

instance might be given beyond what this unbelieving age would be able to receive or bear."

It seems to me the tendency of all modern theology, science and metaphysics, is in the direction of a recognition of that pure ideal of the Divine Immanence of which George Fox had a clear perception. In the light of modern knowledge we should be able to understand better than he did the great mystery of the Infinite, and learn how better to connect the Infinite Life and Being with our finite conception of life and being. George Fox discerned by faith and intuition what modern science is proving and teaching. Our faith may be augmented by the knowledge we may gain from without as well as from within.

In the process of creation the material forms have developed from low to high, from simple to complex. It seems to me that this ray of the Infinite Spirit, which we call organic life in the mineral kingdom, and instinct in the vegetable and animal life, manifests itself, when fully developed in man, as a spiritual consciousness, a realization that our true life is in spirit, here and now and always.

When we come to this stage of unfoldment, we recognize the higher self within us, which is one with all the wisdom, all the goodness, all the power, all the harmony without us; one with the Power not ourselves, which makes for righteousness. We recognize that there is a Power as all-pervading and immanent in the spirit of man as is the power of gravity in the outer world. It is the Infinite Love, the power and presence of God. As George Fox says: "It is an Infinite ocean of Light and Love."

What Friends have called the Inner Light, to my mind is an influx into man from this great ocean. When we fully open the door of the soul to it, I believe its waves will flow into every part of our being, physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual. The Divine

Reality within, will become manifest in the external.

Modern science is recognizing and teaching what the prophets and seers have long taught, that all power and expression are from within out. The internal and external are one. Viewed in its widest significance, the doctrine of the Inner Light becomes a pivotal philosophy. It changes all the old bearings of life, and brings everything to a centre within the individual himself. It teaches him to think, and reaffirms the wisdom of Solomon, "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he." According to modern science, that consciousness is life. Our life is wholly one of thought; we live in a thought world, which we build from within. Every activity in life is the result of thought, of the functioning of some brain cells, and the quality of our thoughts are determined almost by our conception of the great realities of the universe, by our idea of what God is, what man is, how God acts in the world, and his relation to man. If we can believe fully that God exists within, and conceive that the supreme motive of life is the realization of being, the externalizing of the Divine harmony, wholeness and love, which we look upon as being the nature of our higher selves, our views of life and habits of thought become entirely changed. As we take this vantage ground and bring all our thought and activity to bear for the realization of this ideal, our life becomes superior to environment and external conditions. We learn that we may keep ourselves receptive only to the highest vibrations, constantly recognizing the joy, beauty, strength, and health which are all about us, and which we may feel welling up in our souls. We become poised within, and secure that equanimity which is essential to all sane living. If we fully believe in the omnipotence and omnipresence of God, we can no longer recognize evil as a power in the world and in our lives.