

righteousness is the last resolution of power, since it is law established in the triumphant will; that the ideal of perfection which haunts us like a beautiful vision is never reached in the short span of our lives and that we die desiring it. And knowing all these things, I am well content to leave the final end of the world and of all souls and of my own soul in the hands of Almighty love and power, in the simple faith that some day I shall know even as also I am known."

There is one thing which these men who draw the sword of conflict, when the creed is menaced from the direction of reason and common-sense, thoroughly understand and that is that if they give up hell they give up theology, since it is on the foundation of hell, that the whole miserable structure rests. Once emancipate the human soul from dread of a future doom and religion becomes, as it ought to become, a simple, sweet, human and understandable thing—the gaining here and now of that lofty vision which transforms conduct and of that love which casts out all fear.