

"Thou canst not prove the Nameless, O my son,
 Nor canst thou prove the world thou movest in,
 Thou canst not prove that thou art body alone,
 Thou canst not prove that thou art spirit alone,
 Nor canst thou prove that thou art both in one;
 Thou canst not prove thou art immortal, no
 Nor yet that thou art mortal—nay my son,
 Thou canst not prove that I, who speak with thee,
 Am not thyself in converse with thyself.
 For nothing worthy proving can be proven,
 Nor yet disproven."

Philosophy is concerned with explanations, while Science has to do with observations. Freemasonry contains no explanations as such and so cannot be styled a Philosophy. It portrays a series of great observations upon human life. Underlying these, however, one finds the simplest, yet paradoxically, the most profound of all philosophies.

What does Freemasonry present for study? In the First Act, the highway of life is followed from the helplessness and immaturity of the social unit, through organization, practical activity, and intellectual training, till its climax is reached in the discovery:

"That there is Something more than Nature Man requires."

The observations do not end there. Worth does not efface jealousy; honour is rarely unaware of dishonour; the steps of truth are ever dogged by the shadows of falsehood. Virtue meets vice at every turn; knowledge