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SUBJECT.

Christian, To become a,
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I would become a Christian but I want to have a good time.

What is it to become a Christian? How can this be done? And how is it possible to distinguish my conduct of my own experience? The value of personal experience versus.

(a) What I regarded as necessary to so become, when a young man.
(b) Mrs. Gage, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Morse, Mr. Price.

1. Is Christianity the truth?
   The religion of Jehovah.

3. Good time. School, college, profession, law, medicine, scientific men. Good time should follow that lead. There is no permanent joy, no continuous good time without religion.
Enter our apartment
just over to begin
A plan of life

Let any man of intelligence, who has arrived at middle age, take a careful retrospect of his life, running back over twenty years of his labors; he will, I think, be astonished at the many defeats of his plans, plans of life which he has cherished, and which appeared for the time to be wise, well-arranged, and well-matured.

Again let him glance through the biographies of public men and note how few of them succeed in life without passing through a series of defeats more or less pronounced—how very few have adhered to an early plan to paths which they have primarily sketched for their feet to tread.

The statesman, philanthropist, earnest Christian, William Wilberforce, who earlier in his career than most men had formed a settled purpose in his heart, at the age of fifty could say: How successful a life has been mine, and how visibly can I trace the hand of God, leading
me in ways which I knew not!"

The Bible is replete with examples.

dabo the shrewdest youth in Israel, assisted by his ambitious mother, had his schemes formed with malignity and executed with persistence. With divine visions prophetic of his destiny in the minds of these two, they sought to forestall the purposes of the Almighty, but his plans were constantly interrupted, defeated, hindered or changed and moulded by an unseen hand.

The blow which came upon him for life, saved him from his brother's justifiable wrath, and when at last he knew that everything was against him, he was just about to enter into the fulfillment of his highest hopes, and get to blessings far beyond his dreams.

Joseph, too, against whose conduct of purpose to do right there is nowhere a hint, suffered fearful discouragements and oft recurring disappointments. Oh, those bright dreams of his youth! How they saddened his heart of a fond father. How they touched with jealousy his feelings of older
I'm not really a fan of your note.

Could you write more clearly in future?

Last week's shortcomings were due to:

1. Insufficient preparation
2. Inadequate understanding
3. Incorrect application of concepts

It's important to address these issues before moving forward. We need to:

- Define clear goals
- Review fundamental concepts
- Practice problem-solving techniques

If we don't improve, future assignments will suffer. It's crucial to:

- Attend all lectures
- Participate in discussions
- Complete assignments on time

Good luck with the upcoming exam!
brothers. How dared he claim special gifts ahead of them! Could he see his hopes realized when in the deep pit and about to perish? Could he gather courage while being carried away as a common slave by the Ishmaelites — or when thrust into an Egyptian prison under the worst sort of charges, so ignominious, so degrading?

His own plans must have kept pace with the wonderful activity of his mind; yet for a long time those plans, whatsoever they were, were brought to naught. God revealed to him first his designs concerning others, but left those which concerned himself only dimly to be guessed because God is God & his promises are sure.

In a more remarkable manner were the plans and wishes of Joseph's brethren frustrated, so that he could at last say to them, when completely humbled before him: "Now therefore be not grieved nor angry with yourselves that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life — God hath made me lord over all Egypt!"
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Take another case. A boy plans to keep his father's sheep. What men call an accident brings him for a day to the camp where his brothers are enrolled as soldiers, engaged in active campaigns against the enemies of their country. While here his faults and his courage find opportunity for expression. An opportunity which nobody would have predicted for such a lad so small of stature and so youthful. It defies the notion of gigantic proportions, one hears had made everybody whom he had contemptuously abused & challenged, tremble with fright. This terrible foe, the handsome youth with his dauntless spirit and reliance on his God. went forth to meet and to slay. A nation at once sounded his praises. And before long he became son-in-law to a king.

Surely now the promise of God made through Samuel the Prophet to young David, when he took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brethren was in process
of fulfillment. The goal of his hope was not yet in plain view. No, no, the storm-cloud was already gathering, soon it hung thick over the way so that the path to the goal was closed up to every earthly vision. David fell on his face to the ground. "He and Jonathan kissed one another and slept one with another until David succeeded," because David was driven forth by the envy and jealousy of King Saul. David, banished, becomes a wanderer alone, with no friends at hand on whom he can count. He grieves he knows not why, nor whence. A mere out-law in his humiliation and poverty. He makes his abode in a cave of the castle. After a time we read: "everyone that was in distress and everyone that was in debt and every one that was discontented gathered themselves unto him, and he became captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men." A queer position for the anointed of the Lord, a queer company. Indeed for the man "after God's own heart!"

Certainly there must have been some mistake in Samuels.
predication. Certainly to every thoughtful observer in Israel who reasoned after the manner of men David’s life-phrase which so many remarkable incidents had foreshadowed had then little prospect of development or completon. Yet the God-fearing prophet of Israel had no fear. Take now for further illustration a more common life. By the side of an industrious New England father a Hardy boy is learning everything that pertains to his father’s humble calling. The boy loving his father in his heart plans to be a farmer like his sire and longs for the time when he shall have strength enough to guide the plow, sow the seed and swing the sythe like the strong men who never seem to grow weary in their hard work. By the blow of a sudden death these well matured plans are all upset and are replaced by new. His young heart is turned to seek academic honors and solace; and every preparation is made to enter upon the honorable profession of the law. His energies are put forth in laborious writing to complete the courses prescribed. Training, working, teaching in vacations, studying by night and by day: every possible talent is
evoked

It came into existence a well-
matured plan. But poverty of purse added
perhaps to too much study to darken
the young man's future; when suddenly an
unseen chapter opening came. Here certainty of men's
outwitted the merely prospective and the youthful
was soon settled in quite another sphere, one
of which he had never dreamed.

Again not long after this change, his son was
converted to God. The spiritual work in his
heart changes all his outlooks, all his hopes, all
his heavens. He could not shake off the
conviction that His Lord was calling him to the
sacred ministry. Then he diligently studied the
Holy Bible and began his preparations like
Isaiah of old to cheerfully obey the words of
His Lord, his God. But no, not yet—War!
War! That terrible event, like a bolt from
Heaven, blasted every previous plan from the
scroll and he was carried hurriedly from home
to dear friends into the maelstrom of the national
conflict. He struggled on and was able to execute others'
plans through labor, suffering and loss till the end.

After the great struggle which fixed a period to so
many thousands of life-plans besides his own. The young man began to be converted, cautious about sketching any more maps of life, and tracing any more pathways upon them. Yet the tide of human events, stronger than the seas of Holland, carried him over into new fields and upon new shores that needed exploration. Bolder planning than his wildest dreams, were forced upon him, planning of work for men that will never be brought to consummation till death steps in to end his earthly career. So much for the plans and purposes of one young man.

Would you not erect for his monument a series of broken columns and set a tablet in the midst with the words of the wise man engraved thereon: For what hast thou of all his labor and of the vexation of his heart, wherein he hath labored under the sun? Not long ago, speaking of a life just closed, the life of a devoted friend of mine, our pastor, in his funeral oration, said: "While he lived such a noble and efficient life and has left so pure a memory, and has done so much, it is no doubt true that he sometimes felt the presence within him of powers as yet unaccessed; that he had a furnishing, by nature
and by culture, for a wider and more influential sphere than he ever occupied. Some away upon this current of public events from literary and professional pursuits into business life, with the mill stone of long seated disease hanging about his neck and dragging him down, that became impossible for which he seemed so specially endowed; of which his various gifts seemed to be so prophetic. ” Two questions arise:

I. If this drift of my thoughts be correct, if day by day we carry to the grave the newly made ashes of some incomplete life—is it wise for a young man to have any settled plan at all?

II. Or if the fact of living demands a plan and the responsibility for other lives exacts a place of work, pray then, in view of our weaknesses & short-sightedness, how shall we fashion it?

Dr. Bushnell says: “Every man’s life is a plan of God.” It was a subject based on the text: “I girded thee through the waters, hast not thou known? God fashioned and prepared Cyrus the Persian, of whom this is spoken, for his life’s work. Bushnell says further: something of
My name is [Name]. I am a writing student at the University of [University]. My major is English, and I am particularly interested in creative writing.

I have always enjoyed writing, and I have been doing it since I was a child. I started out writing short stories and poems, but as I grew older, I became more interested in fiction writing.

My favorite genre is science fiction, and I enjoy exploring the possibilities of the future. I am also interested in the intersection of science fiction and philosophy, and I often incorporate elements of these two into my writing.

I am currently working on a novel about a society that has reversed the course of evolution, and I am excited to see where this project takes me.

In addition to writing, I enjoy reading and spent a lot of time in the university library. I believe that reading is an essential part of the creative process, and it has helped to shape the way I write.

I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the [University] community, and I look forward to continuing to grow as a writer and a thinker.
The same kind of guile which has detected in the history and personal consciousness of almost every great and remarkable character.

I remember a remark of General Grant, made the first time I ever saw him. He had viewed at least two armies under his control, and said:

"I am satisfied with the command corresponding to my rank and would think I was flying into the face of Providence to be soliciting a higher position in a great unity is put into practical shape.

It is saying substantially: I am to have a plan of action - but I must square that plan with God's plan in me.

If we read the history of the Netherlands, struggling out of the terrible darkness of bloodthirsty tyranny and bigotry, out of the muck of selfishness, cowardice, and avarice, into the beauty and glory of a free people serving God, we cannot fail to see Divine Providence in the struggle. The scene appears before us. The Divine Hand is plainly traceable in our own history of the last thirty years. Abraham Lincoln caught the vision when he cried out: "Stand still and see the salvation of our God."

This is plain in the general processes, but it is harder to believe that God lends individual men.
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and appoints me to occupy specific places. My duty must be so. The Lord said to Ananias, doubting concerning the persecutor, Paul, "He is a chosen vessel unto me to bear my name before the Gentiles."

As with the apostle Paul, so with every important scriptural character. Abraham, Moses, Samuel, Solomon, Elijah, Moses, Isaiah, Mordecai, Joseph, John the Baptist, Peter, Stephen—nay, in a higher sense, may in the highest, broadest and richest sense the Lord Jesus. The man of God, like the oldest rock, comes to the surface sufficiently often to give evidence of its underlying grandeur sufficiently distinct and marked to warrant the inference of its universal presence.

But these are great men, chosen men, prepared and set apart to the ordering and executing of the plans of the great King. How is it with common men, the subjects? Why should we believe that this king dignifies every man with a place in his economy? And of sufficient importance to be embraced in his arrangement? To my mind it is more reasonable to believe this than the opposite. Everything physical must adjust itself according to God's will.
as scientists love to say it, according to eternal law. Every atom disturbed immediately hurries to its readjustment obedient to this law. The animals do not mistake its note or its figure concerning them. Not a sparrow falls to the ground without our Father's notice. There is not an insect too small not to give evidence of His thoughts in its finish, in its use, in its life and death.

It looks like supreme folly to suppose that the same Maker, Ruler, Law-giver has neglected the individuals who are evidently more important than all stones and rocks and pebbles, more important than everything else which has breath. Man is confessedly the most important, however he came here, of all His infinite creations infinite in number though they be. Then it is impossible that the human soul, however you fashion it, however you name it, should be left in this grand universe of law to mere haphazard. Oh, no God was not done so! There is a witness in every man's bosom, a consciousness to which we can always appeal. "I am not my own, I am not wholly my own." The conscious testimony of all good men; the unconscious testimony of wicked men shows the specific working God in human life; in every human life.
However, it sometimes ritualizes itself into misty, ethereal clouds. It shrinks away to hide itself, or de保守s itself to the voice of God. It endeavors to dodge into holes and corners to be out of the trouble. Failed sunlight of his presence, it cannot be understood. Its joy is imperceptible when it encounters Him, but its discontent grows harder where it makes inept attempts to deny Him.

Taking this as a fact, that God, our Father, has a plan in every human life—in yours and in mine—and follows an individual duty enclosed within an individual privilege. The duty is ours; the privilege is the divine blessing suffering it.

How to answer our first question, 'Is it wise to have any plan at all?'

Answer: It is generally necessary for existence that each one should undertake some work. Some of Job's learned tent-making; it was for his living. At first doubtless he did not look far beyond tent-making. But after his apprenticeship in this, he sat at the feet of Gamaliel and became a scholar. He mastered the ceremonies of Moses and devoted himself blindly to the letter of Jewish rules. For a time he got hardly a glimpse outside the iron prison of his bigotry. He revolted in his intolerance and criminal persecutions. Yet the hand of God was there. He was...
Prepared his own hands aiding, with individual
independence and sound learning, for a gigantic
work that neither earth nor philosophy nor satanic
motive have been able successfully to assail.
A young man should start in a calling, choosing
one which appears to be nearest in accordance with
his taste, his abilities or gives best promise of success
to him and his. Suppose he takes the profession of
the law and pursues it diligently; but in time
he finds insurmountable hindrances and he is
driven into other business. He will suffer no great
loss in the end.
It is even possible to have his way swept up in
every direction, to be balked and hindered in all
that he undertakes, so that his day on earth shall
seem but few and full of trouble. Enemies may
rise up on every hand and withstand him. They may
seize him from their hill tops of apparent
prosperity: still, if doing his best, he may be working
out in every plan in his life—his sanctity, life—which
God intends. The life of the martyr Stephen was an
apparent failure to a gaping multitude of an unconquered
Saul. Yet it was the epitome of success as Saul subsequently
saw it. Success viewed in the light of an endless existence.

The young man’s plan, which coincides with God’s plan
is never to be laid aside with a view to success in this life only. I notice that a steamer with lofty paddle-wheels and palatial upper works ready for the river navigation, soon becomes a total wreck when taken out to a stormy sea. We must build for the ocean of eternity.

II. Now for the second question. How shall we fashion the plan? It has really been answered already in a general way. But it is wise to have tests at hand. How shall I know that my plans are God’s plans? I think my own profession affords an apt illustration. Toward the latter part of our great war General Grant went to Washington and commanded some four armies. Meade had one, Sherman three of them all under the general head. General Sherman having a very suggestive mind, proposed for his post proposed a variety of plans of campaign. General Grant being of a judicial turn of mind with recurrent skill put his finger on the best and that was taken up and put into execution. The same mind exercises these functions of suggestion and judgment. A variety of objects arise before the mind of the young man: fame, to result from the exercise of his ability and perseverance; wealth,
In your letter, you mentioned a view of the United States. I am currently completing a report on the country and its history. I would be interested in hearing your perspective on it.

As for the recent election, I believe it highlights the importance of the role of the media in shaping public opinion. The coverage of the candidates and their policies plays a crucial role in influencing the electorate.

In regards to the ongoing global crisis, I have been following the news closely. The rapid spread of the disease has led to significant disruptions in supply chains and economies worldwide. It is clear that we need a coordinated international response to address this challenge.

Please feel free to share any additional thoughts or insights on these topics.
to be secured by labor and self-denial; Power and exalted station within the compass of shrewd management and energetic action. "What, he asks, will guide me practically in my choice?" Is there any proverb which I may learn, any motto to which I may adopt, any established counsel for my reference? Yes, there is a truth which assumes a variety of forms—as motto, as proverb, as counsel, as principle. No mortal soul can ever be fully satisfied with fame, wealth, power, or exalted station as its chief attainment." Why not, because the first spiritual law says: "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me." The soul cries, as soon as its eyes are open: "Thou Lord art my portion." Wisdom entreats: "My son, give me thy heart." Jesus commands: "Every man: seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." Whosoever then seeks these desirable objects, wealth, power, etc., the chief end must fail of happiness. Still they may be pursued with little danger as a means, a means consecrated to a higher end, i.e., and being to do God's will. The heart must long to be what it must ever be: not an absolute owner but simply a steward. The steward rules not for himself but for his master.
A young man, once my friend, wanted to make money rapidly. He was offered a liquor saloon in a southern city. At first he had many misgivings. He did not like the business, but he could clear $10,000 in three months. He took the saloon and made his money. But he felt degraded. Once when he met me he was ashamed to own what business he had undertaken. This man not only made wealth his principal object, but he allowed himself to use means to accomplish his object which he himself condemned.

Here is where so many thousands are shipwreck of their peace of mind; here is where they mar and deface the symmetrical plan of God in their lives, by not sufficiently scrutinizing the means which they use to carry out their purposes. "Let them and justify the means?" How easily men are caught in this trap. Cheating, lying, stealing, defrauding, treachery, gambling, and murder. Money around its deceptive, hidden hands. Under cover of the worthiness of the object all crimes in history have been enacted till we wonder to shudder at the recital. The object must then be right and the means just and proper under all circumstances.
To illustrate faintly a life plan. A dwelling house is to be built under the supervision of an architect. The cellar must be dug under one foreman; the stone and brick work raised under another; the roofing put on by a third; and the finishing completed by a fourth. The contracts given to these several parties. Each one will be obliged to study the architect's plan and conform to it, else the building when done would be a disjointed and sightless object. The man who excavates the cellar need not understand the peculiar mouldings of the parlor finish; the stone mason need not waste time in studying the drawings of the cornices. So it is in the great structure God is building. We must understand enough of his plan to enable each man to perform well his own distinct part; perform it in harmony with the whole.

Every heart inquired, can I perform it? Yes, indeed. Fortunately for us our Heavenly Father's plan is so broad, so all embracing. What he affords great scope and latitude of choice. Every honorable calling is included. So that one who studies his taste and fitness for this or for that will not go far astray. If the foreman works against the architect the structure becomes impossible. So when a man sets his young will against the Almighty, God's plan must fail or this man be set aside.
I am writing to request a copy of the information on our electrical equipment. I understand that the information is held in the office and that it is accessible to those who are authorized to view it. I would be grateful if you could arrange for me to receive a copy of the information in a timely manner.

I have been researching the equipment and have found some discrepancies in the data that I have gathered. I believe that the information on file in the office may provide the answer to my questions. If you have any information that you think may be relevant, please let me know.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
Common sense, then, demands a harmony between the man and the great Architect.
Never fear, God will not fail to show his part in unmistakable ways. He will, in permitted, momentarily supervise the detail of his daily care and labor. He means to work in him, with him to will and to do of his good pleasure, while he must, in order not to take from a man his manhood, in order not to stultify or destroy his own design, he must allow to him the sweet liberty of choice.
God will see to it, do not doubt it, if a man is really willing, really obedient, then he be fitted to the precise niche for which he is best and happiest.

The practical way is through the cleansing and teaching which God offers everyone through Christ. Find this treasure in the Bible and in prayer. Put the spiritual hand in his; walk with him; abide with him; he will infuse your heart with peace and your path with such light, that you will not long fail to recognize God's plan in your life—certainly every essential feature of it. When the heart has become cleansed by Christ, or if you are better led by God in Christ and his Spirit dwells in you, then you will be willing indeed. May you will be zealous to ascertain and do by day to day the will of your
Dear Mr. Smith,

Thank you for your help in getting my application processed. I appreciate your time and effort in making sure that everything is in order. It means a lot to me to be able to attend this college and continue my studies.

I understand that the application process can be lengthy, but I hope that my contributions to the community and my experiences in the past will be enough to convince the admissions committee of my capabilities. I have always been passionate about the field of science and I am eager to learn more.

I am committed to my studies and I am confident that I will be able to contribute to the college in the future. I am excited about the opportunity to be a part of the college community and I look forward to making new friends and learning from them.

Thank you again for your assistance. I will keep you updated on the progress of my application.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Heavenly Father. How sweet and refreshing the prayer will be: Our Father -- Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." For the hearts independent choice, loyal through it through, will be absorbed in the Divine will.

What a glorious thought, when God's will is fullest done. There are occupy the largest place. Any soul filled by the spirit of God attains its largest expansion, its almost boundless liberty, and yet it is the shaping process of infinite power softened by infinite love.
Dear sir,

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