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Thanks for the comment, McSev. I've wanted to know who wrote those two sayings for a long time. I'm not familiar with Thomas Campbell, but I've always liked Kierkegaard. This quote of his reminds me of why.

As for figuring out the author of the quote you gave me; not bloody likely. I just don't have any resources for getting information like that, though I'll now maybe recognize it if I run across it in future reading. Actually, I had a book last year that was a neat little reference... it was like a cross-index of famous quotes and authors, with a sort of... I'm not sure how to describe it, but if you knew the first few or most famous words of a quote, you might find them in the index. Good for finding well-known stuff.

Anyway, thanks for it, and I really appreciate the idea behind those words. I definitely agree with the message there. We do often seem more inclined to give to the haves over the have-nots, don't we? I mean, to give pretty much anything: money, food, clothing, attention, appreciation... even love. As a person who's had much — and had very little — it's an irony I've had to face pretty bluntly. And I'm as guilty of it as anyone, too. I'll try to keep the test in mind whenever I'm disposed to pat myself on the back... and when I'm feeling especially critical of the charitability of others.