

we need another sustenance—the support as we should be apt to say, of something more ‘objective’ and tangible.” The need of this support, of something objective and tangible, was present to the mind of one of the first witnesses, when he wrote:—“That which was from the beginning, that which we have heard, that which we have seen with our eyes, that which we beheld, and our hands handled concerning the Word of life (and the life was manifested and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare unto you the life, the eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us), that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you also, that ye also may have fellowship with us.” Comparison in respect of competence to meet the need of man, to deliver him from moral evil, to support his belief in the victory of righteousness, and to inspire him to a service, which may lead him, as it led the Redeemer of men, to a cross, is wholly on the side of the religion whose historic continuity goes back, through the succession of generations, to the Apostles, and to the Christ who, in profound humility, made so Divine a claim.

The place which Christ claimed, and which He died to win, He has vindicated, where alone vindication could be complete, in the experience of those who have ventured to trust Him.

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