

I have urged a manly freedom of thought, but it is thought that, like Noah's dove, ranges abroad only to return to its rest when wearied. Lessing's famous saying, that "if the Eternal Father held in His right hand the Truth, in His left, the striving after it, and he had to choose between them, he would clasp His knees, and say, Father, the left,*—can be accepted only of intellectual truth. Spiritual truth, once found, becomes part of ourselves, as the colours, woven into their tissues by the light, do of the flowers. The heart seeks rest: only the head seeks excitement and change. "Philosophy is not philosophy," says Cousin, "if it do not touch the abyss; but it ceases to be philosophy if it fall into it."† Use your liberty Christianly: let it be first Christian and then free. Be less given to speculation than practice:

never been general: all along, a few have known Religion, while millions have only played endless fantastic tricks with the wrappings in which they have dressed her, to which she, sadly smiling, submits."—Denn schon von Alters her ist der Glaube nicht jedermanns Ding gewesen; und immer haben nur Wenige die Religion erkannt, indess Millionen auf mancherlei Art, mit den Umhüllungen gaukelten, welche sie sich lächelnd gefallen lässt. —Reden über die Religion.

Alfred Vaughan, in his *Hours with the Mystics*, says well—"that the introduction of art into religion ends, not by art becoming religious, but by religion becoming an art."

* Wenn der Ewige Vater in der Rechten die Wahrheit hielte, in der Linken das Streben danach, und ich sollte wählen, ich würde seine kniee umfassen und sprechen: Vater, die Linke!

† La Philosophie n'est pas philosophie si elle ne touche à l'abîme; mais elle cesse d'être philosophie, si elle y tombe.