

pretation of history and of our own personal lives.

The Cross is the convergence of two great movements, of God to man and of man to God ; God in the person of Jesus Christ offering to man the gift of perfect reconciliation ; man in the person of Jesus Christ, offering to God the gift of perfect obedience. God at His divinest, man at his manliest, meet in one and the same act. The Cross comes therefore to us bringing the supreme gift of reconciliation to God and all that that carries with it ; it also comes with a supreme demand—the demand for a full surrender. The gift and the demand always go together. We cannot pick and choose. We have to accept both. Indeed, we cannot accept the gift fully and understandingly without realising that we have to make the surrender ; and we shall never be able to make the surrender until we have fully and understandingly appropriated the gift.

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Let us then speak of the gift. The assumption that ever / religion in the world