

‘The understanding of one’s unity with
all of humanity comes from the
understanding of the divine beginning
in us all and gives us the greatest
spiritual and physical goodness.’

Leo Tolstoy

Tolstoy's vision of the unity of the world's religions

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"He and Carruthers are both doing biographies of Tolstoy, and it's a race to the finish."

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B L O O M S B U R Y

When I look at the night sky and see the work of
your fingers—
the moon and the stars you set in place—
what are mere mortals that you should think
about them,
human beings that you should care for them?

Psalm 8: 3-4 (New Living Translation)









19 May

The foundation of all faiths is the same.

— TOLSTOY

It appears that people are busy with trade, negotiations, wars, the sciences, the arts, and so on. But there is only one thing which really matters — their understanding of the moral law by which they live.

— TOLSTOY

A wise man was asked, 'Is there one word which you can follow all through your life?' He answered, 'There is such a word. It is *shu*. And its meaning is, "If we do not want things to be done to us, we should not do such things to others."'

— CHINESE WISDOM

Lead your life in such a way that you can say to everybody, 'Behave as I do'.

— after KANT

The true and unchanging law, the law which gives us true direction and forbids us to commit sin, is the intellect of a superior being.

— CICERO

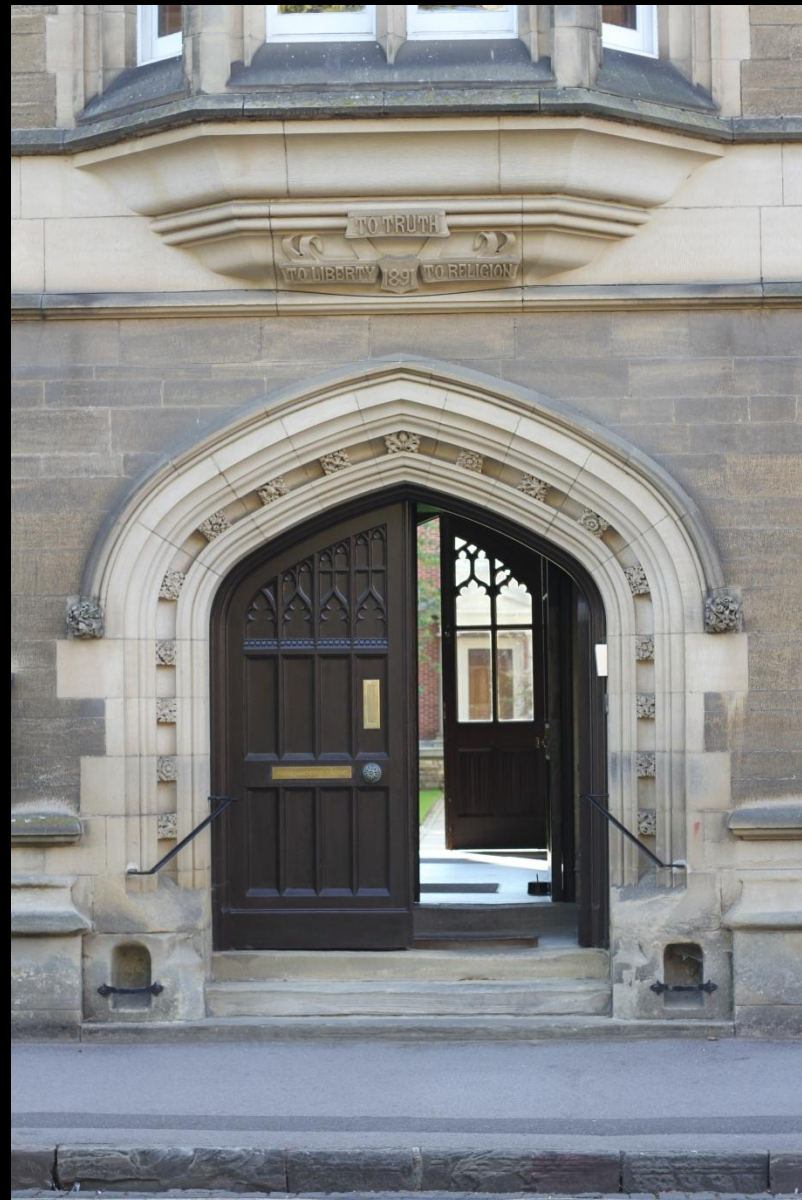
When you clash with other people, remember the law of reciprocity. You should do to others what you want them to do to you. This should become your way of life.

— TOLSTOY

It was a town of red brick, or of brick that would have been red if the smoke and ashes had allowed it; but as matters stood, it was a town of unnatural red and black like the painted face of a savage. It was a town of machinery and tall chimneys, out of which interminable serpents of smoke trailed themselves for ever and ever, and never got uncoiled. It had a black canal in it, and a river that ran purple with ill-smelling dye, and vast piles of building full of windows where there was a rattling and a trembling all day long, and where the piston of the steam-engine worked monotonously up and down, like the head of an elephant in a state of melancholy madness.

You saw nothing in Coketown but what was severely workful. If the members of a religious persuasion built a chapel there—as the members of eighteen religious persuasions had done—they made it a pious warehouse of red brick, with sometimes (but this is only in highly ornamental examples) a bell in a birdcage on the top of it. The solitary exception was the New Church; a stuccoed edifice with a square steeple over the door, terminating in four short pinnacles like florid wooden legs.

First, the perplexing mystery of the place was, Who belonged to the eighteen denominations?



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 or old, craves for both. Why
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 e our large houses for smaller
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 d congregationally retire into
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 gathered closer together, it

mentally and spiritually aided; but we never
 lend papers containing absurd jeremiads, per-
 sonalities, or insinuations, from which faults
 the *Inquirer* is generally free. MOONBEAM.

COUNT TOLSTOI.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—In your issue of August 25 you re-
 published from the *Christian World* an in-
 teresting article by Dr. De Pressensé regarding
 that remarkable Russian nobleman.

It may interest your readers to learn that
 though the Countess is a fervent member of the
 Greek Orthodox Church the Count has arrived
 at religious convictions similar to those existing
 amongst Unitarians.

A young lady from my congregation has been
 for two years residing as a member of the
 family in charge of the little children, and I am
 just now inquiring amongst my friends to dis-
 cover some one suitable to suggest for the
 vacancy.

ROBT. RODOLPH SUFFIELD.

Malvern-villa, Craven-road, Reading.

Sept. 5.

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TO THE EDITOR.

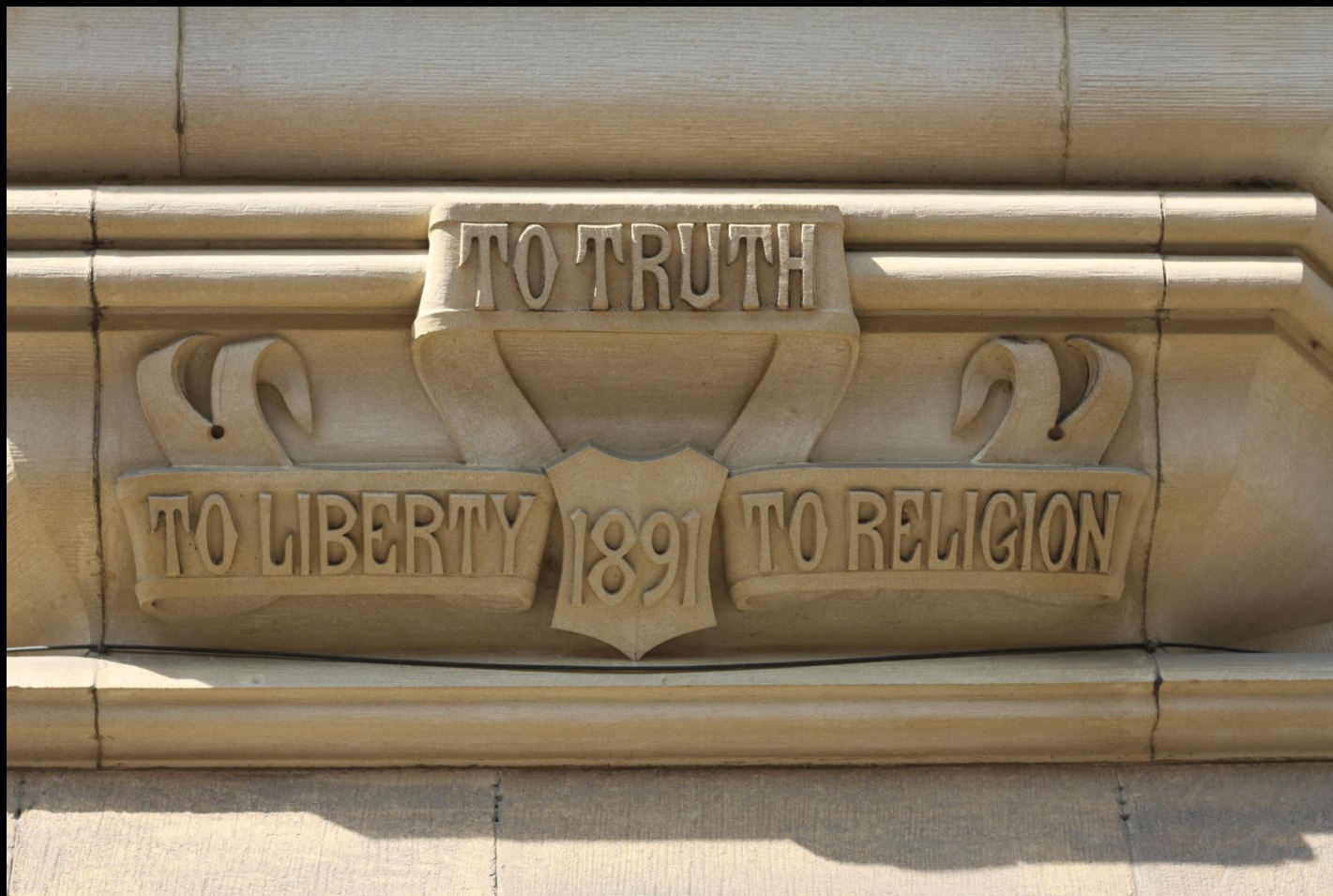
SIR,—It is proposed to open a Sunday-school
 here in October, and to have a childrens' service

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The CHAIRMAN then introdu

The REV. BROOKE HERFORD
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