

And this is a most important element in the large field of human relations for we talk more than we eat. If the uttered word is properly adjusted to the rights of each individual listener then we may indeed be indicted for the virtue of affability, but of course the indictment would really not be an indictment at all. It would rather be a coronation, and certainly a perfection. And this perfection, this properly moderated speech, this affability is as pleasing as the sound of an accurately adjusted radio. There are none of those harsh, gritting and unbearable sounds of the overcharged set, nor is there present that exaggerated softness which makes tone unreal as well as untrue. In a word, such speech does not display a surly contentious spirit, is not enervated by a flattering spirit. On the contrary truth and reality are the materials which go to form its backbone.

## TO JUDAS

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*By false disciple to be given  
To foemen for His Blood athirst,  
Himself, the Living Bread from Heaven,  
He gave to His disciples first.\**

O thou poor hapless wretch! And didst  
Thou think to block the Way of those  
Who choose to bear the Cross; to drive  
The Truth from out the hearts and minds  
Of men; to choke the Life of those  
Who truly live? No; thou didst  
But purchase to thyself despair.  
Thought ye Such a One  
Could be bought and sold  
Who would, unstinting, give  
Even Himself?

\* From the Hymn, *Verbum Supernum*, for Lauds of the Office of Corpus Christi.