

## WORSHIP A CONDITION OF THE HIGHEST MORALITY.

The relation of worship to morality implies a necessary relation between morality and religion. Since worship is only the expression of religion, our first task is to determine the relation between morality and religion. If it proves to be a necessary relation, then worship as the expression of religion will be a condition not only of the highest morality but of any truly moral life.

(a) Is there a necessary relation between morality and religion? In order to show that there is such a relation, it must become evident that the phenomena of the moral consciousness make it necessary to discover an ultimate ground of moral principles in reality beyond the mere subjective experience. If there is an ultimate ground of moral principles and if this ultimate ground is identical with the object of religion, there is a necessary relation between morality and religion.

In order to solve our problem, we must examine the psychological basis of ethics, i. e., we must examine the moral consciousness from the psychological point of view; for, among the factors of the moral consciousness, if anywhere, will be found reason for seeking an ultimate ground of moral obligation beyond consciousness itself.

What then are the factors of the moral consciousness psychologically considered? Prof. Ladd gives the following convenient classification: First, the feeling of obligation for which we use such terms as "I ought," "he ought," "one ought," or the opposite feeling, "I ought not," "he ought not." This feeling of obligation arises only in view of some deed or course of conduct which is conceived as possible either of voluntary acceptance or rejection—something to be done or not to be done, and, it is always implied that the activity in question is a deed of will. Intellect must have developed far enough to include the capacity of holding up in imagination the deed to be done or the course of conduct to be followed.

Again, the feeling of obligation is necessarily connected with judgment. But this judgment as to what is to be done is not different from any other intellectual judgment. There is there-