



nized and satisfied. If it happens that he interprets the meaning of life in terms of the body, and understands that the enjoyable life means that the animal instincts of his body must have their cravings satisfied, and that at any expense he is to reap the full enjoyment of his gross nature, then we have the glutton, the inbriate, the libertine, whose very presence is a menace to decency and the integrity of society. We have had one or two examples of this type of man. In the end he is left to himself to die in his loneliness to which he has exiled himself.

Or suppose the selfish man thinks that the greatest satisfaction in life is to amass property. Every thing that he does must be directed towards that end. He leaves behind him a trail of suffering, of corruption, and dishonesty. We have illustration of that type of man.

Or suppose that the selfish passion is that of power, then we have a Richard III willing to stoop to any ~~depth~~ depth if only he may gain power and control over men and make them serve him and witness the politician.

Or the selfish passion may express itself in terms of religion, and religious zeal. self preservation is the instinct.

But the result of all this is the same upon human life, and society. Selfishness breeds suffering and ~~richness~~ cruelty in the world, and leaves the individual a mean and helpless wreck to be buried in a potter's field, to be held up as reproach among men, or to be held in contempt and disgust.

On the other hand is the man who can be called the entirely unselfish man. It is equally impossible to describe such a man.

The true way of life is the recognition of both of these. The one man is but one among many. Each has his own individuality. We must regard each as an end in himself, to be developed and to grow into the fullness of his manhood, to live the rich satisfying life.

We are told that the way to salvation is to love Christ, to enter into his spirit, to have his spirit enter into us, to serve his interests, to obey his truths, to be his followers. This doctrine is profoundly true, if we give the broad meaning to the word Christ. Christ is a word which was applied to one who was a minister to humanity, who with great and absorbing passion it was to labor to the end that men might see the way to the great and rich life. It was applied to Jesus because he was such a one. It is a word moreover that means that the person who is thus described is one who is anointed of God, one in whom the spirit of God dwells.

To reinterpret the old teaching of the Christian church or to go back to the teaching of Jesus, and we find that the secret of life is this, - not as was said unto you to love Christ alone as in Jesus, but as in humanity, not to obey the teaching of Christ alone as given in the word of Jesus? not to serve Christ alone as it was in Jesus, but as it is in humanity as we know it. Serve the living God, follow after and watch with the souls who are now praying alone in some garden of Gethsemane. Declare your allegiance to the Christ in humanity that is now being crucified upon the cross.