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it stings them to death!

(Thomas Reade, "Christian Experience")

True happiness cannot possibly be found in any
of those earthly things which so much occupy the
time, and captivate the hearts of dying mortals.

Pleasures may fascinate.

Riches may dazzle.

Honors may inflate.

But what can these sources of supposed comfort
yield in the hour of death and judgment?

Unconverted men hug their chain, though they sigh
under its weight. They cherish the viper, though
it stings them to death!