

INTELLECTUAL TRAPPED IN A WELL

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"Suppose a man finds himself at the bottom of a deep well where he is very lonely and uncomfortable. Another man happens to pass that well. He carries a long rope. Finding this man in the well, he lets down his rope and offers to pull the man up, if only he will catch onto the end of the rope. But our man in the well enters into argument with the man above, and demands to know just how he came to fall into that well, and what is the guarantee that he may not fall into the well again, if he is pulled up. The utmost that the man with the rope can say is that he will take him out of the well and then he can study the situation for himself. But if the man in the well does not take advantage of this opportunity, it only means that his time has not yet come to escape from his imprisonment."

"Saints do not wish to satisfy Their audiences by empty words. They offer to take the inquirer to the other end, and thus give him first-hand knowledge. One beauty of it is that, at that end, these questions do not arise"