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Let no man deceive you, my brethren, on a subject of such tremendous importance. Heaven and hell are awful realities—they are not the dreams of a disordered imagination—they are not the fictions of priestcraft. Whether men believe or disbelieve, they shall all stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ.

Hold fast then, hold fast, I conjure you, as you value the safety of your immortal souls, hold fast to Christianity; and, whilst you contend for the faith once delivered to the Saints, let your lives show that you are not more solicitous about its letter than its spirit—let your conduct be the unequivocal answer to those who oppose the faith, and prove to them that the religion which they affect to despise, has given you that peace which the world can neither give nor take away—the peace which flows from exercising yourselves to have a conscience void of offence towards God and towards man. Let those amongst you, who have the intellect, the attainments and the time to enquire into the evidences of your belief, be ready to give an account of the hope which is in you—let those from whom the Almighty in his wisdom has withheld the advantages of talent, education and leisure, but yet has given them “the witness in themselves,” trace within their breasts the irrefragable demonstration, which the spirit of God has written there in celestial characters—let all, who are called by the name of Christ, manifest not only by profession but by practice, that they are the faithful followers of him, whose advent was ushered by the Heavenly Host, singing—

“Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will towards men.”