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The greatest danger for a child where religion is concerned is not that his father or tutor should be a free-thinker, not even his being a hypocrite. . . .

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No, the danger lies in his being a pious, God-fearing man, and in the child being convinced thereof, but that he should nevertheless notice that deep in his soul there lies hidden an unrest which, consequently not even the fear of God and piety could calm. The danger is that the child in this situation is almost provoked to draw a conclusion about God, that God is not infinite love.

“Anti-Psalm 23”

*The approbation of others is my shepherd;
I shall always be in want.*

There is no nourishment, never enough.

Anxiety and performance are my lot.

My soul is exhausted.

*I must constantly be my best self for my name's
sake. . . .*



Eleanor Roosevelt

Up to a point it is good for us to know that there are people in the world who will give us love and unquestioned loyalty. I doubt, however, if it is good for us to feel assured of this devotion without the accompanying obligation of having to justify this devotion by our behavior.