

Pagans as well as Christians have looked ahead toward such a day.

Since Adam by sin was banished from Eden the creation has groaned under the curse of God. Human society is laden with labour and sorrow; animals are ferocious; even vegetation is blighted. Man covets the flight of the birds in the air and labours hard to follow them. While they play in the storm and bathe in the crest of the foaming billows he earns his bread by the sweat of his brow. Human instinct feels its humiliation and looks for a better age here on this earth.

In ancient times the expectation of a golden age that should return upon earth was common among heathen nations, says Prof. Worman of Drew Seminary, citing his proof from Hesiod, Ovid, Virgil, and Eusebius. ~~Some~~

Some infidel philosophers, as C.F. DeKambert, Condorcet, and others have taught a system of ethics assuring the perfectability of the human race by education and evolution. Socialism hopes to realize an ideal commonwealth by a revolution of the present political and social order.

Peloubet says, "the Bible golden age is before us and not behind us... Only with Jesus as King can these good times come... The Millenium is as certain to come as that God rules."

Bishop Merrill remarks that "men of widely different views will claim to believe in a Millenium of some kind," and he declares that "it is impossible to interpret the Scriptures without anticipating a universal diffusion of the knowledge of God and of His Son Jesus Christ, to the extent that the religion of the Bible shall become the religion of mankind throughout the earth."

Charles Hodge says (III.866) "What almost all Christians believe is, that all nations shall be converted to God...All