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THE TRUST AND THE DUTY.

"Out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem."—Isa. ii. 3.
"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."—Rom. x. 17.

Religion is a universal fact—coeval with man upon the earth, and co-extensive with the human race. When man first opened his eyes to look upon the world in its new-made beauty, the imperial ways of physical sense furnished avenues to the knowledge of the seen and temporal; at the same time an inward and spiritual sense, a three-fold intuition of dependence, responsibility and reverence opened towards the Infinite and Eternal, and man's heart cried out "for God, for the living God." This cry was answered by a Revelation, through which man was made acquainted with the law of life and duty, and rose into fellowship with the God and Father of his spirit. Thus religion is rooted in the very nature of the human soul, and nourished by communications from God Himself; and though this ideal life was obscured by sin's eclipse, it has not been lost, for God who revealed His wisdom in creation, has revealed His love in Christ, by whom sin is condemned and the sinner redeemed. The unfolding of this love, that it may have practical effect, is the purpose of Divine Revelation as contained in the Holy Scriptures. "God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son."