

to young students. The author cannot conceive morals without religion. He holds that practical faith in the existence of God is the postulate of the moral law. The two things exist or fall together.

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