

23. And yet we trust it comes from Thee. The poet is as far as possible from hinting that knowledge is useless or superfluous. He pleads for more knowledge and finer knowledge, joined with reverence which shall develop soul as well as mind, and fit man to realize the greatness of God and to bear His truth.

33-36. Knowing his own imperfections and the treachery of even what seemed like his good impulses, the poet asks forgiveness, and acknowledges that in the relations between man and God there can be no question of deserving. In human intercourse there is an exchange of what is due, but measured by the standard of perfection, man's best acts can ask only forgiveness.

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This fragment is inserted simply to illustrate Tennyson's extraordinary power of presenting a picture exactly, in original but perfectly fitting language.
