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¹The meaning of life is consciousness development, and it is counteracted through credulity, the source of the superstitions of all ages. Doubt is better than belief. Doubt activates the faculty of reflection (mental consciousness). The tendency to blind acceptance has become so ingrained, however, that the students of philosophy and science not only accept the pertaining dogmas (which can never be more than unsuccessful guesswork), but also put up a compact resistance to all pioneers.

²In our times we are given daily examples of where injudicious credulity will lead. Every coxcomb prophet immediately gains a huge following. The heads of public opinion turn to all manner of folly like reeds in the wind of propaganda.

³“Accept nothing without a sufficient ground.” Instead of believing in every fancy one should ask oneself: “What facts do I have for it?” If facts are lacking, the fancy should be considered erroneous. If people applied that law of thought, 99 per cent of all so-called truths would go down into the slop-pail.

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