

with these great words upon His lips, words destined for immortality, He is still to us the sweet, glad-hearted, unaffected son of Mary. And this for the reason that they are so obviously unstudied words. The truth which they convey had not been reached by strenuous processes of reasoning. It was native to His mind. The utterance was as effortless as the shedding of its fragrance by a rose.

In this fact we find the secret of the uniqueness and supremacy of Christ as a religious teacher. He was born into the world with a perfect faculty for knowing and revealing God. No human being ever approached Him in this respect. In the realm of spiritual truth He moved as freely and as buoyantly as a bird in air. His soul was wondrously winged for flight into that upper region. His thoughts towards God were ever "blithesome and cumberless." Though His heart had nest upon the ground in the love of Mary and of Joseph, His spirit made frequent, lark-like flights into the heavens, stripping off a song at every spiral of its ascending, until it touched the bosom of the Eternal; then it would come singing back to earth again to rest contentedly in the affection of those humble human hearts. He knew God in-