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Naturalism Good.

Natural virtue is a wonderful thing, properly used. It is the proper basis for supernatural virtue. The motive is different. The motive of natural virtue is the honesty we see in any virtuous act. The motive of supernatural virtue is God.

Naturalism Dangerous.

Natural virtue appeals because we like honesty and fair dealing, but we are apt to be led astray when we admire them in a man who does not believe in God. A man may be naturally virtuous because, like a marble statue he has no temptations. Far more blessed is the man with temptations, if they force him to lean upon God.

Naturalism Bad.

~~Natural virtue as a substitute for Christianity is wicked. No pagan philosopher, however virtuous, ever conceived by reason alone any system of ethics that did not countenance something immoral. And any system that leaves out God, leaves out the supreme destiny of man.~~

"Why Ride Vanity Fair?"

Search Vanity Fair for any mention of God, or for any background of the supernatural. "He that is not with me is against me; he that gathereth not with me scattereth." -- Luke, xl, 23. "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me, walketh not in darkness, but shall have the light of life." -- John viii.

The Service of Virtue.

"Remember thy creator in the days of thy youth, before the time of affliction comes, and the years draw nigh of which thou shalt say: They please me not.

"Before the sun and the light, and the moon, and the stars be darkened, and the clouds return before the rain;

"When the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall stagger, and the grinders shall be idle in a small number....."  
-- Eccles. xli, 1-3.

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