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Faith must ever precede reason. But this does not mean the abandonment of reason. Reason must judge between faiths. It must correlate our faiths into a philosophy of the world. That the world is a mad whirl of chance or that it is a creative order, working towards goodness and beauty, either is a faith. The question is, which is the more reasonable. Faith without reason is blind, reason without faith is empty. Faith is the life blood of reason, reason is the eyes of ~~THE~~ faith. Faith has its roots in our instinctive nature, it is an intimation of the universe of which we are a part; it feels its way into the darkness of the future. Reason follows with a lantern. It inspects and examines the paths and removes the underbush. It criticises, simplifies and makes consistent our faiths. Faith furnishes the premises of life: Reason organizes faith into a conscious purpose and scrutinizes its working in the emergencies of life. Reason in its true meaning is not opposed to faith; it is faith striving to become conscious of its meaning; it is faith creating in the light instead of in the dark; it is but good sense. It is true that we must believe in order to understand, it is also true, that we must consciously try out our beliefs. Otherwise our beliefs are all leveled to the same plane; and one belief has no claim over another. We sink into the darkness of indiscriminating superstition. We must ever hold that the universe is at bottom a reasonable universe. As we must believe that the great Mind of the universe is carrying on intelligent and creative experimentation in the universe as a whole, so must we in our small way carry on intelligent experimentation within our experience in order that the great experiment of the ages, may be shared by us and furthered by us. We must have faith in thought, even though in us it can illumine the pathway only in part.