

that which is as distinguished from that which only seems to be. It is assured knowledge, a correct representation to ourselves of that which seems to be. But its divine meaning is much more important and profound. It is but a portion of knowledge. It is that portion of knowledge which is convertible into moral force. Jesus said, *I am the truth*, because everything in and about Him, every word and act, His whole character, was a force making for righteousness.

In the ordinary sense of the word truth, it may apply to philosophical, mathematical or scientific certainty of any sort. But I think that a study of the New Testament, and especially of John's gospel, will show that the inspired writers apply the Word in a much higher sense to God's Anointed One. "We beheld His glory—glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." "The law came by Moses, grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." "Everyone that is of the truth heareth my words." I think it must be apparent to every thoughtful mind that in these and many other instances the Word of God uses the word truth to signify that portion of knowledge which has the attribute of moral force, or, in other words, makes for righteousness.

Yet while truth may be defined in the abstract, by setting forth its capability, it is only when that quality of knowledge which is called truth coalesces with the heart that truth in the concrete as a working force comes into existence. In mechanics, when two pieces of iron are to be welded, they are each raised to an equally intense degree of heat. This being reached, the mechanic may effect a weld. When some chemical combinations are to be produced, the elements entering into them must each be raised to a certain degree of heat. When that precise degree is reached there is a flash, and the chemist knows the combination he seeks has been effected. It is thus, in the transmutation of the abstract into concrete, personal truth. The knowledge which comes to us from heaven is warm with the fires of eternal love. And when the ardent truth-seeker brings the heat of his desire into contact with the Word of God, that combination which we call truth takes place within him; the