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1: Charles D. Morris, Commentary on Thucydides Book 1, book 1, Introduction

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In the lower grades, he would try to study hard, but the results were always the same. Eventually, he stopped trying to do better in math because nothing he tried seemed to work. Joshua has developed _____.

The Lays of Marie de France. The introduction to this volume discusses mostly scholarly matters which will be of little interest to first-time readers, but pp. The most important point to note is that the medieval French lai bore roughly the same relationship to the longer, multi-episode romance as the modern short story does to the novel. They often incorporate magic and other marvels, and usually aim at entertaining rather than edifying their audience. Keep in mind that these lais were originally told in verse see the sample original, p. Guigemar The opening is a rather vague rebuttal to some critics of Marie about whom we know nothing. Marie makes no clear distinction between the two, and authorities on both sides of the channel have claimed her. It was considered that natural parents were prone to be too indulgent of their children, and that a childhood spent in service at a noble home would induce the proper respect and manners expected of a nobleman. Solomon, as the richest king depicted in the Bible, was often used as an example in discussing riches []. What evidence is there that this a magic ship? In a society dominated by arranged marriages, especially in the upper classes, spouses were not necessarily expected to love each other. The combination of elderly husband and young wife was common enough, but much lamented and satirized in literature. What book is Venus casting into the fire in the painting []? How is the standard course of lovesickness played out in this part of the story []? Toward the end of [] Marie distinguishes between two kinds of attitudes toward love. What are the differences between them? What argument does Guigemar use against long courtship? In Medieval imagery, Fortune was pictured as a woman who could abruptly and unexpectedly turn her wheel so that those on the bottom with ill fortune could suddenly find themselves spun to the top with good fortune and vice versa. Pledges made of pieces of clothing, etc. The youth Guigemar had raised is not his son: What evidence is there that magic is working on the side of the lovers in []? Tolkien was a distinguished Medievalist who worked many themes from literature into his fantasies. What do you think the symbolism of the two knots conveys about the nature of love []? How does Guigemar try to earn his lady? What important relationship remains unresolved at the end of this story? Note that it is expected that lays will be sung, rather than recited, in their original language. Equitan Note that this lay is definitely set Brittany now part of modern France , in the city of Nantes. What two seemingly conflicting attitudes toward love are expressed in the third and fourth sentences of the second paragraph of this story? Seneschals are routinely depicted as villains in romances and lays because they were the gatekeepers to the courts who decided which entertainers would be employed in the courts. They were the natural enemies of writers, singers, etc. The one is this story, however, is unusual in being a good seneschal who ends badly. Perhaps the reason is that Marie, as a noble herself, did not share the prejudices of wandering jongleurs and such. Note how closely beauty and nobility are linked in describing the woman. Love is here personified as the feudal mistress of the King: What reasoning does he follow to argue that it will be good for the woman take him as her lover? What does his reasoning tell you about courtly love ideals? The lady uses some standard courtly love arguments against his suit. On what principle are they based? What do they tell us about Medieval society? How does the king use her own arguments against her? How does he seek to equalize the relationship? Bleeding was a routine medical treatment used for all manner of diseases. People had themselves bled regularly as a preventative measure, and it was even done as a social event, with music and refreshments being provided. Why is this affair disapproved of by the courtiers? Tales of twins separated at birth are a staple of all kinds of marvelous tales. In the absence of safe abortion techniques, unwanted children were frequently killed in the Middle Ages. Others were abandoned on the doorsteps of churches, where it was hoped that they would be rescued and adopted. The motif of the piece of clothing or jewelry which identifies an abandoned child goes back at least to the story of Moses in the Bible and was common in Greek mythology. Although Western Europeans knew little of Constantinople, it was

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famed as a wealthy and luxurious city. The porter was the gatekeeper, the one who guarded the door French porte. How does Gurun come to love Le Fresne? The aim was to hasten their movement into Heaven. This sort of instinctive tie between blood relatives was firmly believed in during the Middle Ages. Presumably they abstain, so the marriage is null and void. How is a happy ending provided for all? Bisclavret is obviously related etymologically to werewolf. Belief in such creatures was widespread in the Middle Ages. Note that they are prone to dwell in forests, routinely considered dangerous and frightening places. Torture was used routinely in criminal investigations. Few women can be expected to marry werewolves, but what lessons might this story have been trying to convey to its female readers? Lanval The story of the adulterous affair between Lancelot and Guinevere was known to almost every upper-class person in the Middle Ages. Arthur was originally Cornish, from the area immediately across the channel from Cornwall. He is portrayed as having conquered all of England, which bordered the still-barbaric lands of Scotland where dwelt the savage Scots and Picts. A very high percentage of Arthurian tales are set at Pentecost because it was associated with the miraculous. Octavian was the original name of the first Roman Emperor, Augustus. Both are examples of extreme wealth. Note how Lanval pledges his exclusive love to the lady, quite spontaneously and voluntarily. Even in ordinary love affairs secrecy was crucial, but here it has a magical quality. Note that among other generous deeds, Lanval gave clothes to the jongleurs reciters of poems and tales. As a writer herself Marie takes this as a sign of high virtue. Later Lancelot tends to supplant him. How does she react? Stories like this are common: Such tales are obviously popular among men who want to blame women for all sexual aggression. A palfrey is a small horse, often used for carrying loaded packs, suitable for women to ride. Why is the beauty of the damsel so important in []? Why do you think it is important that the maiden be wearing clothing which partly reveals her body? Her description reveals her to be an absolutely stereotyped Medieval beauty. Avalon is the magical island where the fairies dwell. Medieval fairies were normal-sized and indistinguishable from human beings except by their extraordinary beauty and magical powers. They were often mischievous or even cruel; but this one seems to take compassion on Lanval. What do you think is the lesson taught in this story, and how effectively is it conveyed? Women were often reputed to be skilled in the brewing of magic potions. This earned some of them a comfortable living, but also got some of them burned as witches. The young woman wearing nothing but her shift would give the young man a definite advantage, since the clothes of the wealthy were often extremely heavy. What would you say is the moral of this story? What is your reaction to it? It is routinely assumed in fiction that any elderly man foolish enough to wed a beautiful young woman deserves whatever he gets. If he is foolish enough to be jealous, he is then asking for trouble. Do you see any inconsistency in this reasoning? Why do you think the lady makes the hawk-knight say that he believes in God? Note the authorial interjection at the end of []. According to the lover, what has betrayed their secret? The marvelous castle where the lady finds her dying lover is described in a stereotypical way that makes it obviously magical. Aaron] How does religion seem to function in this story? How does it relate to love? Malo is a remarkably well-preserved actually largely reconstructed Medieval seaport in Brittany which is a major tourist destination today. What are the two motives which lead the lady to love the knight? Note that prudent secretive love is good love.

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Verse 1. Ephesians Christ's Acts of Love the Christian's Model. I. Christ took our flesh that in it He might go up and down among us; that in it He might be seen by us; that in it He might speak to us, and leave deeds and words which might, in characters of love, be traced in our souls, and there live on for ever.

A-Z Bibliography In the original online version of this bibliography, all the book and periodical titles were italicized. Unfortunately in the transition to the new version the italics were lost. I may try to restore these eventually, but it will take some time. In the meantime you will probably have no difficulty discerning which words make up the book titles. A Aarons, Edward S. Mutants with psychic powers are persecuted as sorcerers in , long after the Ten Day Atomic War. The protagonist discovers that he has repressed the knowledge that it was his ancestor who mistakenly reacted to a French atomic power plant explosion by hitting Russia with an H-bomb, setting off the holocaust. Both the superpowers have declined into primitivism, with the United States torn by a new civil war. The other nations, led by China, seek to keep the United States backward. An ill-assorted group of rebels battles a military tyrant in this above-average postholocaust adventure tale set in a time when civilization has collapsed from ecocatastrophe and the limited use of nuclear weapons in local conflicts. The most striking character is a wonder-working Indian shaman, but all the characters are vividly depicted and memorable. Abbey is the well-known author of *The Monkey-Wrench Gang* Nuclear winter and the end of humanity from the point of view of whales and dolphins. Filled with remarkably convincing details about the lives and deaths of sea mammals with very few human beings actually depicted. Killer whales share the role as villains with humans. Originally Hakobune no Sakura. An oddly-assorted group of people seeking shelter from the threat of nuclear war in a huge underground complex talk and quarrel about their situation and the invaders penetrating their stronghold. Their leader gets his foot stuck in a giant toilet, which seems to symbolize death. A huge dynamite explosion fools most of the people into believing a nuclear war has occurred, and they set about the grim business of surviving underground; but the fellow whose idea the ark was in the first place struggles out to the surface to find the city around him oddly transparent. It is not clear what this means, but perhaps a nuclear war really has happened. There is a mention of EMP knocking out computers. By the author of *Woman of the Dunes* and other well-known fiction. In Anthony Boucher, ed. *The Best from Fantasy and Science Fiction*: Also in Martin H. Greenberg and Joseph D. Also in Walter M. Twenty-one Sermons to the Dead. When a dogmatic Communist Russian army colonel shows up, he asks the American what sort of infiltration he has been conducting. Replies our hero, Smith: Smith argues for the wisdom of the U. The wily villagers smuggle the weapons into their homes and are prepared for the next attack. The colonel is killed, and the robbersâ€™believing that towns attract atomic bombs and that safety lies in perpetual nomadismâ€™force the villagers to leave. A new dark age is beginning: Atomic bombs are being used by the Earth army against Martian villages. One soldier is a particularly enthusiastic combatant. His colonel compliments him, saying his sort of spirit is rare in modern times: The last group of men on Earth who were selected and bred to fight was the flying aristocracy of the airplane age, and most of that strain was wiped out when the atomic blast was invented, because the fightless peopleâ€™the soft people, if you likeâ€™could still hate and press buttons. Rather remarkable as a pre-Hiroshima story. In K[endell] F[oster] Crossen, ed. Also in Charles Nuetzel, ed. *If This Goes On*. Book Company of America, Also in Robert Silverberg, ed. *Eleven Stories of Science Fiction*. Two heads are better than none. McClelland and Stewart, A crazed Russian starts a nuclear exchange with the U. When the Gods Came. Mutants and humans battle savagely on an Earth largely destroyed forty years earlier in a short atomic holocaust. Despite antiscientific bias on the part of the public, a remnant of the government has kept research going and is preparing a devastating nuclear attack on the last stronghold of the enemy. The hero, a telepathic astronomer, is suspected of being a mutant, but he proves to be a descendant of an alien race which landed on Earth five thousand years earlier. Under duress, he helps the government destroy the enemy, then flees Earth with others of his kind in a

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rocket fortuitously uncovered by the explosion of an enemy atomic bomb. The Coming of the Horseclans, Horseclans 1. It is A. Most of southern California was tumbled into the Pacific, and various geologic upheavals have occurred since. Mutant telepaths who can communicate with jaguars and horses roam the plains and do battle with each other. There are lots of battle scenes, torture, and rape especially rape of children. The mutant leader, Milo, aided by his wife the short but sexy and mighty-in-battle Mara , takes the long view of rebuilding civilization: Other volumes in the series continue relentlessly portraying slaughter, torture, rape, incest, cannibalism, bestiality, necrophilia, etc. Adams emphasizes viciousness and obscenity to an extreme degree, only seldom touching on the theme of nuclear war. In volume 8 Adams kills off his favorite hero, but lets him linger on his deathbed reminiscing about past battles for four more volumes. Most of the sequels require no separate: Swords of the Horseclans. Revenge of the Horseclans. A Cat of Silvery Hue. In this volume it is denied that the various mutations present in the Horseclans world were caused by radiation, except, perhaps, for telepathy p. The Death of a Legend. Champion of the Last Battle. A Woman of the Horseclans. In chapters 9 and 10 Milo explores an ancient fallout shelter. This volume is unusual in being much less combat-oriented than the others. Horses of the North. Contains more about the nuclear war background of the Horseclans world than previous volumes, as the immortal mutant Milo Morai tells his quarreling comrades of how he founded the clans in a lengthy flashback. The nuclear holocaust was followed by massive plagues which killed even more people, and by numerous smaller military conflicts. An immortal Nazi doctor who views the war sees it as a purifying fire, exterminating the unfit. It is revealed that Hitler was a mutant. The big cats which play such an important role in the series come from a game park. A Man Called Milo Morai. Contains nothing relating to nuclear war. Dedicated in part to Bernard Goetz, who shot two black teenagers on a New York subway. The Memories of Milo Morai. The Clan of the Cats. Adams, Robert and Pamela Crippen Adams. Friends of the Horseclans. Friends of the Horseclans II. A Story of Planet Ionus. Farrar, Straus Cudahy, As Terror on Planet Ionus. Battle against an interstellar monster named Karkong which feeds on nuclear power plants. Although a macho admiral is frustrated in his desire to A-bomb the invader, the Russians do so, giving it vastly increased power. Finally Karkong is destroyed by penetrating its electric barrier with an advanced vehicle, allowing the Grid ship to strike it with lightning bolts. Seven years after the war the protagonist is compiling a report on the casualties of the bombing of Hiroshima. A bitter, ironic attack on the American role in dropping the bomb and their later treatment of the Japanese. Some of those he interviews attack the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission for its failure to treat the injuries it studies and for what is seen as the callous and racist attitudes of some of its staff. The bombing of Nagasaki is criticized as unnecessary; ABCC findings that mutation rates were not above normal are questioned. Some members of the Willow Society, however, argue that the Japanese themselves were partially responsible for the catastrophe that ended the war, and that they probably would have used the bomb themselves had they had it. According to one story, there was a rumor circulating in the hospitals that the Japanese did in fact have the bomb, had previously refrained from using it out of humanitarian considerations, but after the bombing of Hiroshima, had used it to destroy San Francisco and Los Angeles. Even deathly ill patients cheered at this news.

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Yet he that is zealous and diligent, though he have more passions, shall profit more than another that is of a more temperate disposition, if he be less fervent in the pursuit of all virtue. Two things especially much further our amendment, to wit.

The Christian concept of the Messiah differs significantly from the contemporary Jewish concept. The core Christian belief is that through belief in and acceptance of the death and resurrection of Jesus, sinful humans can be reconciled to God and thereby are offered salvation and the promise of eternal life. Jesus, having become fully human, suffered the pains and temptations of a mortal man, but did not sin. As fully God, he rose to life again. According to the New Testament, he rose from the dead, [38] ascended to heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father [39] and will ultimately return [Acts 1: In comparison, his adulthood, especially the week before his death, is well documented in the gospels contained within the New Testament, because that part of his life is believed to be most important. The death and resurrection of Jesus are usually considered the most important events in Christian theology, partly because they demonstrate that Jesus has power over life and death and therefore has the authority and power to give people eternal life. Arguments over death and resurrection claims occur at many religious debates and interfaith dialogues. Salvation Christianity Paul the Apostle, like Jews and Roman pagans of his time, believed that sacrifice can bring about new kinship ties, purity and eternal life. The Catholic Church teaches that salvation does not occur without faithfulness on the part of Christians; converts must live in accordance with principles of love and ordinarily must be baptized. Reformed theology places distinctive emphasis on grace by teaching that individuals are completely incapable of self-redemption, but that sanctifying grace is irresistible. Together, these three persons are sometimes called the Godhead, [56] [57] [58] although there is no single term in use in Scripture to denote the unified Godhead. Though distinct, the three persons cannot be divided from one another in being or in operation. While some Christians also believe that God appeared as the Father in the Old Testament, it is agreed that he appeared as the Son in the New Testament, and will still continue to manifest as the Holy Spirit in the present. But still, God still existed as three persons in each of these times. In some Early Christian sarcophagi the Logos is distinguished with a beard, "which allows him to appear ancient, even preexistent. From earlier than the times of the Nicene Creed, Christianity advocated [63] the triune mystery -nature of God as a normative profession of faith. According to Roger E. Olson and Christopher Hall, through prayer, meditation, study and practice, the Christian community concluded "that God must exist as both a unity and trinity", codifying this in ecumenical council at the end of the 4th century. The distinction lies in their relations, the Father being unbegotten; the Son being begotten of the Father; and the Holy Spirit proceeding from the Father and in Western Christian theology from the Son. Regardless of this apparent difference, the three "persons" are each eternal and omnipotent. The Greek word trias [66] [note 3] is first seen in this sense in the works of Theophilus of Antioch; his text reads: It is found in many passages of Origen. Trinitarianism Trinitarianism denotes those Christians who believe in the concept of the Trinity. Almost all Christian denominations and churches hold Trinitarian beliefs. Since that time, Christian theologians have been careful to emphasize that Trinity does not imply that there are three gods the antitrinitarian heresy of Tritheism, nor that each hypostasis of the Trinity is one-third of an infinite God partialism, nor that the Son and the Holy Spirit are beings created by and subordinate to the Father Arianism. Rather, the Trinity is defined as one God in three Persons. Nontrinitarianism Nontrinitarianism or antitrinitarianism refers to theology that rejects the doctrine of the Trinity. Various nontrinitarian views, such as adoptionism or modalism, existed in early Christianity, leading to the disputes about Christology. Christianity, like other religions, has adherents whose beliefs and biblical interpretations vary. Christianity regards the biblical canon, the Old Testament and the New Testament, as the inspired word of God. The traditional view of inspiration is that God worked through human authors so that what they produced was what God wished to communicate. The Greek word referring

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to inspiration in 2 Timothy 3: Others claim inerrancy for the Bible in its original manuscripts, although none of those are extant. Still others maintain that only a particular translation is inerrant, such as the King James Version. The books of the Bible accepted by the Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant churches vary somewhat, with Jews accepting only the Hebrew Bible as canonical; there is however substantial overlap. These variations are a reflection of the range of traditions, and of the councils that have convened on the subject. Every version of the Old Testament always includes the books of the Tanakh, the canon of the Hebrew Bible. These books appear in the Septuagint, but are regarded by Protestants to be apocryphal. However, they are considered to be important historical documents which help to inform the understanding of words, grammar and syntax used in the historical period of their conception. Modern scholarship has raised many issues with the Bible. Another issue is that several books are considered to be forgeries. The injunction that women "be silent and submissive" in 1 Timothy 2 [83] is thought by many to be a forgery by a follower of Paul, a similar phrase in 1 Corinthians 14, [84] which is thought to be by Paul, appears in different places in different manuscripts and is thought to originally be a margin note by a copyist. A final issue with the Bible is the way in which books were selected for inclusion in the New Testament. Other Gospels have now been recovered, such as those found near Nag Hammadi in , and while some of these texts are quite different from what Christians have been used to, it should be understood that some of this newly recovered Gospel material is quite possibly contemporaneous with, or even earlier than, the New Testament Gospels. The core of the Gospel of Thomas, in particular, may date from as early as AD 50 although some major scholars contest this early dating, [86] and if so would provide an insight into the earliest gospel texts that underlie the canonical Gospels, texts that are mentioned in Luke 1: Scholarship, then, is currently exploring the relationship in the Early Church between mystical speculation and experience on the one hand and the search for church order on the other, by analyzing new-found texts, by subjecting canonical texts to further scrutiny, and by an examination of the passage of New Testament texts to canonical status. Catholic interpretation Main article: Catholic theology of Scripture In antiquity, two schools of exegesis developed in Alexandria and Antioch. Alexandrian interpretation, exemplified by Origen, tended to read Scripture allegorically, while Antiochene interpretation adhered to the literal sense, holding that other meanings called *theoria* could only be accepted if based on the literal meaning. The spiritual sense is further subdivided into: The allegorical sense, which includes typology. An example would be the parting of the Red Sea being understood as a "type" sign of baptism. The anagogical sense, which applies to eschatology, eternity and the consummation of the world Regarding exegesis, following the rules of sound interpretation, Catholic theology holds: The injunction that all other senses of sacred scripture are based on the literal [92] [93] That the historicity of the Gospels must be absolutely and constantly held [94] That scripture must be read within the "living Tradition of the whole Church" [95] and That "the task of interpretation has been entrusted to the bishops in communion with the successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome". Clarity of Scripture Protestant Christians believe that the Bible is a self-sufficient revelation, the final authority on all Christian doctrine, and revealed all truth necessary for salvation. This concept is known as *sola scriptura*. The significance of the text includes the ensuing use of the text or application. The original passage is seen as having only a single meaning or sense. The moment we neglect this principle we drift out upon a sea of uncertainty and conjecture. Taken together, both define the term Biblical hermeneutics.

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He is a Liar that saith he loves God, and hates his Brother. v He that believeth not God, hath made him a Liar. the Light sees itself in Darkness, feels.

She was an unassuming figure: Copenhagen in the s and s had crooked streets where carriages rarely went. Kierkegaard loved to walk them. In , Kierkegaard wrote, "I had real Christian satisfaction in the thought that, if there were no other, there was definitely one man in Copenhagen whom every poor person could freely accost and converse with on the street; that, if there were no other, there was one man who, whatever the society he most commonly frequented, did not shun contact with the poor, but greeted every maidservant he was acquainted with, every manservant, every common laborer. At the other end was the Royal Theatre where Fru Heiberg performed. He is said to have believed that his personal sins, perhaps indiscretions such as cursing the name of God in his youth [26] or impregnating Ane out of wedlock, necessitated this punishment. Though five of his seven children died before he did, both Kierkegaard and his brother Peter Christian Kierkegaard outlived him. And by the same token that no one who truly believed in the forgiveness of sin would live their own life as an objection against the existence of forgiveness. This fear of not finding forgiveness is devastating. Hold not our sins up against us but hold us up against our sins so that the thought of You when it wakens in our soul, and each time it wakens, should not remind us of what we have committed but of what You did forgive, not of how we went astray but of how You did save us! He went on to study theology at the University of Copenhagen. He was then twenty-three years old; he had something quite irregular in his entire form and had a strange coiffure. His hair rose almost six inches above his forehead into a tousled crest that gave him a strange, bewildered look. Ane died on 31 July , age 66, possibly from typhus. On 11 August, Kierkegaard wrote: I so deeply desired that he might have lived a few years more Right now I feel there is only one person E. Boesen with whom I can really talk about him. Lund was a good friend of Georg Brandes and Julius Lange. At lunch one day I overturned a salt-shaker. Passionate as he was and intense as he easily could become, he began to scold so severely that he even said that I was a prodigal and things like that. Then I made an objection, reminding him of an old episode in the family when my sister Nicoline had dropped a very expensive tureen and Father had not said a word but pretended it was nothing at all. Well, you see, it was such an expensive thing that no scolding was needed; she realized quite well that it was wrong, but precisely when it is a trifle there must be a scolding. The first English edition of the journals was edited by Alexander Dru in His question was whether or not one can have a spiritual confidant. He wrote the following in his Concluding Postscript: If such a relation is assumed, it actually means that the party has ceased to be spirit. The following passage, from 1 August , is perhaps his most oft-quoted aphorism and a key quote for existentialist studies: What matters is to find a purpose, to see what it really is that God wills that I shall do; the crucial thing is to find a truth which is truth for me, to find the idea for which I am willing to live and die. Not until a man has inwardly understood himself and then sees the course he is to take does his life gain peace and meaning; only then is he free of that irksome, sinister traveling companion "that irony of life, which manifests itself in the sphere of knowledge and invites true knowing to begin with a not-knowing Socrates just as God created the world from nothing. But in the waters of morality it is especially at home to those who still have not entered the tradewinds of virtue. Here it tumbles a person about in a horrible way, for a time lets him feel happy and content in his resolve to go ahead along the right path, then hurls him into the abyss of despair. Often it lulls a man to sleep with the thought, "After all, things cannot be otherwise," only to awaken him suddenly to a rigorous interrogation. Frequently it seems to let a veil of forgetfulness fall over the past, only to make every single trifle appear in a strong light again. Often when a person has concentrated on something, a minor external circumstance arises which destroys everything. As in the case of a man who, weary of life, is about to throw himself into the Thames and at the crucial moment is halted by the sting of a mosquito. Frequently a person feels his very best when the illness is the worst, as in tuberculosis. In vain he tries to resist

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it but he has not sufficient strength, and it is no help to him that he has gone through the same thing many times; the kind of practice acquired in this way does not apply here. Abrupt changes in thought, repetitive writing, and unusual turns of phrase are some among the many tactics he used to throw readers off track. Consequently, there are many varying interpretations of his journals. Kierkegaard did not doubt the importance his journals would have in the future. In December, he wrote: Kierkegaard and Olsen met on 8 May and were instantly attracted to each other, but sometime around 11 August he had second thoughts. In his journals, Kierkegaard wrote idealistically about his love for her: You, sovereign queen of my heart, Regina, hidden in the deepest secrecy of my breast, in the fullness of my life-idea, there where it is just as far to heaven as to hell—unknown divinity! O, can I really believe the poets when they say that the first time one sees the beloved object he thinks he has seen her long before, that love like all knowledge is recollection, that love in the single individual also has its prophecies, its types, its myths, its Old Testament. Everywhere, in the face of every girl, I see features of your beauty He soon felt disillusioned about his prospects. He broke off the engagement on 11 August, though it is generally believed that the two were deeply in love. In his journals, Kierkegaard mentions his belief that his "melancholy" made him unsuitable for marriage, but his precise motive for ending the engagement remains unclear. The university panel considered it noteworthy and thoughtful, but too informal and witty for a serious academic thesis. Kierkegaard employed the same technique as a way to provide examples of indirect communication. In writing under various pseudonyms to express sometimes contradictory positions, Kierkegaard is sometimes criticized for playing with various viewpoints without ever committing to one in particular. He has been described by those opposing his writings as indeterminate in his standpoint as a writer, though he himself has testified to all his work deriving from a service to Christianity. *De omnibus dubitandum est* Latin: The book is basically an argument about faith and marriage with a short discourse at the end telling them they should stop arguing. *Eremita* thinks "B", a judge, makes the most sense. Kierkegaard stressed the "how" of Christianity as well as the "how" of book reading in his works rather than the "what". Swenson first translated the works in the 1930s and titled them the *Edifying Discourses*; however, in 1968, Howard V. Hong translated the works again but called them the *Upbuilding Discourses*. The discourse or conversation should be "upbuilding", which means one would build up the other person, or oneself, rather than tear down in order to build up. *Fear and Trembling* was published under the pseudonym *Johannes de Silentio*. He tries to see if the new science of psychology can help him understand himself. *Constantin Constantius*, who is the pseudonymous author of that book, is the psychologist. At the same time, he published *Three Upbuilding Discourses*, under his own name, which dealt specifically with how love can be used to hide things from yourself or others. Kierkegaard questioned whether an individual can know if something is a good gift from God or not and concludes by saying, "it does not depend, then, merely upon what one sees, but what one sees depends upon how one sees; all observation is not just a receiving, a discovering, but also a bringing forth, and insofar as it is that, how the observer himself is constituted is indeed decisive. Theologians, philosophers and historians were all engaged in debating about the existence of God. This is direct communication and Kierkegaard thinks this might be useful for theologians, philosophers, and historians associations but not at all useful for the "single individual" who is interested in becoming a Christian. Kierkegaard always wrote for "that single individual whom I with joy and gratitude call my reader" [83] The single individual must put what is understood to use or it will be lost. Reflection can take an individual only so far before the imagination begins to change the whole content of what was being thought about. Love is won by being exercised just as much as faith and patience are. He also wrote several more pseudonymous books in which he used indirect communication in the first book and direct communication in the rest of them. His love for Regine was a disaster but it helped him because of his point of view. Then he turns from logic to ethics and finds that Hegelian philosophy is negative [90] [91] rather than positive. He always stressed deliberation and choice in his writings and wrote against comparison. To be clothed, then, means to be a human being—and therefore to be well clothed. Worldly worry is preoccupied with clothes and dissimilarity of clothes. Should not the invitation to learn from the lilies be welcome to everyone just as the

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reminder is useful to him! Alas, those great, uplifting, simple thoughts, those first thoughts, are more and more forgotten, perhaps entirely forgotten in the weekday and worldly life of comparisons. The one human being compares himself with others, the one generation compares itself with the other, and thus the heaped up pile of comparisons overwhelms a person. As the ingenuity and busyness increase, there come to be more and more in each generation who slavishly work a whole lifetime far down in the low underground regions of comparisons. Indeed, just as miners never see the light of day, so these unhappy people never come to see the light: And up there in the higher regions of comparison, smiling vanity plays its false game and deceives the happy ones so that they receive no impression from those lofty, simple thoughts, those first thoughts. His sales were meager and he had no publicist or editor. He was writing in the dark, so to speak. Upon returning he published his Discourses of 1844 in one volume, Eighteen Upbuilding Discourses, 29 May and finished the first part of his authorship with Concluding Unscientific Postscript to the Philosophical Fragments which was a rewrite of Philosophical Fragments as well as an explanation of the first part of his authorship. In he further explained himself in his Journal. The task has occupied me totally, for it has occupied me religiously; I have understood the completion of this authorship as my duty, as a responsibility resting upon me. You can keep the secret to yourself also when you profess your faith with bold confidence, and when you lie weak on your sickbed and cannot move a limb when you cannot even move your tongue, you can still have the secret within you. But the originality of faith is related in turn to the originality of Christianity. Works of Love, , Hong p. He defined this as a "special type of religious conflict the Germans call *Anfechtung*" contesting or disputing. It should help the single individual to make a leap of faith , the faith that God is love and has a task for that very same single individual. The contradiction does not consist in his being different from everyone else but the contradiction is that he, with all his inwardness hidden within him, with this pregnancy of suffering and benediction in his inner being, looks just like all the others-and inwardness is indeed hidden simply by his looking exactly like others. Honor and praise be to the eternal: You are indistinguishable from anyone else among those whom you might wish to resemble, those who in the decision are with the good-they are all clothed alike, girdled about the loins with truth, clad in the armor of righteousness, wearing the helmet of salvation! But if the consciousness of guilt is the beginning, then the beginning of doubt is rendered impossible, and then the joy is that there is always a task. The joy, then, is that it is eternally certain that God is love; more specifically understood, the joy is that there is always a task.

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A The teacher's yelling is serving as positive reinforcement for the boy, which is why he is becoming more and more disruptive over time. B The teacher's yelling is serving as positive punishment, but the boy is becoming habituated over time.

Jump to navigation Jump to search We are fighting this system that allows a handful of men on Earth to rule all of humanity. Neighbor love has nothing to do with the kind of love that depends on the recognition of a valuable quality in its object. Neighbor love does not recognize value, but creates it. The neighbor loves, and imparts value by loving. The man who is loved by God has no value in himself; what gives him value is precisely the fact that God loves him. Neighbor love is a value-creating principle. The God of the oppressed is a God of revolution who breaks the chains of slavery. He simply complained, pouring out his soul in words of fire; then went his way again, fighting for his ideal, and full of hope that in time "perhaps even " at the end of time "Righteousness would be lord over all the earth. If Jesus is forgotten, then it becomes possible to fill the adjective with whatever suits at the time, without checking whether Jesus was like that or not, or whether this means leaving the world sunk in its wretchedness or not; or worse still, without asking if this image legitimates the tragedy of the world or brings liberation from it. Today we have largely been stripped of this pseudo-innocence. We know that the poor are so poor because the rich are so rich, that the causes of poverty can be traced to deliberate decisions and deliberate economic and political policies designed to benefit the rich and powerful. We know that poverty and unemployment are not just accidents of history but deliberate, even indispensable, components of capitalism as an economic system. And foremost among these means is art. Catering to luxury and emphasizing only the beautiful, art denies the fact that wretchedness and destitution have a tight grip on the poor. This is the reason why the prophetic zeal turned against art, and not merely against the luxury of women and the pretentiousness of the rich. And since he cannot have all that he would, he is in a perpetual state of anger and grief; he remains all his life "a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth. It has programmed into its very nature a massive, complex and automatic defense mechanism for all our old methods for raising the consciousness of a potentially revolutionary class of people. The essence of a U. We must rip away its mask. When, therefore, we offer the means of living to the indigent, we do not give them anything of ours, but that which of right belongs to them. It is less a work of mercy which we perform than the payment of a debt. The condition on which this right must stand is that of wisdom in the disposal; if the disposal of property is foolish, then the ruler or society may withdraw this right of disposal. The aura of magic, glamour, luster and splendid permanence covers the fascists like a protective layer of fat. The slimy scales of majesty shield and conceal the dilapidation of the old bourgeois reign of terror. The founders of political science did not think so. Because of this innate lust for power, Hobbes thought that life before or after the state was a "war of every man against every man" "solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short. Do humans have an unquenchable desire for power that, in the absence of a strong ruler, inevitably leads to a war of all against all? To judge from surviving examples of bands and villages, for the greater part of prehistory our kind got along quite well without so much as a paramount chief, let alone the all-powerful English leviathan King and Mortal God , whom Hobbes believed was needed for maintaining law and order among his fractious countrymen. And what made the economy as strong as it is today. And all that slave labor that was amassed in unpaid wages, is due someone today. Abandoning malicious speech, he does not repeat there what he has heard here to the detriment of these, or repeat here what he has heard there to the detriment of those. Thus he is a reconciler of those at variance and an encourager of those at one, rejoicing in peace, loving it, delighting in it, one who speaks up for peace. Abandoning harsh speech, he refrains from it. He speaks whatever is blameless, pleasing to the ear, agreeable, reaching the heart, urbane, pleasing and attractive to the multitude. Abandoning idle chatter, he speaks at the right time, what is correct and to the point, of Dhamma and discipline. He is a speaker whose words are to be treasured, seasonable, reasoned, well-defined

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and connected with the goal. They make all creatures their property—the fish in the water, the bird in the air, the plant in the earth must all be theirs. Nor again can the Muslim administrator derive his authority from any papacy, or from Heaven; but he derives it solely from the Muslim community. Similarly, he derives his principles of administration from the religious law, which is universal in its understanding and application and before which all men come everywhere as equals. We cannot even change other people by our convictions, stories, advice and proposals, but we can offer a space where people are encouraged to disarm themselves, lay aside their occupations and pre-occupations and listen with attention and care to the voices speaking in their center. We may not go to our rest at night, or waken to our work in the morning, without bearing the burden of the communal guilt; without being ourselves creators and causes of the wrongs we seek to bear away. At every step, when we would do good, evil is present with us, and exacts its tribute from the very citadel of the soul.

Herron The love of gain, which is a large, incalculably large, element in every soul, when once applied to the desire for God, will bless the one who has it. In the Deep South, a second slavery ruled. In the North, legislatures, mayors, civic associations, banks, and citizens all colluded to pin black people into ghettos, where they were overcrowded, overcharged, and undereducated. Businesses discriminated against them, awarding them the worst jobs and the worst wages. Police brutalized them in the streets. And the notion that black lives, black bodies, and black wealth were rightful targets remained deeply rooted in the broader society. It is as though we have run up a credit-card bill and, having pledged to charge no more, remain befuddled that the balance does not disappear. The effects of that balance, interest accruing daily, are all around us. Work for your contemporaries; but create what they need, not what they praise. I prefer to speak humanly about it, as if it happened yesterday, and let only the greatness itself be the distance. In other words, we must make self-culture really and truly our end, or choose it for its own sake, and not merely as a means or instrument of something else. And here I touch a common and very pernicious error. Not a few persons desire to improve themselves only to get property and to rise in the world; but such do not properly choose improvement, but something outward and foreign to themselves; and so low an impulse can produce only a stunted, partial, uncertain growth. A man, as I have said, is to cultivate himself because he is a man. He is to start with the conviction that there is something greater within him than in the whole material creation, than in all the worlds which press on the eye and ear; and that inward improvements have a worth and dignity in themselves quite distinct from the power they give over outward things. Shall the mind be a public arena, where the affairs of the street and the gossip of the tea-table chiefly are discussed? I find it so difficult to dispose of the few facts which to me are significant, that I hesitate to burden my attention with those which are insignificant, which only a divine mind could illustrate. Such is, for the most part, the news in newspapers and conversation. Think of admitting the details of a single case of the criminal court into our thoughts, to stalk profanely through their very sanctum sanctorum for an hour, ay, for many hours! Would it not be an intellectual and moral suicide? As long as the money in my purse lasts, it assures my independence; it relieves me of the trouble of finding expedients to replenish it, a necessity which has always inspired me with dread; but the fear of seeing it exhausted makes me hoard it carefully. The money which a man possesses is the instrument of freedom; that which we eagerly pursue is the instrument of slavery. Therefore I hold fast to that which I have, and desire nothing. The entire universe need not arm itself to crush him. A vapor, a drop of water suffices to kill him. But, if the universe were to crush him, man would still be more noble than that which killed him, because he knows that he dies and the advantage which the universe has over him; the universe knows nothing of this. All our dignity consists then in thought. By it we must elevate ourselves, and not by space and time which we cannot fill. Let us endeavor to think well; this is the principle of morality. Persons with feeble and untrained intellects may live according to their conscience; but the conscience itself will be defective. To cultivate the intellect is therefore a religious duty; and when this truth is fairly recognized by men, the religion which teaches that the intellect should be distrusted and that it should be subservient to faith, will inevitably fall. They keep telling us, "progress. Reality is the Earth can no longer take this attack. The earth gives us life, not the multi-national corporate government. The Earth gives us life. We need to have the Earth. We must have it,

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otherwise our life will be no more. So we must resist what they do. It has this great advantage over the Age of Science, that it knows all things without having learned anything; and can pass judgment upon whatever comes before it at once and without hesitation,â€”without needing any preliminary evidence:

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he understands this in terms of powers of tragic poetry and in painting the best person is imaginative vision and emotional concentration the one who deceives the most by making (Poetics 17), eliminating any supposition of an things that resemble reality" (Dissoi Logoi).

Indeed, Philip Melanchthon took over these lectures on Romans in after his appointment to Wittenberg University as Greek lecturer. Melanchthon lectured on Romans several times starting in and going at least as late as , out of which came several commentaries on Romans. It is this latter commentary that is used in the writing of this essay. This Latin commentary was expanded and translated into French in Calvin notes that several significant reformers have already written commentaries on Romans, such as Philip Melanchthon, Heinrich Bullinger, and Martin Bucer. Romans five provides a picture of their views on the fruits of justification, the role of suffering in the Christian life, and their definitions of sin, Law, and grace. Luther, at the time of his Romans commentary, writes as a Catholic monk concerned for pious practices and disillusioned with the church leaders of his day. In this context, he focuses upon the freedom of the Christian. Melanchthon, on the other hand, often appears to be more Lutheran than Luther himself in his emphasis on such distinctively Lutheran theological themes as the distinction between Law and Gospel and justification by faith alone. Luther, Melanchthon, and Calvin on Romans 5 Rom 5: Fruits of Justification by Faith Alone Based upon the opening verse of chapter five, Luther, Melanchthon, and Calvin all emphasize that the fruits of justification by faith alone are peace and a pacified conscience. While Melanchthon also writes against the Catholic monks who teach Christ and not faith and accordingly insists that one needs both, he more heavily emphasizes that justification by faith alone does not come by fulfillment of the Law but through the actions of Christ the Mediator. Remission of sins, writes Melanchthon, needs both Christ and faith: He affirms that this peace and pacified conscience are bulwarks against doubt, henceforth providing a kind of certainty and assurance of salvation and the remission of sins. He writes that Christians can have peace and confidence even though they still struggle with sin. The weight of his exegesis, however, falls upon the certainty of salvation that he finds taught in Rom 5: His criticism of Catholic theologians is less about the inseparable connection between faith and Christ or their lack of distinction between Law and Gospel and more about their teachings that Christians are always in a state of uncertainty concerning their salvation. Indeed, this emphasis is only second to his teaching concerning original sin that occupies the focus of the remainder of his interpretation of Romans five. He asserts, If God did not test us by tribulation, it would be impossible for any [person] to be saved. This, says Luther, is what Paul means when he writes that suffering ultimately leads to hope Rom 5: Hence, this ability is a gift of God and not a result of human effort or practice. Moreover, this love of God given by the Spirit into human hearts is a sign of the distinction between the free sons of God and bondservants. Free sons of God accept suffering willingly and persevere in hope, while a bondservant runs away in fear. Thus, afflictions belong to Gospel, for they are not intended as punishment Law but as a means to bring about repentance, obedience, and faith. Instead, he points to the providential character of suffering for a Christian. Furthermore, unlike Luther and Melanchthon, Calvin feels compelled to reconcile the teaching of Rom 5: One interpretation is to say that Christ according to his humanity died in time but is alive forever according to his divinity. Furthermore, Melanchthon sees in Rom 5: Luther sets forth ten reasons for why original sin is the correct subject matter of the last half of Romans five. He writes, [I]t is not only a lack of a certain quality in the will, nor even only a lack of light in the mind or of power in the memory, but particularly it is a total lack of uprightness and of the power of all the faculties both of body and soul and of the whole [person]. On top of this it is a propensity toward evil. It is a nausea toward the good, a loathing of light and wisdom, and a delight in error and darkness [33] Furthermore, Luther wants his readers to understand that the Law can never take away sin; it only serves to make sin manifest. The Law enabled the recognition of sin, but sin still existed even before the giving of the Law. More importantly, the Law reveals the need for grace and

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faith. It is neither a help or a cure, asserts Luther, but it reveals that one can never keep the Law fully and is in the bonds of sin. Yet, he explicitly focuses upon Rom 5: He sets forth the teachings of these passages in terms of his trope of Law versus Gospel. To believe that some quality in ourselves can make us righteous or to not realize that the remission of sins and the imputation of righteousness are completely gratuitous is a doctrine of Law, says Melancthon. But the Word of God declares the promises of the Gospel. Thus, he contrasts the effects of grace Gospel from the effects of the Law. Yet, this discussion of the effects of the Law, unlike Luther, leads Melancthon to expound on the usefulness of the Law not just to lead to salvation i. Calvin is particularly concerned about the possibility of people believing this passage speaks about universal salvation. Indeed, Luther is still very much writing as a Catholic monk, which can be seen particularly in his emphasis on the role of suffering in the Christian life. However, one can see the seeds that will grow into his fuller doctrine of justification by faith alone. Thus, Melancthon writes more clearly and centrally concerning the ways this doctrine is found in Romans five. He also employs the characteristic Lutheran exegetical tool of Law versus Gospel throughout his reading of Romans five. Moreover, he adds emphases upon the certainty of salvation, the processes of sanctification, and the ongoing role of the Law in sanctification. In these ways, Melancthon has crafted a distinctively Lutheran reading of Romans, while also attending to aspects for which Luther has been criticized. Namely, Melancthon inserts a greater emphasis on sanctification and allows for the ongoing role of the Law in sanctification. For Calvin, salvation can only be intended for the elect, and salvation is preserved safe and secure to the end i. Luther, Melancthon and Calvin on Romans 13 Rom In this way, Luther uses Rom Melancthon leaves little to no room for resisting tyrannical governments. Rather, he addresses this problem merely by arguing that a true magistrate should understand that this authority is given to him by God for the common good; thus magistrates who become tyrants and abuse this power for their own desires destroy the ordinance of God and are themselves guilty. Nonetheless, the right of government is ordained by God for the common good. Similar to Melancthon, he simply deals with unjust rulers by saying that they are answerable to God. Even more explicitly than Melancthon, Calvin even advocates obedience to wicked rulers, for that ruler acts as scourge to punish sin. First, he uses Rom They are guilty of hypocrisy and judgmentalism, and they do not practice love of neighbor but, rather, love themselves too much. Indeed, says Luther, the secular authorities are fulfilling their duties more effectively than the ecclesiastical rulers. On the basis of the wording in Rom The body, says Luther, is subject to the state. The spirit, however, is completely free and subject to no one but God. The soul, on the other hand, is that midpoint between body and spirit. Namely, Christians are to be servants to one another through love Gal 5: Luther avows that this is both the highest form of freedom of a Christian and also the proper kind of servitude of a Christian. The absolute wrong kind of servitude for the Christian is slavery to the Law; yet Luther adds that in respect to secular authorities, Paul does not address the question of freedom. According to Luther, obedience to governments is neither a matter of freedom nor a matter of servitude. Melancthon uses Rom While state governments do not belong to Gospel but to reason, these governments are supposed to serve the purposes of the Gospel and, therefore, are not opposed to Gospel. He maintains that the fact that God is the one who is ultimately in control of all authorities is a source of comfort. Here he addresses a seeming contradiction that Christians are free from the Law and yet are commanded by Paul to be subject to the laws of the government. Melancthon explains that this spiritual freedom i. Hence the spirit is free from Mosaic Law, but the body remains subject to those laws that concern the body i. Governments are under the sovereignty and providence of God. This means that civil rulers are ultimately answerable to God and their power is limited by God. Fulfilling the Law through Love Luther, at the time of his commentary on Romans, does not use Rom He uses this text to warn against the pretense of love and to urge a practice of love that is not self-seeking but truly seeks the good of the neighbor. They stress that everyone is justified by faith alone and not by works. Thus, Melancthon argues that it is more accurate to say that faith is the true fulfillment of the Law. Calvin argues that when Paul writes that love fulfills the Law, he does not refer to the whole Law but only the to second table of the Law, since the commandments of the Decalogue cited by Paul are from the second table Rom

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Furthermore, Calvin ties this to the previous section of Romans thirteen concerning obedience to civil authorities. Closing Exhortations Luther believes that Paul writes the final verses of Romans thirteen to lukewarm Christians. Thus, Luther exhorts these Christians to arise from their smugness and lukewarm lives and lay aside their wrong and superficial penitential practices. Indeed, these lukewarm Christians sound very much like the ecclesiastical leaders he has been criticizing previously. The warning against vices in Rom Luther then uses this passage as an opportunity to exhort people to devotion to fasting and temperance. Melanchthon writes that believers now have the revealed Christ, whereas the Old Testament patriarchs only had the promised Christ; hence, believers have a clearer, closer revelation. Calvin, on the other hand, simply explains the nearness of salvation in reference to the Romans themselves: Melanchthon emphasizes that Christ is not merely an example to be imitated but that the proper response to Christ is the response of faith, to apprehend Christ by faith. The Importance of Context and Exegesis for Confessional Interests In his Romans commentary, Luther employs chapter thirteen to criticize the church leaders of his day. In each case, Luther finds reason to rebuke the attitudes and practices of current church leaders. In a context in which he has become increasingly disillusioned with the leaders of the church, Luther finds the opportunity to voice his concerns and criticisms. This has already been seen in his emphasis on the role of suffering in Romans five, but it can also be seen in his exhortations to his readers to pursue with all devotion and seriousness practices of fasting, temperance, sobriety, and chastity. We have seen a faint echo of this theme of freedom in his comments on Romans five, and it takes fuller force in his interpretation of Romans thirteen. Consequently, then, in his comments on love of neighbor Rom Melanchthon and Calvin write their commentaries on Romans not only after the doctrine of justification by faith alone has already become a hallmark of Protestantism, but also after such historical events as the German Peasants Revolt in Melanchthon appeals to the purpose and usefulness of civil governments for the flourishing of the Gospel i. Finally, yet again the reader can detect in the exegeses of Melanchthon and Calvin themes that point to their distinctive confessional interests.

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8: Romans 5 and 13 as Lenses into the Similarities and Differences of

More than just seeing a new set of people whom he does not know, Mr. Boudreaux is realizing how much patterns of life have changed since he had a young family. At times he thinks back to memories of his own father and of his wife, who has been dead for eight years.

Pulpit Commentaries Verses And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;3. Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him. From the healing of Peter's wife's mother to this place there has been a continued succession of miracles; and they were done before the Sermon upon the Mount, as we know for certain from Matthew's call, which is placed among them; for he was one of the twelve chosen to the Apostleship upon the mount. He here returns to the order of events, taking it up again at the healing of the centurion's servant; saying, "And calling to him his twelve disciples. The Evangelist had related above that the Lord exhorted His disciples to pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into His vineyard; and He now seems to be fulfilling what He had exhorted them to. For the number twelve is a perfect number, being made up of the number six, which has perfection because it is formed of its own parts, one, two, three, multiplied into one another; and the number six when doubled amounts to twelve. And this doubling seems to have some reference to the two precepts of charity, or to the two Testaments. For the number twelve, which is made up of three into four, denotes that through the four quarters of the world they were to preach the faith of the holy Trinity. This number is typified by many things in the Old Testament; by the twelve sons of Jacob, by the twelve princes of the children of Israel, by the twelve running springs in Helim, by the twelve stones in Aaron's breastplate, by the twelve loaves of the shew-bread, by the twelve spies sent by Moses, by the twelve stones of which the altar was made, by the twelve stones taken out of Jordan, by the twelve oxen which bare the brazen sea. Also in the New Testament, by the twelve stars in the bride's crown, by the twelve foundations of Jerusalem which John saw, and her twelve gates. He makes them confident not only by calling their ministry a sending forth to the harvest, but by giving them strength for the ministry; whence it follows, "He gave them power over all unclean spirits to cast them out, and to heal every sickness and every disease. Wherein is openly shewed that the multitude were troubled not with one single kind of affliction, but with many, and this was His pity for the multitude, to give His disciples power to heal and cleanse them. A kind and merciful Lord and Master does not envy His servants and disciples a share in His powers. As Himself had cured every sickness and disease, He imparted the same power to His Apostles. But there is a wide difference between having and imparting, between giving and receiving. Whatever He does He does with the power of a master, whatever they do it is with confession of their own weakness, as they speak, "In the name of Jesus rise and walk. But Simon is placed first, having the surname of Peter given to distinguish him from the other Simon surnamed Chananaeus, from the village of Chana in Galilee where the Lord turned the water into wine. The Greek or Latin "Petrus" is the same as the Syriac Cephas, in both tongues the word is derived from a rock; undoubtedly that of which Paul speaks, "And that rock was Christ. There have been some who in this name Peter, which is Greek and Latin, have sought a Hebrew interpretation, and would have it to signify, "Taking off the shoe," "or unloosing," or "acknowledging. First, that the Hebrew has no letter P, but uses PH instead. Thus Pilate they call, Philate. Secondly, that one of the Evangelists has used the word as an interpretation of Cephas; The Lord said, "Thou shalt be called Cephas," [John 1: Or as some will have it, it is to be interpreted, "Laying aside grief," and, "hearing painful things;" for that on the Lord's resurrection he laid aside the grief he had for His death; and he heard sorrowful things when the Lord said to him, "Another shall gird thee, and shall carry thee whither thou wouldest not. This is no small honour done to Peter, He places Peter from his merit, Andrew from the nobility he had in being the brother of Peter. Mark names Andrew next after the two heads, namely, Peter and John;

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but this one not so; for Mark has arranged them in order of dignity. Andrew is interpreted "manly;" for as in Latin "virilis" is derived from, "vir," so in Greek, Andrew is derived from Rightly is he called manly, who left all and followed Christ, and manfully persevered in His commands. The Evangelist couples the names throughout in pairs. So he puts together Peter and Andrew, brothers not so much according to the flesh as in spirit; James and John who left their father after the flesh to follow their true Father; "James the son of Zebedee and John his brother. Observe that he does not place them according to their dignity; for to me John would seem to be greater not than others only, but even than his brother. James is interpreted "The supplanter," or "that supplanteth;" for he not only supplanted the vices of the flesh, but even contemned the same flesh when Herod put him to death. John is interpreted "The grace of God," because he deserved before all to be loved by the Lord; whence also in the favour of His especial love, he leaned at supper in the Lord's bosom. Bartholomew is a Syriac, not a Hebrew, name, and is interpreted "The son of him that raiseth water," [ed. The other Evangelists in this pair of names put Matthew before Thomas; and do not add, "the Publican," that they should not seem to throw scorn upon the Evangelist by bringing to mind his former life. But writing of himself he both puts Thomas first in the pair, and styles himself "the Publican;" because, "where sin hath abounded, there grace shall much more abound. Thomas is interpreted "an abyss," or "a twin," which in Greek is Didymus. Rightly is Didymus interpreted an abyss, for the longer he doubted the more deeply did he believe the effect of the Lord's passion, and the mystery of His Divinity, which forced him to cry, "My Lord and my God. This James is he who in the Gospels, and also in the Epistle to the Galatians, is called the Lord's brother. For Mary the wife of Alphaeus was the sister of Mary the mother of the Lord; John the Evangelist calls her "Mary the wife of Cleophas," probably because Cleophas and Alphaeus were the same person. Or Mary herself on the death of Alphaeus after the birth of James married Cleophas. It is well said, "the son of Alphaeus," that is, "of the just," or "the learned;" for he not only overthrew the vices of the flesh, but also despised all care of the same. And of what he was worthy the Apostles are witness, who ordained him Bishop of the Church of Jerusalem. James the son of Alphaeus is the same as the Bishop of Jerusalem is doubtful. Eusebius is cited on both sides the question; S. Chrysostom, but qualifies his evidence elsewhere; S. Other Fathers are in favour of their identity. And so great was his merit, that he was called by all men, "The just. Some copies have Lebbaeus; but whoever prevented the same man from having two, or even three different names? Jude is interpreted "having confessed," because he confessed the Son of God. Thaddeus or Lebbaeus is interpreted "a little heart," that is, a heart-worshipper. Simon Chananaeus is the same who in the other Evangelist is called Zelotes. Scarioth is interpreted "The memory of the Lord," because he followed the Lord; or "The memorial of death," because he plotted in his heart how he might betray the Lord to death; or "strangling," because he went and hanged himself. It should be known that there are two disciples of this name, who are types of all Christians; Jude the brother of James, of such as persevere in the confession of the faith; Jude Scarioth of such as leave the faith; and turn back again. They are named two and two to express their union as yoke-fellows. These therefore He chose for His disciples, whom also He named Apostles, humbly born without honour, without learning, that whatever they should do that was great, it was He that should be in them and should do it. He had among them one that was evil, whom He should use in the accomplishment of His Passion, and who should be an example to His Church of suffering evil men. Ambrose, Ambrosiaster, in Luc. He was not chosen among the Apostles unwittingly; for that truth is great, which cannot be harmed even by having an adversary in one of its own ministers. Also He willed to be betrayed by a disciple, that you when betrayed by your intimate might bear patiently that your judgment has erred, that your favours have been thrown away. Verses These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, "Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: Because the manifestation of the Spirit, as the Apostle speaks, is given for the profit of the Church, after bestowing His power on the Apostles, He sends them that they may exercise this power for the good of others; "These twelve Jesus sent forth. Observe the propriety of the time in

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which they are sent. After they had seen the dead raised, the sea rebuked, and other like wonders, and had both in word and deed sufficient proof of His excellent power, then He sends them. When He sends them, He teaches them whither they should go, what they should preach, and what they should do. And first, whither they should go; "Giving them commandment, and saying, Go ye not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not; but go ye rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. This passage does not contradict the command which He gave afterwards, "Go and teach all nations;" for this was before His resurrection, that was after. And it behoved the coming of Christ to be preached to the Jews first, that they might not have any just plea, or say that they were rejected of the Lord, who sent the Apostles to the Gentiles and Samaritans. Also they were sent to the Jews first, in order that being trained in Judaea, as in a palaestra, they might enter on the arena of the world to contend; thus He taught them like weak nestlings to fly. Or He would be first preached to Judaea and afterwards to the Gentiles, in order that the preaching of the Redeemer should seem to seek out foreign lands only because it had been rejected in His own. There were also at that time some among the Jews who should be called, and among the Gentiles some who were not to be called, as being unworthy of being renewed to life, and yet not deserving of the aggravated punishment which would ensue upon their rejection of the Apostles" preaching. The promulgation of the Law deserved also the first preaching of the Gospel; and Israel was to have less excuse for its crime, as it had experienced more care in being warned. Also that they should not suppose that they were hated of Christ because they had reviled Him, and branded Him as daemonic, He sought first their cure, and withholding His disciples from all other nations, He sent this people physicians and teachers; and not only forbid them to preach to any others before the Jews, but would not that they should so much as approach the way that led to the Gentiles; "Go not into the way of the Gentiles. The Samaritans were Gentiles who had been settled in the land of Israel by the king of Assyria after the captivity which he made. They had been driven by many terrors to turn to Judaism, and had received circumcision and the five books of Moses, but renouncing everything else; hence there was no communication between the Jews and the Samaritans. From these then He diverts his disciples, and sends them to the children of Israel, whom He calls "perishing" sheep, not straying; in every way contriving an apology for them, and drawing them to Himself. Though they are here called sheep, yet they raged against Christ with the tongues and throats of wolves and vipers. Figuratively, herein we who bear the name of Christ are commanded not to walk in the way of the Gentiles, or the error of the heretics, but as we are separate in religion, that we be also separate in our life. Having told them to whom they should go, He now introduces what they should preach; "Go and preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. The kingdom of heaven is here said to draw nigh by the faith in the unseen Creator which is bestowed upon us, not by any movement of the visible elements. The saints are rightly denoted by the heavens, because they contain God by faith, and love Him with affection. Behold the greatness of their ministry, behold the dignity of the Apostles. They are not to preach of any thing that can be an object of sense, as Moses and the Prophets did; but things new and unlooked for; those preached earthly goods, but these the kingdom of heaven and all the goods that are there. Miracles also were granted to the holy preachers, that the power they should shew might be a pledge of the truth of their words, and they who preached new things should also do new things; wherefore it follows, "Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out daemons. Lest peasants untaught and illiterate, without the graces of speech, should obtain credit with none when they announced the kingdom of heaven, He gives them power to do the things above mentioned, that the greatness of the miracles might approve the greatness of their promises. The exercise of the Lord's power is wholly entrusted to the Apostles, that they who were formed in the image of Adam, and the likeness of God, should now obtain the perfect image of Christ; and whatever evil Satan had introduced into the body of Adam, this they should now repair by communion with the Lord's power. These signs were necessary in the beginning of the Church; the faith of the believers must be fed with miracles, that it might grow. But afterwards they ceased when a reverence for the faith was universally established. Or, if they were continued at all, they were few and seldom; for it is usual with God to do such things when evil is increased, then He shews forth His power. The Holy Church daily doth spiritually, what it

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then did materially by the Apostles; yea, things far greater, inasmuch as she raises and cures souls and not bodies. And because spiritual gifts are more lightly esteemed, when money is made the means of obtaining them, He adds a condemnation of avarice; "Freely ye have received, freely give;" I your Master and Lord have imparted these to you without price, do you therefore give them to others in like manner, that the free grace of the Gospel be not corrupted. This He says, that Judas who had the bag might not use the above power for getting money; a plain condemnation of the abomination of the simoniacal heresy. For He knew before that there would be some that would turn the gift of the Spirit which they had received into merchandize, and pervert the power of miracles into an instrument of their covetousness. Observe how He is as careful that they should be upright in moral virtue, as that they should have the miraculous powers, shewing that miracles without these are nought. Or, that what they should do might not be thought to be their own benevolence, He says, "Freely ye have received;" as much as to say; Ye bestow nothing of your own on these ye relieve; for ye have not received these things for money, nor for wages of labour; as ye have received them, so give to others; for indeed it is not possible to receive a price equal to their value. Verse "Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves:

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O, can I really believe the poets when they say that the first time one sees the beloved object he thinks he has seen her long before, that love like all knowledge is recollection, that love in the single individual also has its prophecies, its types, its myths, its Old Testament.

Christ took our flesh that in it He might go up and down among us; that in it He might be seen by us; that in it He might speak to us, and leave deeds and words which might, in characters of love, be traced in our souls, and there live on for ever. He came among us in order to set before us, in His own Divine person, the loveliness, and beauty, and majesty of Divine love and Divine holiness. Whatever holiness the Holy Spirit has wrought in any of the saints is wrought after that pattern. By meditating on that life, we live with Him, converse with Him, enter into His holy and hallowing society. Through studying Him we know how to follow Him; through following Him we understand what we study. And so, by a continual round, the contemplation of Him kindles our souls to long to be like Him and to copy Him; to copy Him enlightens our eyes, and clears away the film which dims their sight; and that sight, through His Spirit, transforms our spirits into the likeness of Him whom we behold. And now what should we so behold, so adore, so copy, as the love of Jesus in act, in word, in thought? Our love must be 1 supernatural, 2 self-sacrificing; 3 it must embrace all whom Christ loves; 4 it must not be deterred by that which is repugnant to nature. Pusey, Parochial and Cathedral Sermons, p. Thorn, Laws of Life after the Mind of Christ, 2nd series, p. Wilmot-Buxton, The Life of Duty, p. Beecher, Christian World Pulpit, vol. Verse 2 Ephesians 5: Pure, disinterested love is all but irresistible, all but, not quite; for if it were quite irresistible, then the world had been converted long ago. Augustine was right when he said that the most wonderful thing he knew was that God could love man so much, and man could love God so little. It looks sometimes as if God had never loved the world, as if Jesus had never died for the world, as if there were no such thing as love at all. But then we come to the other command: Well, the light shows us what otherwise could not be seen; it reveals to us what otherwise were unknown. Now the one who walks as a child of light sees the things that it is needful for him to behold, if he too would avoid the perils, would escape the evils, of the journey, and direct his way aright towards the everlasting home. But then, again, remember that the light shines. It falls on others. The child of light not only walks wisely and safely, but he shines; he is a reflected light, not like the sun, which shines with its own inherent intrinsic light, but like the planets, which shine with borrowed light. It is Christ shining on them and in them which makes Christian people to walk as children of light. Ainger, Sermons in the Temple Church, p. Verse 6 Ephesians 5: Trifling with sin is open disobedience to God. No one can say that the directions of our heavenly Father are not very plain on this subject. There is no disguise in His word; there is nothing that can be misunderstood. All through the Bible, like a low, rolling thunder, as it were, afar off, is heard this utterance from heaven: Here, if anywhere, we see His visible hand. In the decrepitude of tainted lives, in the disappearance of polluted races, is written with large letters in His own hand that "because of these things cometh the wrath of God. The deception of vain words with regard to it takes, I suppose, this form: Are we sure we see it? Are there not so many instances of evil lives unpunished as greatly to qualify that certainty? I would ask you, first of all, to notice that St. Paul by no means says, "The wrath of God is come. Paul speaks of disobedience, and he speaks of punishment, as for outsiders, not for those to whom he directly writes. To them he uses different arguments: What is appropriate for them is that which becometh saints. They have no consciousness henceforth of guilty secrets, nor even of doubtful acts and words. This is the actual service of God; this is a happy service: Archbishop Benson, Boy Life, p. Exton, Church of England Pulpit, vol. Verse 8 Ephesians 5: They ought not to apply to us, and yet must not each of us set our seal to these words as in their measure only too true of him during all the time that he failed to realise to the full his baptismal privileges and the things which were freely given him of God? And if we are now light, is it any other than light in the Lord? We have tried, some of us, what it is to walk by some other light than His, in sparks of our own kindling, or following those foolish fires which, born of earth,

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can never guide to heaven, and on earth itself can only mislead and betray. We too have discovered that there is only one light for man, and that light is in Him who is Himself the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. If it be asked, What are the sins which the children of light are, so to speak, by their very name pledged to renounce, and what the graces which, by their very name, they are pledged to follow after? I should not hesitate to say that this name does, in the first place, exclude, or ought to exclude, on the part of them that bear it, all fraud, falsehood, trickery, untruthfulness in word or deed; does demand on their parts uprightness, sincerity, straightforwardness, and manly truthfulness of dealing as between man and his brother. You are children of light, and the vocation of the children of light is to remove the darkness, not to share it. This you must do, or if you fail to do it, be sure that a day is coming when the light into which you were called, but in which you refused to walk, shall reprove you and make manifest your deeds, that they were not wrought in God. Trench, Sermons in Ireland, p. Armstrong, Parochial Sermons, p. Fraser, Church of England Pulpit, vol. Garbett, Experiences of the Inner Life, p. Verse 9 Ephesians 5: We ought to read, "The Fruit of Light. Christ is the revealed God. He came into the world to brighten it. The true Light now shines; it has continued and spread; it is going all round the world. There is light in the book; there is no such book of light anywhere as the Bible. But God has not put the light in His book merely, but in His people, that are called lights in the world. How does the light tell? Why, by its simple presence. It reproves and exposes the darkness just by its presence. It has no need to make an assault on the darkness and say, "I am opposed to you and going to put you out"; it just puts it out by existing. The light from above shines into the hearts of believers, and that light is to be exhibited to men in their characters, and dispositions, and lives. Three words are here used to describe the fruit of the light, that is to say, three aspects of the Christian character: Of course it is a comprehensive term opposed to all evil, but especially to all malice. Paul obviously means here kindness in feeling and act: We want this living inherent goodness in ourselves, and then ours will be good deeds, goodness which finds its loving outlet without difficulty in words or works or patient and unselfish kindness. That is opposed to all crookedness and dishonesty, and it is inseparable from the highest types of goodness. This is the very strength of our religion: Of course this is opposed to lying, which is one of the works of darkness, and must be put away. God desires truth in the inward parts, and He knows that naturally we have not got it. He puts truth into our heart by putting Christ into it. Fraser, Christian World Pulpit, vol. Verse 13 Ephesians 5: Light comes from God. God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all; and therefore He wishes to give light to His children. He willeth not that the least of them should be kept in darkness about any matter. True, there are errors of which we will not speak to the young, but they are not made by God; they are the works of darkness. Our duty is to teach the young what God has made, what He has done, what He has ordained, to make them freely partakers of whatsoever light God has given to us. Then, by means of that light, they will be able to reprove the works of darkness. We still see through a glass darkly, and we are still too apt to impute to God Himself the darkness of these very hearts of ours in which He is so dimly mirrored. Let the dead bury their dead, and let us follow Christ. Light is stronger than darkness, love stronger than cruelty, perfect God stronger than fallen man, and the day shall come when all shall be light in the Lord. Kingsley, Sermons for the Times, p. Kingsley, National Sermons, p. Church, Church of England Pulpit, vol. Vaughan, Words of Hope, p. Verse 15 Ephesians 5: We Christians were never meant to be remiss and insensible; Christ came to redeem and renew us in every legitimate faculty and every salutary use of it. It was never intended that the world should go onward in improvement and the Church should stand still. We need to walk circumspectly both in belief and in practice. We have nothing to lose, but everything to gain, by more search, more light, more intelligence, surer ground. Every new discovery, every new good argument, will serve, not damage, Christ and His work. Here, then, let us walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise.

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