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Alles my Darling, your dear letter awaited me last night when I got back. It was a dear letter. I think that the question of right or wrong is terribly difficult but I still think that it is solvable. Christ said "I am the way the Truth + the light". If there is truth in that then it follows that there is an answer to any question of right or wrong. Expediency and temporizing cannot clarify the situation. To put the proposition another way - if Xt. lived today would

to have an ² answer to every
question no matter how
complicated - Attempting to be
a Christian I'd say yes. If
I think of the conflicting
forces at work - I do not
know if the answer would be
yes but it is there that
belief must step in & say
yes. Lead kindly light
amidst the encircling gloom.
Throw out that statement & we
return to the jungle. The
Churches must assume the
responsibility of being the conscience
of the nations - judging events on
the basis of the Gospels of X^t.
There is no other way that I
can see if the Kingdom
of God is to come to earth.

If we want national prosperity we may say one thing. If we want the Kingdom on Earth there is only one answer. If such is not the case then we are drawn to the Pauline idea of the Kingdom of the hereafter. Xt said "my Kingdom is not of this world" but that means that it is not cast on the mundane conception of a Kingdom - pomp & circumstance but a Kingdom on Earth in which the way of life is the way of loving kindness. I am not arguing against you but I am trying to think the thing out. We have done grievous evil to innocent people and is it worth it? When we

so many is in the glorifying
 in victory + the attitude to
 the conquerors. We have won +
 we are proud of victory -
 we should say we have won
 but we have sinned against
 humanity to save our skins.
 we have followed the old Testament
 for we have done to them
 what they did to us. We
 outstripped them in fight & peace,
 we have returned the world to
 peace at an awful price
 in innocent blood - Good God
 of our fathers hear us yet
 lest we forget - Still stand
 in humble and a contrite heart.
 few things move me more
 than those lines of Kipling.

the ancient sacrifice

Kingsley in Westward Ho
 says time & again that so & so
 lived up to the letters of the
 Old Testament - we still do
 but there will be no peace
 until we live up to the
 letters of the New T. We
 must embody the spirit & ideas
 of the 4 Gospels into our
 everyday thinking & acting in
 all its facets. Then we will
 see the way.

My love to you Precious One.
 Give the Lassies my love.
 Send down the agreement
 but the dad can wait
 until Jan. Love G.