...it is very important to distinguish any light of nature or of grace from experience. Experience, in the proper sense of the term, is all that one has gone through. It consists in the events of one's life. But a "light" is a faculty enabling its subject to recognize the characters of what future experience may put before him. Neither the one nor the other, nor any combination of these two alone can teach him anything, if we understand by "teaching" the communication of the skill and power to conduct oneself so as to attain a desired result; although both are indispensable to such teaching.


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