SHOR T and EASIE CATECHISM :

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Wherein the more Difficult Terms in the Affemblie's Shorter Catechifm, are Opened and Explained.

For the Benefit of Children, and fuch as are of a Weaker Capacity.

Fogether with a Directory anent the Right Manner of Partaking of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

By a Minister of the Gospel.

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I Gnorance is fo far from being the Mether of True Devotion: That it may be justly calle the Mother of Destruction; Holea 4.6. M People are Destroyed for lack of Knowledge. And that People of riper Years, have so little Know ledge of Religious Principles, is owing in a gree part, to their own, or their Parents Neglec when they were Young.

Solomon tells us, Prov. 22. 6. ⁶ Train up ⁶ Child in the Way he should go: and when h ⁶ is Old, he will not Depart from it. Intima ing, That Early Inflruction hath a Native Ter dency to render us more perfect, both as to Knon ledge and Practice. This little Catechifm, (which is now Reprinted) hath the advantage of bein not only Plain, but Short, and Easte for Chidrens Memories. Oh that Parents and Master were more diligent in giving Young ones an east Task through the Week, and exacting an accounof them each Sabbath Day! How pleatantly wouthey Spring up in Knowledge as the Grafs, and a Willows by the Water-Courfes. The TEN COMMANDMENTS, Exed. 20, OD fpake all these Words, faying, I am the LORD thy GOD, which have brought these out of the Land of Egypt, out of the House of Bondage.

I. Thou that have no other Gods before Me, II. Thou that not make unto thee any Graven Image, or any Likenefs of any Thing that 1s in the Heaven above, or that 1s in the Earth beneath. or that is in the Water under the Earth, thou-that not bow down thy felf to them, nor Serve them: For I the LORD thy GOD, am a Jealous GOD, Visiting the Iniquities of the Fathers upon the Children, unto the Third and Fourth Generation of them that Hate Me, and thewing Mercy unto Thousands of them that Love Me, and keep My Commandments.

III. Then that not take the Name of the LORD thy GOD in Vain: For the Lord will not hold him Guiltless that taketh His Name in Vain,

IV. Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy: Six Days fhalt thou Labour and do all thy Work; But the Seventh Day, is the Sabbath of the LORD thy GOD, in it, thou fhalt not do any Work, thou, nor thy Son, nor thy Daughter, thy Man-fervant, nor thy Maid-fervant, nor thy Cattle, nor thy Stranger that is within thy Gates: For in Six Days the LORD made Heaven and Earth, the Sea, and all that in them is, and refled the Seventh Day, wherefore the Lord Bleffed the Sabbath Day, and Hallowed it.

V. Honour thy Father and thy Mother, that thy Days may be long upon the Land which the LORD thy GOD giveth thee.

VI. Thou fhalt not Kill.

VII. Thou shalt not Commit Adultery.

VIII. Thou fhalt not Steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear Falle Witnels against Thy Neighbour,

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X. Thou shalt not Covet thy Neighbours House, thou shalt not Covet thy Neighbours Wife, nor his Man-fervant, nor his Maid-fervant, nor his Ox, nor his Als, nor any Thing that is thy Neighbours,

The Lord's Prayer, Matth. 6.

OUR Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven; Give us this Day our daily Bread, and forgive us our Debs, as we forgive our Debtors, and lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil; For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever, AME N.

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Believe in GOD the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth: And in Jefus Chrift

His only Son our Lord, which was conceived by the Holy Ghoft, born of the Virgin Mary, fuffered under Pontius Pilate, was Cruetfied, Dead and Buried. The Third Day He arole from the Dead; He afcended into Heaven, and fitteth on the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He fhall come to Judge the Quick and the Dead: I Believe in the Holy Ghoft, That there is a Holy Universal Church, The Communion of Sants, the Forgivenels of Sins, The Refurrection of the Body, and the Life Everlasting. Amen.

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QUESTION.

D⁰ you believe that there is a God? Anf. Yes.

Queft. How do you know that there is a God? Anf. By His Works, and His Word.

Queft. How do you know by his Works? Anf. Becaufe the Heavens and the Earth, and all Things were made by Him.

Queft. But could none make thefe but GOD? Anf. No: For they could not make themfelves, and none but GOD could make them.

Queft. What call you GOD's Word?

Anf. The BIBLE, or the Holy Scriptures.

Queft. What Use have we for the Bible?

Anf. It tells us what we fhould Believe, and what we fhould Do.

Queft. And do the Holy Scriptures make known GOD?

Anf. Yes; More clearly than His Works. Queft. What is GOD?

Ans. He is a most Perfect Spirit.

Quest. How is he a Spirit?

Ans. Because He is not a Body.

Queft. Can God be feen with our Eyes, or bandled with our Hands?

Anf. No: He cannot.

Queit. And hath he not Understanding, Will, and Power, and other Good Properties?

Anf. Yes; He hath.

Quest. How is GOD Infinite?

Anf. All His Perfections are without Bounds. Queft. How is he Eternal?

Anf. He hath neither Beginning nor Ending. A 3 Quest.

Q. What meaneth God's wildom and under-Standing ?

A. He knoweth all things.

Q. VVhat meanshis Power ?

A. He can do all things.

Q. VVhat means his Holinefs?

A. He Loveth what 1s Right, and hateth what is Evil.

Q. VV hat means the Justice of God?

A. He Punisheth the Wicked, and Rewards the Righteons.

Q. VVhat means the goodness of God ?

A. He delights to give what may pleafe and profit us.

Q. VVhat means his Mercy?

A. He delights to help us in Trouble and Mifery.

Q. VVhat meanshis Truth?

A. He always speaks Right, and cannot Lie.

Q. Hath not God more properties than these?

A. Yes; more than can be told.

Q. Is not then our God a great God.

A. Yes; None can be fo great as our God.

Q. Canthere be more God's than one?

A. There can be but one True and Living God. O. *VV by (0?*

A. Becaute none but one can have all Boundlefs Perfections.

Q. May there be more Perfons than one in the. God head ?

A. Yes; there may.

Q. How many Perfons in the God-head are told usin God's word?

A. Three Perfons.

Q. FFhat are thefe?

A. The Father, and the Son, & the Holy Ghoft.

Q. Can thefe three Perfons be three Gods ?

A. No : they are all three one God.

Q. And are they equal in Substance, Power, aud. Glony.? A. Yes;

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A. Yes ; they are. 9. Did not this one GOD, Ordain, or Decres all hings? A. Yes; all things that some to pais in the Vorld. q. For what end did he design them? A. For His own Glory. q. And did he not make the World for the fame id? A. Yes; He did. Q. In what time did he make the VVorld? A. In fix days time. Q. What was there before the World was made? A. Nothing, but God himfelf. q. Doth not God, who made the World, preferve nd guide it? A. Yes; By his All-powerful providence. 9. Did not God make the Angels? A. Yes; He did. q. Did not some of the Angels fall? A. Yes ; and became Devils. q. Did not God make Man? A. Yes : He did. 9. VVhereof did He make his Body? A. Of the Duft of the Earth. q. And what is his Soul? A. A Spirit that is Immortal, or dyeth not. q. Hath Man a Spirit as well as God? A. Yes, for he was made after God's Image. 9. How was Man made in the Image of God? A. He was created in Knowledge, Righteoufefs, and Holinefs. q. But is Man a Spirit without bounds? A. No : He is not. 9. For what end did God make Man? A. To Glorifie and Enjoy Him. q. PVhatis it to glorifie God. A. To fliew forth the Perfections of his Nature,

Nord, and Works.

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q. What way do we (hew forth thefe?

A. When we delight in them our felves, tell them to others, and take care to belike them.

q. VViat isit to enjoy God ?

A. It is to be delighted in His Company and Favours.

q. When do re enjoy God?

A. Now on Earth, and afterwards in Heaven.

q. Who was the first Man and VVoman?

A. Adam and Eve.

q. Where did he put them at first?

A. Into Paradife, or the Garden of Eden.

q. What was Mans first Estate?

A. Holy and Happy.

9. How did God govern Man in that Est ate?

A. By the Law, or Covenant of works.

q. What did God Command Man, in that Law or Covenant ?

A. To love, honour, and obey his Greator.

q. What did Godpromise to Man upon his obedience?

A. Life, or Happinel's hare, and hereafter.

q. What did God threaten, if he difobeyed?

A. Death and Mifery, here and hereafter.

q. Whatsign did Godgive Man of Happines?

A. The Free of Life.

q. What was the fign of his Mifery?

A. The Free of Knowledge of good and evil.

9. Might innocent man eat of the Tree of Life ?

A. Yes; He might.

q. Might he have Esten of the Tree of Knowledge of good and evil?

A. No : for God forbad him.

q. Why did God forbid him?

A. Potake a Tryalofhis Obedience.

q Did Man continue to obey that Law or Covestant?

A. No: He brake it.

9. For did he break is ? .

A. By

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A. By Eating the Forbidden Fruit. 9. Who tempted Adam to eat thereof? A. Eve his V.Vife. q. Who tempted Eve? A. The Devil in the Serpent. q. What hurt got Adam by his fin? A. He fell under the curfe of God's Law. 9 What hurt doth Adam's fin to us? A. It makes us fharers of the fame curfe. q. Why fo? A. Becaufe we are all Children of that Sinfull Father. 9. What Estate then, are we born in? A. In an Effate of Sin and Milery. 9. Is not fin either Original or Astual? A. Yes; it is. q. What call you Original fin? A. It is the Sin of our Nature. q. What is that to fay? A. We are forward to Evil, and backward to G000. 4. What is Affieal fin ?? A. It's a breaking of God's Law: q. What way do we break it ? A. By neglecting what he bids us do, and doing what he forbids us. q. What is the mifery which fin brings upon us? A. Trouble in this World, Death, St Damnation. 9. How are we delivered from that Estate of Gin and mifery? A. By a Saviour and Redeemer. q. What mean you by a Redeemer ? A. One that buys us back again. q. What doth he buy us back from? A. The flivery of Sin and Satan, and Eternal Death. q: Who is our Redeemer ? A. Jefus Chritt is our bleffed Redeemer. 9. And what price did he give for us? The

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A. The Price of His own Blood?

Q. Who is this Jefus Christ?

A. He is the Eternal Son of God.

Q: Is not be also Man?

A. Yes; Heisboth God and Man in one Perfon.

Q Why was he Man?

A. Thathemight fhed his Blood and die for us.

Q. Why was he God ?

A. That His Death might be of Value, and His Power great enough to Save us.

Q. Why is he called Lord?

A. Because, he is Lord of Heaven, and Earth.

Q. Why is he called Fefus?

A. Because, he laves his People from their Sins.

Q. Why is he called Christ, or Meffiah?

A. Becaufe, he is anointed with the Holy Ghoft.

Q. How many Offices hath our Redeemer?

A. Three ; Of a Prophet, Prieft, and King.

Q. Why bath hethefe three Offices ?

A. To and wer the three parts of our necessity. Q. What are these?

A. Ignorance, Guilt, and Enmity.

Q. What doth Chrift as a Prophet ?

A He cures our Ignorance.

Q. How doth he cure our Ignorance ?

A. By Teaching us the VVillor God.

-Q. How doth Chrift teach us?

A. By his VVordand Spirit.

Q. What doth Christ as a Priest?

A. Hetakesaway the Guilt of our Sins.

Q. What way doth he that ?

A. By Dying for our Sins, and Pleading for us with the Father.

. Q. What doth Christ as a King?

A. He Cures our Enmity.

q. How doth Chriftcure our Enmity?

A. He makes us His willing People, and Defends us against our Enemies.

q. Who are our Spiritual Enemies?

A. The

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A. The VVorld, the Devil, and the Flefn. Q. What doth Christs Offices require of us?

A. They requirea fuitable Duty.

Q. What requires his Prophetical Office?

A. That we take pains to Learn what he Teach-US.

Q. What requires his Prieftly Office? A. That we feek the Pardon of our Sins; and good things, through His Blood, and Inter-

Q. And what doth His Kingly Office require? A. That we take Care to keep his Law.

Q. And what more?

A. To feek his help in all our Straits.

Q. Did Christ Exercife all these Offices, since the lof Man?

A. Yes, He did.

Q. Where did he Exercife them ? A. In Heaven, and upon the Earth. Q. When in Heaven?

Before his Birth, and after his Refurrection. William on Earth !

frem his Birth to his Refurrection. tions long did Chrift live upon the Earth? 3. Some more than Thirty Years.

Q. What did Chrift when he was upon the Earth? . He Preached the Gofpel, and wrought rative.

). What were his Miracles?

. Ry a Word, or Touch, he healed the Blind, is and Dumb, and railed the Dead; and many

2. For what end did he work these Miracles? . To affure us that he was God, and that he fent from Heaven to fave Sinners.

What kind of Death did Christ die? The Painful, Shameful and Accurfed Death the Crofs.

And what became of him after Death?

A. He

A. He was Buried, and lay three Days in the Grave.

Q. Did he Still continue in that estate?

A. No; Hearole on the chird Day.

9. How did that appear?

A. He converfed with his Difciples fourty day thereafter.

9. And whither went he again?

A. He afcended up to Heaven, in the fight d many Witneffer.

q. Where is he now?

A. At the Right Hand of His Father.

q. What doth that mean?

A. He Governs the World, in the higheft Power and Glory.

9. And will Chrift come again?

A. Yes; at the Last Day.

9. How get we benefit of Christ and his Offices? A. By obeying his Gospel.

q. What is the Gofpel?

Anf. It is the Good News of the Covena: Grace:

q. What doth the Covenant of Grace of

Anf. It offers us Grace and Glory throug CHRISF.

9. And what doth Christ require on our rast

A. Faith in Chrift, and Repentance.

9. What is Faith, or Believing?

A. To be perfwaded of the Fruth of C Word.

q. And what do you mean by believing e

A. It's to receive and make use of Chrin.

q. What are the benefits of the lovenant of gra which we receive in this Life ?

A. Justification, Adoption, and Sanctificatio 9. What is Justification?

A. It's the Pardon of our Sins through Chril Blood. q. How doth God Adopt us? A. By owning and dealing with us as His hildren through Chrift.

q. What is Sanctification ?

A. It's the renewing of our Natures, by the Grace God's Spirit.

q. What doth God's Spirit work in us?

A. He enables us to love Good, and hate Evil. q. What is Repentance?

A. It's a turning from Sin with grief, and the udy of Holines.

q. What is it to be Holy?

A. It's to keep the Moral Law of God.

q. What is the Moral Law ?

A. The Ten Commandments.

q. What is the Sum of the Ten Commandments?

A. Sincere Love to Godand our Neighbour.

. How many of these teach us our love to God?

A. The first four Commandments.

q. How many teach us our love to Man?

A. The laft fix Commandments.

q. What are the outward means of the Covenant grate?

. The Word, Sacrament, and Prayer.

How must we use the word of God?

A. We muit take pains to Understand, Believe, nd Obey it.

q. What is a Sacrament?

A. An outward Sign of inward Grace.

p. Which are the two Sacraments?

sh. Eaptifm, and the Lord's Supper.

q. VVhat is the outward sign in Baptism? A. VVashing with water.

q. V Vhat doth that washing with water signifie? A. That God is willing to walh away our fins v Chrift's Blood.

q. What doth our receiving of Baptism signifie? A. Our promife to keep his Covenant. q. What are the outward figns in the Lord's Sup-

A. Giving

A. Giving and Receiving Bread and Wine.

Q. And what is the inward thing signified? A. The vertue of Chrift's Body and Blood, fo our growth in Grace.

Q. To whom must we Pray?

A. To God alone.

Q. In whose Name must we Pray?

A. In the Name of Chrift.

Q. What doth that mean?

A. When we feek all things for His fake.

Q. How long are we to make use of these mean.

A. All the days of our Life, here on Earth.

Q. What becomes of us at the end of this Life A. We mult meet with Death and Judgement,

Q. What is Death to the Godly ?

A. A Paffage into Heaven.

Q. And what is Death to the wisked?

A. A Paffage into Hell.

Q. Where is Heaven?

A. Above the Clouds and Stars.

Q. And where is Hell?

A. Down below.

Q. Will all the Deadrife out of their Graves?

A. Yes; at the Refurrection.

Q. What follows after that ?

A. The great and laft Judgement.

Q. Who will be the Judge?

A. Chrift will be the Judge of the Quick an the Dead.

Q. Where will be fet his Throne?

A. In the AIR.

Q. What will his Sentence be to the Godly?

A. Come ye Bleffed of my Father, inherit th Kingdom prepared for you, from the Foundatic of the World.

Q. What will his Sentence be to the wicked?

A. Depart from me ye curled into everlaftir fire prepared for the Devil and his Angels.

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What will follow after that?
A. He'll take the Godly up to Heaven, and thruft the Wicked down to Hell.
q. How long will they abide there ?
A. For evermore.

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Some Directions anent the Lord's SUPPER.

2. 1. W Hat is the Nature and End of this Ordinance?

Anf. By the outward Signs of Bread and Wine, ye are brought to the Remembrance of Chrift's roken Body, and his Blood fined for our Sins; or as Bread nourifleth, and Wine Refresheth or Bodies; fo our Spiritual feeding on a flain edgemer, Revives and reftores our Souls.

Q. 2. Who may be admitted to this Supper-Ornance?

A. Allthefe who having competent Knowledge, ad are not Scandalous in their Lives, and adherig to their Baptifmal Govenant, Profess 'their fire of Communion with Christ, and to increase Holinefs into Eternal Life, may be admitted ito this Hely Supper.

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Q. 3. But may not Ministers admit some, who ought not to admit themselves?

A. Falfe and Rotten Hearted Hypocrites ought not to come, nor thefe who are Leavened with Malice, or have any Luft Reigning in their Heart; And Generally all fuch as have not been at fome pains to prepare their Heart for the Lord, in this Ordinance, ought not to Partake of it.

Q. 4. How off must we Partakets of this Sacrament?

A. Very frequently, Becaufe, we have frequent need of Spiritual Food, & if we often Feed our Bodie on our daily Bread, how much mor fhould we often Feed our Souls or Jefus Chrift, the Bread of Life And that you may manage the Work aright, Take care to follow thefe few Directions.

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I. Before the Sacrament:

. S Ee that you fet apart fome time, or times, before hand, etire your felves from all worldly ufinefs, taking your Bible along t rith you; and fome Godly Books Freating of y Sacrament & Christ's ufferings; And when thus alone, e as ferious as you can; Thefe lours w you spend in Communing the Lord, & your own Heart, will Joon Reflection, be found the most veet & fappie times of all your life. 2. After you have Prayed, enter bon your Solemn Work of Selfamination; State your felves as in e Prefence of God, and make an partial Soul-fearch, w refpect to hour Spiritual Estate, your Sins our Graces, and your Habitual fpolition, and Courfe of Life. Asto your Souls Eflate, see what ripture evidence you can produce for

for your Conversion; And here you would neither be too eafily fatisfied, nor make your felf uneafie by hearkning to unreasonable foruples.

As to your Sins, Confider what are the Iniquities that prevail moft againft you in Prosperity, and that ftare you most in the Face in Adversity; and be as particular as posfible: And give not over till your Heart be Wounded, Humbled and Melted down before the LORD

As to your Graces, See if you Knowledge (tho' weak) be Expermental and Practical; if your Re pentance make you Grieve for, an turn from all known Sin; If you Faith and Hope be of a purifyin Nature; If your Love to God ar your Neighbour make you Activ in Well-doing; And if your Ob dience be Univerfal, Uniform, an Confequently Sincere.

And Lafly, As your Habitual Disposition of Mind, and Tenor of Life, fee if there be any Sin which you do not endeavour to Mortifie, or any Commandment that you do not fludy to keep; and yet withall, flying to Jelus Chrift for Righteoufnefs and Strength.

3. Upon the back of this Self-examination, and Confession of your fins unto the Lord, folemnly Renew your Covenant with him, before he give you his Seal; and tell the Lord; that you are fo far from rueing the Bargain, ý you could find in your Heart to choose him for your Portion, a thoufand times : Own it, 🖸 he is your Beloved, and ye are his; Express your intire Confidence and Satisfaction in him as your Lord; and by a new Vow, fweetly bind and oblige your felf to a more exact and punctual obedience for the time to come · 12. 1. (20) 4. I befeech you to remember y you must keep a strict guard over your felves: For Satan will bring Temptations & Diversions in your way to indifpose you for the Sacrament: But let your Interveening Hours be spent in Holy Meditations, Pious, and Edifying Discourses, and performing fuch Duties, with a Just Temperament of Wifdom & Devotion, as may beft promote and maintain your Spiritual Frame.

II. When set down at the LORD's Table.

E Reverent without flavish D fear : Let your Posture & Gefture of Body be grave; be filled with awfull apprehensions of God : Link Think much upon your own Vilenefs and Unworthinefs, and in ftead of Judging your Fellow-communicants, wonder much that the like

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you should be there. Yet be t difordered with Confusion of ind, feek for a composed and fixed emper, entertain sweet Thoughts the Love of God, and your Saour: And be as diftinct as poffible ý manner of your Participation. 2. Looking upon the Elements Bread and Wine, ftir up the races of the Spirit in your Souls: ifcern Chrift in and by the Eleents, with a kindly spiritual affecon: Meditate on your Sins, and od's deferved Wrath; on the love F your Redeemer, and the Propiation he hath made by his Blood. Vreftle against Unbelief, and let our hearts firmly reft on Chrift: ook upon him whom you have piercd and Mourn. Let your Love avake towards him and your defires ollow hard after him. Rejoice in our Beloved, and in the Hope of EverEverlasting Communion with him in Heaven.

3. If you have prepared any of the Promifes of the Gofpel, which you confidered to be most agreeable to your Spiritual Condition; Of any *Petitions* which you would gladly have Answered for your felf your Relations, or the Church o God, Revolve them now in your Minds, Exercise your Faith upor them, and present them to Him a the Banquet of Wine.

4. It may very much affift you likewife, in your worthy and fuit able Communicating, if you repeat in your Minds the Words of the In flitution, wa believing Application to your felves. This is my Body. Oh! ý Body of my Lord, Broke for you,]even for poor wretched me Do this in remembrance of me.] (Lord! I do now affectionately Re membe

nember thy Incarnation, thy Paffion, thy Redemption of Sinners; And ý thou remembred me amongft many others : And the following Words of Inftitution in like manner, viz. This Cup is the New Tefsament in my Blood, &c.

III. After your Communicating. 1. You must not forget to examine your felf, how Matters have gone w you: If your Frame hath been bad, and you have not meet w God, Confess and beg Pardon for your fins; and by after pains & diligence, labour to make up your lofs. But if you find that your Heart hath been enlarged, be thankfull for that favour; And ftudy to entertain the fweet relifh of what you

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have gotten upon your Spirit. 2. The great Work incumbent upon you, is, to *Mortifie Sin*, and make progrefs in Holinefs; the joy of

of the Lord being your Strength. Be carefull to keep your Covenant, and to perform your Vows. Seek after sensible comfort in God, and yet live by Faith, when you want it. Be Humble, and yet not finfully dejetted; Be Cheerfull, without Garnal Levitie; Be Spiritual and Heavenly in your Conversation, and yet not *Sloatbfull* in your Lawfull Calling; Beware of giving Offence to any. Be not Turbulent, Factious, or Eusie-bodies; But be Peaceable, Quiet and Loving to all Men; Conquering the Reproaches of the World by unaffected Piety, ill Nature by good Offices; and Injuries by your readiness to forgive; So that you may Adorn the Doctrine of GOD your Saviour, by Living Soberly, Righteoufly, and Godly in this present World, Titus 2. 12.

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