

Christian philosophy should know some higher wisdom than that.....What do the many voices around us proclaim, but that more than ever we need a personal knowledge of Christ to keep us safe amidst the strife of tongues? That not in ears closed artificially against syren songs, not in minds manacled, and ignorance courted, but in a more abundant presence with us of Him who is our Faith, shall be our safeguard. When faith becomes more difficult, when sayings become harder, we do but want the more a real personal acquaintance with Him. We need to trust with a simple affiance in His atonement; to walk more with Him in our Ga'ilee; to lean our burden more entirely on Him; to have more inward experience of what He is to the soul who lives in communion with Him; so that the chafing serf of intellectual difficulty, when it breaks upon us will but lead us, like the limpet, to its rock, to cling, by the renewed instincts of the soul, the closer to Him.

This is the real talisman against unbelief. It is not to be found in hard, narrow, exclusive views, but in a personal love to Christ: for this rises in its strength as difficulty rises; this arms the soul with new instincts, which defend it in the day of danger. For such an one, when questions trouble him, there is a whole life of resistance to unbelief, which is quickened into action by the mere touch of what might harm the spirit. There is the remembrance of past communings with His Lord; there is the sense of His present nearness; there is the clasp of deepening love; there is the soul's passionate cry, "Lord, to whom shall we go?" there is the realization by our own spirit, of the great simple philosophical verity of St. Augustine, "*Qui recte amat procul dubio recte credit.*"

True love to Christ will sweep away a thousand doubts, and answer a thousand speculative difficulties; and as this is to be our own internal safeguard, so it should set the note for those who have to handle the mysteries of God before such a generation as this. With this safeguard, there can be no danger to the