

lead others from Him by your selfish ungrateful example, He will come to you, will meet you "terrible as death, relentless as doom," will judge you as traitors and women who break wedlock are judged, and damn you for ever in endless hell.

O brothers, sisters ! let it not be ! A nobler life than the sensual is offered ; one begun on earth, lived in the flesh, but the pulses of which beat through all the ages to come. "The heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner ; but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished."

Thus may we "make the best of both worlds." Thus are we to consider the respective and often conflicting claims of both. Because all our life is not asked for special spiritual devotions and studies, that does not mean that we are to devote none of it to such exercises. Because there is a time for the material, for business, art, recreation, there should also be a time for prayer, for Scripture study and thought, for Christian Communion. And not only so, but all our lower is to be regulated by the necessities of our higher life ; our ordinary life to be leavened with spiritual aims and influences. And the great meaning and beauty of a life thus lived in the lower is that it leads us to a fuller life in the higher part of our nature, because it makes us feel "as ever in the Great Taskmaster's eye." Viewing all our sources of happiness as from God, we are taught to regard Him as the true centre of our being. And then we are blessed with the only happiness that is worthy of man, because it springs from the only pure and perennial fount. It springs from within, from the living soul ; not from senses that become dull, from nerves and appetites that blunt, from passions that die out. And then only are we truly religious ; we are in sympathy with the Supreme Good ; we love what He loves, and hate

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