

I would strongly oppose violence or mistreatment directed toward them. I have had very wide sympathy with most other types of people.

Thus, I put the second group--people who are active, who are doers. I've always felt a great interest in those who are not lethargic but accomplish something in life. I've always been greatly interested in reading about such people, in knowing such people, in helping such people in any way I could.

Then you get into a third group of people who have a real belief in something higher than themselves. A real belief in a higher power even though they don't express it, or understand it, or they have an understanding very different from mine. I've always felt a certain amount of empathy toward people like that. Much more than the first two classes, even though there are others with whom I feel a much stronger bond naturally.

Fourth, I have always felt a certain closeness (beyond the third, of course)--a certain definite closeness with people who believed in one supreme God. People who are conscious in God as the Controller of the universe, even though they know very little about him or even though they have ideas about him that are very different than mine.

One evening in Jerusalem I kept a Jew from going to his Sabbath service because he and I were reading the statements of Mohammed in the Koran about the greatness of God. I think we both received a blessing from some of those statements Mohammed made, about God's greatness, his glory and his wisdom, etc. So I say there is a class I feel nearer to than these others.

Fifth, I have always felt closer and a real empathy with people who believe in the principle facts of Christianity even though I have no evidence of their having a real understanding of the Gospel. If they believe in the fact of Christ's deity; if they believe in the fact of the Bible being a great source of wisdom and light; if they believe in the basic facts of our religion. I feel much closer to an earnest Roman Catholic than I do to any in these other categories. I feel an empathy with him and a desire to help him.

Sixth, those who believe in these facts of Christianity but have a real understanding of what it means to be saved by grace. I believe there are Roman Catholics who are truly saved through the grace of Christ; who are putting their faith in him and are truly saved by him. But it is a system which is apt to substitute other things and keep people away from it. Perhaps the best Christians among them are the less educated and less informed.

And yet I'm sure that in the monasteries there are those who have gone there from a real desire to learn to know Christ. If they can't express it as we do and perhaps have a very vague understanding of points where we wish they had better understanding, I feel a desire to help them if possible.

Closer than those who simply believe in the facts of Christianity are those who have a true understanding of salvation by grace. And