

belief in personal immortality, as distinguished from belief in absorption into the Infinite. All these opinions have been meant by the phrase in the history of the Church, and probably most if not all of them are more or less vaguely meant by different members of the congregation in their reciting of the Creed. In other words, our creeds are intended to be theological definitions; they are intended, like the hymns we sing, to be expressions of a vital, spiritual experience.

It is of great importance that we of the liberal faith should recognize the fact that all theological definitions are inadequate, because all spiritual experiences are undefinable, and that we should put our emphasis, not on our doubts or our differences, but on our faiths and our agreements with our brethren. Nor is this merely a prudential maxim; it is a principle that should be carried out in all our life. I think, for example, that Protestants have greatly over-emphasized our differences with our Roman Catholic brethren, and I think the very word Protestant is for this reason unfortunate. I am at one with my