

truth from any amount of increased intellectual activity. It is mere unbelief to suspect that criticisms or Science can threaten Christianity. Such fearfulness belongs to the defenders of an imposture, not to be keepers of the truth. It does but increase our difficulties; for suspicion evermore breeds suspicion. It is not by limiting the intellectual side of our Religion, but by exalting its spiritual side, that we can be safe and keep others safe. It is not by striving to repress intellectual activity, nor by jealously warning it off the precincts of revealed Religion: it is by lifting up before men's eyes the Cross of Christ, and teaching them personal affiance in Him, that we shall keep uninjured the great deposit of the truth.

This is the only talisman. This, and this only, can keep us safe amidst our own perils,—to have known ourselves the love bred within the soul, by a true belief in Christ's atoning blood, in Christ's perpetual presence, in Christ's abiding love. And of this we may be sure—no speculative difficulties can endanger one soul, which has been taught by experimental knowledge to say in times of darkness, '*Lord, to whom shall we go? THOU HAST THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE.*' "

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