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"In confession to a priest in accordance with the teaching of the Church of England?"

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The Apostle Paul, in his epistle to the Romans, gives this advice: "As much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." So I think it should be our earnest endeavor to abstain from religious controversy as much as possible, and, while we hold our own opinions firmly and definitely, to make every allowance for others who hold different views, and give them credit, at any rate, for being as honest and straightforward in their belief, as we ourselves are. But there must be a limit to this charity and elasticity. "The wisdom that is from above is first *pure*, then peaceable," says St. James. So while we are anxious to maintain peace we must often be ready to fight long and vigorously for the purity of that religion, which we hold dear as life itself.

Personally, I very much dislike controversy—it arouses angry feelings, stirs up strife and promotes ill-will. I would much prefer always to preach to you the Gospel of Christ, and be utterly regardless of what is said or done about us

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