

[Outline of Topics for Yale Theological Club Lecture]

Topics: –

1. Revelation not possible by merely external means. Subject must cooperate. How am I to know the “revealing” voice is indeed that of God? Miracles not complete proof. Demons also could reveal. Suppose “revelations” from the inhabitants of Mars. We should want to know their habits, intents, truthfulness, etc. – Are we to decide all this by “faith” as faith? Then “faith” itself, or intuition is the true source of religious insight.
2. Herewith we pass to second source: – Interior light! Mystic insight! “He that hath a dream let him tell his dream.” “Edifies himself & not the [2] bretheren.” “By their fruits ye shall know them.”
3. Consequently modified & attenuated mysticism. “Values” discovered but not truths regarding objective world. – Religious insight reduced to merely human terms. – Humanism, Pragmatism, – triviality. This is not religious insight. –
4. Reason, – Philosophic insight – value, – limitations. – Subordinate instrument for the preacher. Warning.
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5. Morality & Religious Insight.
6. The Loyal Spirit & Life as the Source of Religious Insight.