

Believe me, it will come sooner far than you think. Ceaselessly, noiselessly, swiftly will life pass. Your life must be looked back upon. If, after your opportunities, it be proved to have been a life of waste and evil influence, heavier will be your remorse and doom.

God meets you as you read these words, and offers to be the guide of your human life. The good God did not send you into His creation to be afterwards an accursed thing. This life of yours, with its endowments and capabilities, may become a sublime and influential life—a blessed ascendancy, a tower of strength to men, regnant in all that is majestic and godlike. Oh, reject with loathing the philosophy that you have no freedom to choose purity and nobleness. Your will is perilously but grandly free. God has given you freedom over yourself to be in obedience to His blessed will. This liberty is the grandeur of your life. To see the good on starting life and to resolve to follow it, is peace and greatness. To refuse to do this, is confusion, misery, dire disaster. It is to you possessed of freedom that the divine counsel comes — “How long, ye simple ones, will ye love folly? Turn you at my reproof : *behold, I will pour out my Spirit upon you, I will make known my words unto you.*” Nor will life thus passed be too earnest to be happy. Yours