

The Regeneration
of
The World

No 1

Matth XIX 28

Every great change in
mans social state has
been the effect of some
one great truth or sent-
iment taking possession
of his moral nature

Instance Judaism from
the unity of God in opposit-
ion to Idolatry

The Reformation of Luther
from the freedom of Consci-
ence in opposition to the

Papish doctrine of implicit faith.

The American Revolution from the principle of man's capability of self government. Note the French Revolution started on the same principle but failed from a variety of causes.

Such principle is like a germ of life in organised matter.

What is it in "the regeneration"?

It is not that of a unity in

unity of opinions or Orthodoxy
Nor a unity of worldly interests.

It is faith: Deut. XXXII. 20

Matth VI. 30 - VIII. 26 - XIV. 31

XVI. 8. VIII. 10 compared with

Luk VII. 2-9. Matth XXI. 21

XXIII. 23 Mark XI. 22. Luke

XVII. 5 Acts III. 16. VI. 5 XI

24 XIV. 9 XVII. 31. XX. 21

3 Rom. I. 17 compare III 3 &

III. 24-26. See Abram's faith

as an exemplar Rom. IV. 3

compare with Gen. XII. & XV

2 Gen. XX. 20

In the above instances we
have the Faith of Miracles
But is not this in its prin-
ciple the same with Sa-
ving faith, i.e. implicit
TRUST.

The birds - all God's inno-
cent creation have faith
in Him

To lay the foundations
for faith toward God
Jesus taught 1st the doctrine
of a future life & the resur-
rection of the body: of which
his own resurrection was a pledge

2 The Paternal character of God: the great proof of which was his own character: "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." Consider also the parable of the Prodigal.

3. The care of God's Providence over all & especially over Christ's disciples

Note: The first of these doctrines never was thoroughly believed among the Gentiles & by but few among the Jews.

Continued - text 2 Cor IV. 13

We have in the S.S mention of
the Spirit of adoption - antichrist
- counsel & might - error - fear
- glory - grace - jealousy - judgment
- knowledge - meekness - slumber
- truth - understanding - whoredoms
wisdom - & here of Faith

The analogy of these passages
shows the meaning of Spirit
In physics a spirit works in
fermentation, vegetation, in-
toxication, Salting: In social
life there is the Spirit of Law
Constitution &c

Apply analysis

1 In faith trust there is

in the present a sacrifice to
be made something to be done
or parted with. There is a
spirit of faith in the stability
& uniformity of the laws of Na-
ture manifested in agricul-
ture, Arts, Commerce - Educa-
tion of body & mind - a note -
In every period of life the present
is sacrificed to the advantage
of the period succeeding

In each generation there is a
sacrifice made for the benefit
of the succeeding & even of the
distant future age
The spirit in which men act
in all these cases is trust
Saving faith is the extension

of the same great principle
2. A compensation or return
in the future is always ex-
pected.

In all cases there are mod-
ifications of our ideas which
are expressed by the same
word. Faith is a generic word
like tree. Its essence or gen-
eric nature has been given
We will notice some of its
modifications

Historical faith. by this we
know that the world was
made.

Speculative faith a belief
in doctrines: which demonstrate
The question of chief im-

importance here is whether
the Trust of saving faith is a
confidence without doing like
that of a wounded man who
is carried; or is it a confidence
with doing like that of a man
following a guide. The XI chap
to the Hebrews will decide the
point; take also the parables
& sayings of Jct & the doctrine of
James. To this doing

2 A love of moral excel-
lence is necessary. This
exists by nature in every man
but by nature it has not in
every mind the ascendancy

If man were naturally destitute of it he were not accountable. It says no man can come unto me except the Father draw him. There is an original sin in our nature: there is also original grace in it. But this is constantly overcome in ^{the} ~~un~~regenerate by the influence of the things of time & sense. Hence the very first law of God's kingdom is self-denial - giving up, or a readiness to give up all at the call of God & duty. This is the principle of love by w^h

faith works. The degree in which we may be actually called to exercise self-denial is not fixed: but variable according to circumstances. There are different ways of exercising it. Station age ability are to be considered

3 There is a faith prior to external revelation: compare Rom 1. 17 with X. from 13. to 17

2^d Cor IV. 13. The Spirit of faith
There is the spirit of adoption, an-
techrist, bondage, burning, - counsel
& might, error, fear, glory, grace
jealousy, judgment knowledge, meek-

ness, truth, understanding - I hum-
ber whoredoms - wisdom &c -

The analogy of the passages in
which this occurs shows that the
SECRET workings of the heart
producing any thing is its Spir-
it its principle.

In physics there is a Spirit in
vegetation fermentation, salting
intoxication - In social life
there is the spirit of Law, of the
Constitution

Analysis makes out in an
act of faith 1st Some thing done
in which the present is sacrific-
ed to the future: in agricult-
ure, arts, commerce; education of

body & mind, in the whole course of
life each season gives something to
the future - In the successive gen-
erations, the same holds: one sows
another reaps - With regard to a
future life it is but the extension
of the same principle, trust

2 The love of moral excellence

This is the 3^d part or function of
Conscience: the 1st being the percep-
tion of right & wrong, the 2^d a correspon-
ding feeling. This exists in all
by nature else man were not ac-
countable: but in the bad it is
smothered by Sense, passion, the ani-
mal part of man's nature. God

by his Spirit draws men to it
by means of this capacity operates
on by various instrumentalities
If there is original sin this is original
grace in our nature. But it is not
strong enough, without Christ that is
faith in him, to overcome the tempt-
ations of life.

Hence the first law of his Kingdom
is that of self-denial taking up
the cross. The degree to which we
may be required to carry it depends
on circumstances: but love, by
which faith works, counts noth-
ing hard - This is the spirit of
faith which is prior to that which
comes by hearing: compare Rom

1. 17 with X from 13 to 17.
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