

part from the right, as it undoubtedly is, then it follows as a logical sequence, that if he or she to whom these impressions come, listens and attends to them and chooses to allow them to mould the direction of their lives, they will be saved from the commission of that which they know or understand to be wrong, whether it be in regard to the moral or spiritual duties of life, and when these impressions show us a line of conduct to be pursued, other than to restrain us from violating moral or spiritual law, then as we follow that line of duty it promotes our real happiness, and enables us to do just that part of the work to which the Lord has assigned us. And has as been hereinbefore shown that these impressions or revelations come through Christ, as the name given for the medium by which the Father thus reveals his laws to man, so as our obedience to them preserves or saves us from the sins of commission or omission, or restores us from the effects or consequences of sin, so this Christ manifested in us becomes our Saviour and our Restorer, thus doing away with any necessity for a dependence upon the death or sacrifice of Jesus, as a means of propitiating the wrath of a God who was never angry, and who did not need such a sacrifice to lead or cause Him to accept man, and to restore him to harmony and true spiritual life from his wanderings in sin.

We claim for this more simple faith and life, that it will accomplish all of good to man that can be claimed for any other form or profession, that it does away with the necessity for so much machinery in religious devotion and worship, brings man into a closer relation with his God, and would sooner do away with a great deal of the evil there is in the world.

It would give man a higher sense of his responsibility for his own happiness, and furnish a stronger incentive to be ever on the watch to preserve his integrity and unity with his Heavenly Father. It does away with the idea of

there being any other source of evil to man than his own neglect to obey the laws the infinite establishment for his government, and teaches us that the power to obey or disobey was given man in order that he might, through overcoming the tendencies to disobey, be prepared to understand and appreciate the happiness of heaven which the great Creator fitted him to enjoy, both in this life and in the life to come. It teaches man to love God because of the kindness and goodness evidenced in thus caring for and directing his movements in life, so as to produce these happy results, and takes away the fear of His authority or power except when he may be in a state of transgression.

That this is no mere chimera of the imagination has been abundantly proven by the history of the Friends for the past two hundred years, in the fact that they have been among the foremost to institute such moral reforms among men as have been instrumental in uplifting them, that they have been sustained amid scorn, contempt, ridicule and persecution, and while they have not made many proselytes to their peculiarities, their faith in the doctrines of the efficacy of the Inner Light is being more and more accepted by the leading thinkers of our age. It has produced among them a purity of life and conduct, an integrity in their business relations, a cheerful devotion to duty, and a loving demeanor toward all men, unexcelled by any who profess the Christian name.

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#### IS IT A NEGLECTED HERITAGE?

Eighth mo. 18, 1893, in company with my brother I left my home among the hills to visit Roaring Creek Monthly Meeting, and the two families composing that body. We followed the road between the hills, leaving to the left the lively town of Bloomsburg with its many manufactories, including a