

# SCIENCE-RELIGION DEBATE.

Notable Men of Many Beliefs to Attend Paris Gathering.

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PARIS, July 5.—A notable congress will be held here next month with the object of reconciling science and religion.

The congress will be presided over by Etienne Boutroux, the academician and well-known philosopher and psychologist. Among the committee, drawn from nearly every nation in the world, are: Abdul Baha, the prophet of the Bahaists; Prof. Trötsch of Heidelberg, Sant Altar Singh, head of the Sikh religion of the Punjab; Sir Richard Stapley of London, Rabbi Caesar Seligmann of Frankfort, pundits from Calcutta, Mohammedans from Medina, Budhists from Burma, Taoists from Shanghai, Shintoists from Tokio, and Zoroastrians from Persia, as well as numerous representatives from the great Christian communities. The esoteric side of religion will also have spokesmen.

Several of the leading scientists and philosophers have been invited, and it is expected that the congress will bear fruit.

M. Boutroux has stated that he will endeavor to show in his speeches that there is nothing incompatible between religious principles and the foundations of philosophy, and that an understanding can be arrived at on the territory of morality.

Philosophy, he says, is the connecting link between religion and science, provided the two are not intolerant of each other. The idea that science kills religion belongs, he insists, to the old philosophical stage of thought, which has not realized that the future does not kill the past, but proceeds logically from it.

Henri Bergson, who will be unable to attend the congress, as he will be out of Paris, says that he is fully in sympathy with its aims. As to the question whether religion and science can be reconciled, he refuses to say on the ground that it is too intricate to decide without long meditation.

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