

and another another. Each gives forth the same voice of truth; yet the Almighty distributor employs each as best it pleaseth Him. Is it not possible that things said one way may produce a salutary effect, where even better things, better said, have failed? And should not each of us strive to be useful in his day, according to the small measure of power which his Master has left him? May the writer bury what he has, because he has only a single talent, while so many others have received five or ten?

Let him not, then, be reprehended, if now, after many years, he disinter it, and try to put it out to usury. On the contrary, let the charitable reader pray to God for him, and his work, begging that He will bless them both: the one, that he may not be rejected as a useless servant; the other, that, in spite of His husbandman's unworthiness, being the seed of His own Word, it may produce fruit a hundredfold.

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