

It is evident from the want and possession of self-knowledge that nothing is so necessary to the commencement and progress of personal reformation. It leads the way to all that is excellent in character, to all that is transporting in future bliss. Dependent, my brethren, as well as any of you, on the same principle for becoming *wise unto salvation*, I pray God to enable me to know myself. *Search me O God and see if there be any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.*

Were this course to be universally followed; the sum of human prejudices, imperfections and immoralities would rapidly be diminished; the light of truth would shine over the world of mind with less impeded rays; the virtues of christianity would strengthen and extend their influence; earth would be an image of heaven. Whatever others do, let the benefits of self-consideration induce us to attend to it in the most serious and impartial manner.

If there is a person present, who has never attended to this duty, whose self-ignorance is carried so far, that he sees nothing wrong about himself; I beseech him, before this darkness meets the blackness of darkness forever, to reflect candidly on the extent and spirituality of the divine laws. Let him bring to this standard all his boasted pretensions. Let him next place himself at the bar of the eternal where he must soon appear, and say whether he is willing to abide the result.