

### AUTHORITIES IN OUR RELIGIOUS LIFE

Of all the voice within, which says, "Do the right." Conscience may be blind, unimpaired, perverted, but unless it is heedful of no other authority has power. To the question, "What is right?" the opinions and counsels of others, the witness of religious lives past and present, creeds learned and repeated, and the Bible, give their answers. To the little child the word of the mother and father, of the child of larger growth the assurance of the trusted teacher or friend, may satisfy for a time, but no one finds sure ground to stand on till all these authorities are brought before his reason, and only those abide as authority which his reason approves. His judgment may be faulty, his conclusion mistaken, but he never really acknowledges an authority over his will which his reason declares not to be rightful authority.

When the soul meets Jesus Christ and apprehends Him as He is, then the authority of the Christ is final and supreme. We may not be able to tell how we have apprehended the Christ, how our reason has come to approve of Him as the ideal, the One altogether lovely, how our affections have appropriated Him as Saviour and our will has enthroned Him as Lord, but the believer knows Jesus Christ and acknowledges His authority. He brings His Bible, his creed, what he has learned of religion from others, his estimate of the Christian consciousness, to the Christ whom he knows, and tests them all by his Lord as he knows Him.

Paul knew the Scriptures, believed them, and lived an intensely religious life, as the Jews of the Jewish church, but from the time they met Jesus his estimate of the Bible and of the church, was changed. He became obedient to the One he had most loved. The disciples of Jesus misunderstood His teaching, were unable to receive many things which He wanted to say to them, against the voice within, made mistakes when they sought to fulfil His mission and He assured them that, through acknowledging His authority as supreme, the Holy Spirit would guide them into all truth, and that by accepting His assurance, became leaders of mankind.

We are often confused and perplexed when, striving to obey the voice within, we face unanswered questions concerning what is right. Sometimes we look on Jesus with a question which is almost a doubt, but when

He asks, "Will ye, also go away?" the true disciple can only reply, "Lord to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." That conviction comes and grows through having the mind which was in Christ Jesus. With it we rest calmly on the assurance that all things are yours, and ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's. —Congregationalist.

### COMPENSATION

A personal experience of Governor Odell of New York, recorded in the Tribune, illustrates anew how often the soul encompassed by infirmity knows the compensating secret of happiness. Governor Odell was inspecting the State institution for the blind at Batavia. As he was walking through one of the buildings he noticed a golden-haired child standing at a window. She had her back to him. The Governor walked over to the window, and said:

"How do you do my little lady."

The child turned to him with a smile. She was exceedingly beautiful, but her eyes were sightless.

"Are you Governor Odell?" she asked. The Governor said he was. "Oh, I have been waiting to see you," she said. "I heard you were coming."

The Governor then took her on his lap and asked her name.

"My name is Ruth."

"I have a little girl at home just about as big as you, but her name is Estelle."

They talked freely after that. The little girl told her story freely without sighs or bitterness. She was unable to go home for a vacation, because it was necessary for her to remain for treatment. It was a disappointment, but she smiled brightly as she said that "seeing" the Governor partly made up. Finally, when it came time for him to go, the Governor said:

"Is there any message I can take back to my little girl from you?"

"Yes, oh, yes, you can give her my love."

"Is that all?" asked the governor.

"No," said the child, clasping the Governor's neck and kissing him. "Say it's not her, a kiss."

The next day when the Governor was in Buffalo, he bought the biggest doll he could find and sent it to Ruth. A few days later he got a letter of thanks. "I can feel its eyes shut when I put it to bed at night," she wrote and in the morning can feel them open. I have named my doll Estelle, and I pray every night that your little girl may never be blind." —Ex.

### A PRACTICAL ILLUSTRATION.

A most telling illustration was used by an English missionary in the course of his address. He held up a piece of paper in which he said he had put threepence, and, taking out his watch, he promised to give the packet to anyone who came and took it within two minutes.

The effect was dead silence. Then a boy, laughed, and a few nudged their neighbors. One however, started to his feet, which was the signal for others to follow; but he quickly ran to Mr. Jones and took the proffered gift. When the others had resumed their seats, Mr. Jones asked the boy why he came.

"Because you told me," he answered.

"Do you believe me?"

"Oh, yes!"

"How much money have you got in your hand?"

"Threepence sir," said the boy.

"How do you know?" "You have not opened it."

"You told me so, sir."

"Have you seen me before?"

"Only yesterday."

He was then told to open the packet, and he found, not threepence, as he expected, but ninepence more than his anticipations—a most beautiful way of showing how to expect the gift of eternal life, and accepting, receive more than we thought.—Ex.

### A GRAND DISTINCTION

C. H. Spurgeon on one occasion went to visit the late James Smith, of Cheltenham, when the latter was stricken with paralysis. Mr. Spurgeon had heard that he was troubled with many conflicts and said to him:

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"Who told you that?" he inquired, "for I have none."

"Do you never have any? Why I understood you had many conflicts."

"Yes, I have many conflicts, but I have no doubts. I have many wars within, but I have no fears."

We cannot doubt our Father's love, nor do we fear as to our eternal safety if we trust the Lord Jesus, for in His word of grace we are assured we shall "never perish." —Ex.



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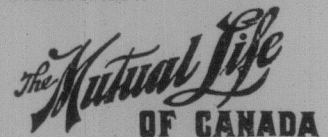


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