

longing eyes will never behold the Holy Graal of his search, nor his tongue cry the great "*Eureka*" of success.

But Newton has moreover a *will* to work, to search, to toil, to find. But even with this mighty additional, he may will and he may toil till time grows hoar with age, and die, and till the forces which he seeks to explain are gathered at its funeral. His "I work" and "I will" can never for him unlock the mysteries of the universe, but suddenly while he toils and while he wills—while his will awaits instruction and his energies await command, there comes to him "the inspiration of the Almighty which giveth him *understanding*," and the thing is done. Newton's *power* has unlocked the truth, and the world reads in nature's volume the laws of motion.

As we see it, in all that wide range which God has given as the circuit of man's understanding, a circle whose radii have never yet been measured, there are but two things can limit man's power. One is ignorance, and the other is a will whose action is wholly free from trammel. So that to him who wills to do right but knoweth not how, to him it is ignorance; but to him that knoweth to do right and *wills* not to do it. "to him it is sin." While then the decision of the will is perfectly free, its powers, the results of its volitions, depend entirely on the understanding: and only as the will has power to act or not to act, has it influence upon the results of the operations of the understanding.

The decisions are these: That the understanding furnishes the data upon which alone the will can become an efficient cause, producing an effect; that the will is a free power, which wins its highest exaltation, and enjoys its grandest power as a willing servant of a rich and wise understanding. For as understanding may come by experiment, the will may thus at once enrich the understanding of the mind and the power of the man, for the will worketh experiment, and experiment knowledge, and knowledge power; and lastly, that the feelings of the mind can but prompt the will to action. Happy then is he whose feelings prompt his will in accordance with the dictates of a wise understanding, and whose