

The Ministers' Corner

THE CHARACTER OF JESUS CHRIST

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Jesus never tried to awaken faith in God by means of arguments to prove His existence. There was no need of it. We ourselves are evidence to ourselves. It is difficult to escape the conviction. A million suns, sparkling in the heavens, evince the fact that there is a power adequate to uphold and guide a million suns. Jesus did not come to argue to the world about the existence of God. He came to reveal the heart of God, God's mind towards the children of men, His inmost nature. The world knew that there was a God of power, and wisdom, and skill. But the heart of God, His mind and will, it did not know. Jesus has revealed it in His human life, and emphasized it by His death upon the cross.

The greatest thing in the world, of which man has direct knowledge, the object of highest worth, is the character of Jesus Christ. What is the beauty and worth of a million suns as compared with this—the beauty and worth of the character of Jesus Christ?

Now Jesus Christ reveals us to ourselves. He makes known the rightful nature of man by making known our relations to God. From one point of view we may truly say: God is unknowable. He transcends our knowledge. But from another point of view we may say: There is none other whom we may know as well. Because a knowledge of God is involved in the knowledge of our own selves. He is the presupposition of our thought, of our consciousness. For our consciousness is of a self who has rights, duties, obligations. But rights, duties, obligations, imply relationship to a personal God—not a distant being, who needs to be searched for and have his existence proved by arguments. God does not need to be brought to light—for He Himself is light. He is the life of our life. We have not far to go to find God.

If God were only a creature, a created thing among other objects of the universe, then He might be far off and need to be discovered by searching. But since it is God who made us, and in whom we live and move and have our being, it is not evidence of His existence that we need, but perception of His presence.

God made us for the express purpose of revealing Himself to us, and of revealing His inmost nature, His love, and His goodness, by means of

us. He made us so that His own unselfish love might be manifested to others through us.

We speak of the "discoveries" of science. As mankind gain knowledge of the laws of nature, and the facts of the world of matter, we call these "new discoveries." These facts and principles, which are new to us, are older than the moon and stars, older than the human race. They have only been waiting to be discovered by men. This new knowledge of the outer world, the kingdom of nature, which is gradually being acquired, is in reality the man coming to his rightful place and environment in the outer creation. And as man's knowledge of the outer world, has been a gradual acquirement, so, also, his knowledge of the spiritual world and its relationship—the Kingdom of God within him.

We hear of a "new theology." The truth of God is as old as eternity, but new knowledge of truth is gained step by step, in the spiritual history of mankind. For example: Abraham gained a "new theology" when he left the idolatries of his ancestry home, and obeyed the voice of God. The prophets brought a new theology to Israel, when they proclaimed the spiritual nature of the true worship of God. Jesus brought a new theology, in His revelation of God's Fatherhood and man's sonship. A new

theology comes to every age, as the spirit of Christ unfolds greater knowledge of our sonship to God and our duties to one another as children of God.

The discoveries of science are the finding of the actual world without. To find Christ is to find the actual world in which our spirits are made to live and enjoy the completeness of life—the Kingdom of God within. To find Christ is to find our relationship in the family of God. We have not far to go to find Christ. He says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Christ comes to each one of us today, bringing the Gospel of sonship, realizing to us the worth and dignity of our lives.

But this same revelation of God has another side. It is also a revelation of our oneness with God's family, on earth, our fellow men. To

find Christ is not to discover an individual salvation, that we can take and enjoy all by ourselves alone. It is to find ourselves and obligations, and to serve our generation as He served His. To find Christ is to take up the burdens of others, in the spirit of loving self-sacrifice, as He did. There is not a quality that gives any worth to human character, but is rooted in some form of self-sacrifice. Human nature at its best is the expression of some form of self-conquest. Patience, forgiveness, benevolence, moral courage, are all qualities that take us out of our self-seeking, that compel us to sacrifice for the good of others.

The moral sense in the heart of man, is Christ at the door. Every human soul that has any sense of duty, or obligation, hears the voice of Jesus Christ. To open the door

to Him who knocks, is to take Christ's spirit of unselfish love into our lives. It is to follow Him in His sacrifice, in His service of His fellow-men.

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