

not develop. No nation may possess territory or mineral wealth, and leave it unsettled or unworked. No talent may be hid in the earth without losing it to another. This principle Burns saw when his plough-share turned the daisy under and broke through the walls of the mouse's nest. Man in bringing the earth into subjection becomes the master of nature. Before his onward march all things must give way. Simple contentment and happiness must yield to the more sacred things, development and advancement.

Fifth, he was an advocate of the Golden rule. Man's failure to see himself as he saw others rendered him unfit to do to others as he would have them do to him.

"Oh, wad some power the giftie gie us
To see oursel's as others see us!
It wad frae monie a blunder free us
And foolish notion."

Sixth, pure religion and undefiled is the sure foundation of home-life, and a good conscience is the mainstay of the individual. The former of these is beautifully described in "The Cottar's Saturday Night."

"The priest-like father reads the sacred page,
.....
Then kneeling down to Heaven's Eternal King,
The saint, the father, and the husband prays:
.....
Compared with this, how poor Religion's pride,
In all the pomp of method and of art,
When men display to congregations wide,
Devotion's every grace except the heart!"

In his "Epistle to a Young Friend" the latter is commended

"The great Creator to revere,
Must sure become the creature;
But still the preaching cant forbear,
And e'en the rigid feature:
Yet ne'er with wits profane to range,
Be complaisance extended.
An Atheist's laugh's a poor exchange
For Deity offended!"