

for ourselves, but we must place it in a place that others may see our good influence, and be guided to a higher, nobler and a better life by having seen it. We can in reality be "beacon lights," beckoning others to accept Christ as their everlasting Friend, one that can never be excelled in this life. Let us search out the teachings of our blessed "Guide Book," the Bible, and see how many of them we can apply to our own lives, especially the teachings and beautiful example of the pure life of our blessed Saviour Jesus Christ.

Too many of our so-called Christians only use their light to any value while they are in the house of God. It seems to be extinguished as soon as they leave the church door. This should not be the case. We must let our light, our religion, stand out before the world in such a way that the influence for good will overpower that of evil.

*"Let the lower lights be burning,
Send a gleam across the wave,
Some poor fainting, struggling seamen
You may rescue, you may save."*

Hitchcocks, Washington Co., Ind.,
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TRUTH.

The definition for "truth," as given by Webster, is the conformity to fact or reality, exact accordance with that which is, or has been, or shall be.

By this we understand that truth is something firm and sure, something solid on which we may build, and it will not give way.

It is not something that only a few may enjoy. But it may be distributed among all men, for truths are so numerous, and there are many with which we are not acquainted.

But there are certain truths held in common by every religious organization, among which are the immortality of the soul, an over-ruling power all call God, and a belief in Jesus Christ.

Now, to be in harmony with these

truths seem to make necessary the various religious organizations, each holding to its own opinion in regard to the explanation of these truths, each probably seeing them as given in the Bible, in a different light, thus causing different interpretations. And some, no doubt are waiting to be taught as did the people of olden times wait for the Messiah, whom they were told would teach them and lead them into all truth. And when the time came he did indeed teach them that great truth, "The Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man." And many more beautiful truths that the people could not comprehend, and still we of the present day do not and cannot understand.

But is it necessary that we understand all those truths taught by Jesus? Is it essential to our present and future happiness that we are able to interpret and understand all the truths in the Bible?

I believe the churches of the present day would be nearer together were there not so much stress placed upon those less important Truths or we might say forms of religion, and let more attention be paid to those great and beautiful Truths that Jesus taught by the pure life he lived. And He left His precepts for the world. He lived them all out and surely died that Truth might live. He could not exemplify His work without it.

Though many ages have passed, there still exists such difference of opinion in regard to those Truths as taught by Jesus.

Though many of the present day accept Truths because they are common or because they have heard someone say they were truths, without thoroughly investigating them for themselves, and when accepted by us in this manner are of no value, but *only* as the witness in our own hearts respond to those teachings, do they become as truths to us. As one has said: "The Truths of the Bible are like gold in the soil. Whole generations