

A man's conception of worship really reaches his life. Let him lose his reverence for God, and his reverence for man, however much he may boast of it, will in that measure go down; the two commandments belong to one another, and are absolutely inseparable. Increase of true reverence toward God always means increase of real beneficence toward man, for there is a deep and mysterious sense, as well as a sense limited by the creation, that man is made in the image and likeness of God, so that when God is most feared, loved, and honored, man is blessed by the increase of religious conviction and emotion.

Let another say: "Perhaps the worst will not happen." You yourself must say: "Well, what if it does happen? Let us see who wins! Perhaps it happens for my best interests; it may be that such a death will shed credit upon my Socrates was ennobled by the hemlock draught. Wrench from Cato's hand his sword. the vindicator of liberty, and you deprive him of the greatest share of his glory.

What indeed does not the word cheerfulness imply? It means a contented spirit; it means a pure heart; it means a kind, loving disposition; it means humility and charity; it means a generous appreciation of others and a modest opinion of self.

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