

starting their career in ignorance and living without sin.

The mystery of sin is like some other mysteries; for example, illimitable space is almost unthinkable, but the opposite thought or limited space, is quite unthinkable.

Sin is one of the sad, but natural results of freedom and ignorance. If sin is the transgression of law, and if the subjects of the law are ignorant of its benefits and have to learn by experience its penalties, and if sin appears to the senses as desirable, it seems almost, if not quite, necessary that all must be law-breakers in order to learn how to be law-keepers. Whatever may be its full meaning, it is said of Jesus in Holy Writ, that "Though He were a Son yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered, and being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him."

Concerning the mystery of sin, I must believe that the sin of mankind did not surprise God, nor was it other than He could naturally expect, and I had almost said that, it was none other than the natural outcome of His own holy plans and purposes. It