

but the reason is that rewards have been thought of as "outside extras," not the inherent good. The student expects "Education" as the reward for toil. The farmer expects a harvest from the labor spent. The natural rewards and punishments, those that are inherent in the act itself, must seem right and good. What ideal can be higher?

Justice makes man the master of his fate. He works out his own salvation, as the Scriptures say he should do. He rises to future life according as he left off this one. He wears no angel's wings that he did not strive for. His every merit is recognized. By living a life of gentleness, planting beautiful grain where weeds would have grown, he can rest assured that the future has only good for him.

At the death bed all shams are brushed aside. In that supreme moment the dying deal in great essentials. Nothing is so powerful in the mind of the dying as justice. "Have I wronged anyone?" is the last universal cry, if not of the tongue, of the very being. This shows that justice is the thing of supremest importance in life.

Justice is not a stern thing, as is often supposed. All true lasting pleasure is built upon true justice. It may have added to it the emotions of love, hatred, friendship, indifference. By allying ourselves most strongly to justice we cannot possibly go wrong: by not making it our slave, submitting it to our selfishness, family feelings, patriotism, religion and morals.