

## The "Single Eye" Nov 6. 22

The eye of the mind much more liable to disorder than that of the body. - The jaundice & drunkenness affect the latter - & distance - & position e.g. at one point only does a circle appear a circle. The mind's eye confound color, shape size, every thing. See not things that are & sees things that are not. The mind's eye is affected

### 1. By authority.

Reid (the London physician) reports the case of a man who died from what he was made to believe loss

of blood. Persons have often  
been made to believe them-  
selves sick - Men saw the  
stone-lions in Windsor move

2 The frequent repetition of  
a story producing belief of  
the negro snake bitten

Yet there are some things we  
must take on authority

The navigator goes by the  
nautical Almanac  
& chart - The eclipse

The Learned are (to a cer-  
tain extent) to be trusted  
in what they say of the  
meaning of the S. P. The  
translation in use is noth-  
ing but authority. Where  
doctors differ the com-  
mon reader must be at  
a loss.

The authority of numbers  
is law to weak minds.  
But the multitude err.

2 Prejudice - To judge of  
men by their country & (Nazareth) profession trade  
dress, party, name, looks  
any thing but their fruits

3. Passions. love, hatred  
envy jealousy ("Trifles light  
as air" &c) Envy

4 Affection to parents in-  
structors, benefactors

5 Interest People stick to  
The creed of a party because  
the party supports them  
And the more numerous &  
respectable the party the  
greater its blinding influ-  
ence.

Every church corrupted more  
or less by this

Hence Christ required his  
disciples to deny themselves  
to hate all these. To do  
so & to be governed by

11. A sense of moral ob-  
ligation resulting from  
1 the inward sense of the  
beauty & excellence of  
moral rectitude in its-  
elf - to be just, not in-  
juring any in person good  
character, affection, feel-  
ing, principles belief &c  
- & benevolence promot-  
ing in respect of all these  
our neighbors well, &  
- a regard to ourselves,  
self-control, self-support

- Self-preservation, self-respect, self-improvement.

II. The religious principle must be added. The moral nature sees - sees God. He is nigh. We lean on him, trust him, fear him. He is the PATRON of virtue, the PUNISHER & R. of vice.

III. The Christian religion is true to me just so far as my experience verifies it. Its power to enlighten, purify, cheer, strengthen, exalt is its best evidence. The truly honest mind sees this evidence. It takes the heliocentric view.

That is the right position

The jaundice of prejudice  
the false glasses of author-  
ity, the mists of passion  
and interest are removed  
by the religious principles  
Faith in God as a wise &  
good moral governor  
will save us from  
fear & anxiety & all  
those calculations of  
loss & gain which dis-  
turb the operation of  
the moral powers in  
men who for want of  
a higher principle go  
upon the book-ac-  
count business-like  
way of a worldly ex-

prudency. Then whole  
affair of the consequences,  
the religious principles  
rolls off & confines its  
concern to the moral as-  
pect of things. True then  
are cases where what  
is morally right can  
only be settled by a look-  
ing at consequences, a  
reckless disregard of  
which is no part of  
the truly christian  
character