It is humankind's pecu-liar distinction to love even those who err and go astray. Such a love is born as soon as you realize that they are your brothers and sisters. that they are stumbling in ignorance, and not willfully; that in a short while both of you will be no more; and, above all, that you yourself nave taken no hurt in that your own conscience and honor have not been made a jot worse than they were before.

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