

Historically demonstrated to be impossible. As the right to life essentially requires the best obtainable means for life, it follows that any disloyalty to either right is a fundamental crime against the inalienable right of man. But history and reason have likewise demonstrated the impossibility of any unaided individual mind ever becoming wise enough to provide what is best for the right life. The social wisdom necessary for the way of life and the rights of man is the refined commonwealth of the ages. Many persons believed in Christ, but their individual understanding was too feeble to be faithful when they saw the will by which they measured him, reduced to nothingness under the will of his enemies. Many believed in Joan of Arc, but their individual interpretations collapsed when they saw her will powerless under the will of church and state. A civilization of wills has studded the sky of mind with such fantastic notions of personal justice that we now know a system of wills has no meaning or consequence, but suffering, sacrifice and war.

Christ was a revelation of life and not the doctrine of a will. Joan of Arc was a revelation of Christian life. She was a vision and a message of the unconquerable Christian soul. This bright and morning star of all the Christian centuries, this fairest among ten thousand, this altogether lovely soul of womanhood, drank the cup and won for all time the victory of her Lord, the Divine Master of the City to Come.