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From the Author

I am a theologian and a college professor. I like being both. But what I really love to do - what I get exquisite pleasure from doing - is to garden. I think that gardening is nearer to godliness than theology.

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