETH BELLOC.