

There is a third kind of false sympathy which is the projection of ourselves and our need, our hunger for pity, on to other people, so that, though we appear to be giving them sympathy, we are really sympathizing with ourselves (229).

We ... come to see that a good deal of what passes as sympathy is really self-pity, a love of the easy way in which the moral issue is shirked, or a pretence of sympathy in order to win the sympathy of another (230).

XVIII. THE PRESENCE OF JESUS (243)

... Supposing before your eyes at this moment the form of Jesus should appear, speak, disappear. Supposing you went off for a meal and He appeared again, joined in the conversation, and disappeared. Suppose He joined you when you were speaking to a friend, and then disappeared. What would happen? ... Your world would be full of Him... And this is what happened to [the apostles and disciples after the Resurrection]. Peter would never again walk by Galilee's lake without Jesus, without being consciously sure and certain that Jesus was there (247).

How ... was His presence manifested to them after He had carried them beyond the need of vision and voice? I suggest that it was manifested in four ways: ...

(1) An inward reinforcement of the personality. I mean by this an inward strengthening which made a man feel that he could face any situation that might arise, *certain* of coming out on top, certain that nothing could happen which had any power to down his spirit (249)

(2) A transcendent happiness; a kind of infectious gaiety of spirit which others caught from those who knew His presence in their hearts (250).

(3) A deep serenity of spirit. What is more needed in these days of hectic rush than that inward peace, the only thing Christ left in His will, and which is one of the marks of his Presence? (250-51).

Sympathize not with your fellows merely that they may sympathize with you in return.

12 When my children once become self-conscious of the assurance of the divine presence,

such a faith will expand the mind, ennoble the soul,

reinforce the personality,

augment the happiness,

deepen the spirit perception,