

down to talk together there are really six in conversation. Call them "John and Thomas," and you will see. There is, first, John as he thinks he is himself; second, John as Thomas thinks he is; third, John as his Maker knows him to be: and the same with Thomas. There is one comfort, however: it matters very little to us how our neighbours see us, provided we see ourselves as God sees us. Neither John nor Thomas need mind, therefore, if they will only try to know themselves as their Maker knows them.

