

— MOTHER and SON —



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!!A Thing of God is a Joy Forever!!



OF VIRTUE

VIRTUE is defined as the enduring possession of the power to act easily and with readiness in a certain way. You can speak, if you will, of a “good habit”; but it is not a question of a *mechanical habit* in the sense of a mannerism which is often unconscious and unconsciously acquired. The musician acquires by long hard practice the enduring ability to play well; if you have acquired the habit of temperateness or generosity you will normally and spontaneously be gentle and generous. But virtue is more than a technique or habit. The musician must have the technical skill, but technical skill alone does not make the musician. To bring the technique *to life*, the musician *must* have music in his soul. Vision without skill is dumb and does dumb things; but skill without vision is cold and tasteless — it is dead! So with the moral virtues: there is the acquired skill, but underneath the skill, the vision. You must know the presence of God in the soul. Without the knowledge of the presence of God in the soul, how can one understand the meaning of virtue?