

means to be a man. To live the Christian life means to live it entirely in this world.

CONCLUSION

In this contemporary "epoch of theological dissolution," the empiricist epistemology of David Hume and Immanuel Kant, consistently applied, has finally reached its logical conclusion. Since God cannot be known empirically, he cannot be known at all. Thus God becomes unknowable. That which is unknowable cannot be known to exist. And if God cannot be known to exist, then for all practical purposes he ceases to exist. Thus it becomes finally inevitable that men should cease to speak of God, and that God should "die."

It now becomes clearer as to what the "Death of God" theologians mean by their concept. Apparently, these men are saying, not that God has died, but that he never really lived except in the imaginations of men, that he never really had an Independent existence.

It is perhaps instructive to recall an incident which occurred during one of Mark Twain's several trips to Europe. While he was in Europe the newspapers reported his death. When the news reached him, he cabled the following message to the Associated Press: "The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated." Once Voltaire wrote to a friend, "In the case of news, we should always wait for the sacrament of confirmation." The news of the death of God may be exaggerated, but it has not yet been confirmed!