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FURTHER AND FURTHER—CONCLUSION.

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The principles of the Holy Gospel are
calculated in their nature to unite the
hearts of the people one with another,
and to promote faith, union and love to-
wards our fellows.

We are an independent set of beings.
The human family possessed of intel-
ligence, are agents unto themselves to
receive or reject that which is good or
that which is evil. Indeed it was one
of the objects, I suppose, of our com-
ing upon this earth, to learn to know
the good from the evil, the right from
the wrong, the light from the darkness,
the bitter from the sweet, the joy from
the sorrow, that we might the better ap-
preciate the blessings of joy and peace,
of light, of intelligence, of truth, and
of every virtue. Now, as it is written,
man having partaken of the forbidden
fruit became as one of the Gods, know-
ing the good from the evil. Therefore he
must be cut off; he must not be permit-
ted to live forever in his sins; a flaming
sword must be placed to guard the tree
of life. Hence mortality, the wages of sin.

Herein lies the great evidence of our
lineage, of our having descended from
the Gods, reasoning, intelligent beings
possessing the capabilities of the Gods—
that is, the power to rise to their capa-
bilities, being of that nature and of that
kind of which are the Gods. And I might
say that a person who is not capable of
being a peculiar agent of the devil need
never aspire to become a son of God,
for, according to the Scriptures, we are
"heirs of God, and joint heirs with Je-
sus Christ; if so be that we suffer with
him, that we may be also glorified to-
gether." If it would have been as well for
us to have remained in our pre-existent
state; if we could have learned and