

There is a Book, the oldest in the whole world, which tells us how we may find out. There is a *character* portrayed there which we are directed to follow. The finger of prophecy has pointed to this character from the beginning of the world. Since that character became flesh and dwelt among men, the *Humans of Humanity* have been pointing to it as a source, and the *only* source, of salvation to all humanity.

Then let us look at this wonderful character. By what name is it designated? "Jesus, which is the Christ." The Messiah which was to come to establish the Kingdom. "The Son of God." "The only begotten of the Father." He who *was* before the worlds were, who *is now* and *ever shall be*. He it is to whom we must look. He it was who became flesh and dwelt among men, who had like passions unto us. He it was who tasted sorrow and death that we might profit thereby. It was He who comforted the sorrowing and pitied the bereaved. He it was who served at manual labor and was tempted in all ways like unto us, *but without sin*. This latter is *not* like unto us, for we have yielded unto temptation, and *have* sinned.

Then, how can we follow him and his example if we have sinned?

"Go thou and sin no more."

"Cease to do evil, learn to do good."

"Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you, bless them that curse you, pray for them that despitefully use you."

But how can I do that?

"Ye must be born again. Except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

Some may say as Nicodemus did: "How can a man be born when he is old, etc." Do we not believe there is a God, the Creator of all things. Do we not believe that Christ came to show us the right way—the highway for the righteous?

Look unto the oldest of all books and study it carefully and prayerfully, and see if we don't believe these things. Study the character of Jesus, his pre-

cepts and example, then ask our unbiased judgment if these things be not true. Then ask ourselves if a man can fill his place in Humanity without continually striving to follow these precepts and example.

If not, *then let us follow.*

[Here the writer supposes *man* to have been truly converted.]

What a calm! What peace! What joy! What happiness! What comfort! Is not this heaven indeed! What a change! He (Christ) told me old things should be done away, and all things become new, but I could not see it. Why? "I was blind, but now I see." "I was lost, but now I am found." Now I see beauty in all things, even in the pebbly beach; in the rugged mountain; in the wild dense forest. There is beauty everywhere. How my power of comprehension has been extended! Oh! how thankful I am that I have been led to see the *light*. How *could I ever* have filled my place in Humanity without this light. Wondrous knowledge! It passeth understanding beyond the power of words to explain.

A SILENT FRIEND.

FOREKNOWLEDGE AND FREE AGENCY.

To the question "Does not the foreknowledge of God strike directly at man's moral free agency?" addressed by the writer to George F. White, the following reply was received:

Answer. "It does beyond all question. There can be no inconsistency with *Diety*. He cannot be just and unjust; he cannot be merciful and unmerciful; *he cannot give and retain the gift*. If he give to man the power to disobey him, he relinquishes foreknowledge until man wills, because as thou properly *infers*, if he should retain foreknowledge of man's act of volition, he must necessarily retain control of the influences which were to decide the act of volition. This would make man a mere machine, and would divest him of all moral account-