

highest use. Holiness is wholeness. It is manhood filled out to its full. Religion is the sunshine and song of man's nature. It is the flowering and fruiting of our being. It is the royalty of man's soul rising up and claiming affinity with God. The call of Christ to man is always a call to come up higher in thought and purpose, in character and achievement. Christ's way of making men noble is by appealing to the nobleness that lies latent in all men by reason of their original relationship to God, as made in His image. Jesus went on the principle that every man, as a child of God, belonged to God, and that his rightful place was in the home and kingdom of God.

The doctrine of the sacredness of man is a doctrine of revelation. It was learned originally from the Bible. The Christian religion teaches this truth wherever it goes. No other religion or philosophy gives prominence to the dignity and worth of man as does the Christian religion. In many instances men have accepted this doctrine without knowing or crediting the source from which they received it. The social atmosphere to-day is full of this doctrine in various forms. The worth of man, the rights of man, the sacredness of man, the superiority of man over all institutions and constitutions make up the warp and woof of the demagogue's harangue, the Nihilist's invective, the Socialist's propaganda. Men are waking up to realize and assert their inalienable God-given rights. The people who have toiled and slaved; the people who have been hewers of wood and carriers of water, the people who have done and are doing the world's hard work are beginning to realize that they are worthy of better things than they have hitherto received. They say we too are men, and have the rights of men. Our wives are women and should have the rights of women. Our children are God's children and should have the opportunities that God designs for all His children alike. The social unrest of to-day is, at the last analysis, the effort of men to live the life of men. In the various theories of social reform put forward to-day, there may be much that