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THE
ARGUMENTS
OF THE
QUAKERS.

More particularly, *Ant. Johnson.*

Of { George Whitehead. } John Gratton. }
William Penn. } George Fox. }
Robert Barclay. } Humphry Norton, }

And my own,
AGAINST

Baptism and the Supper

Examined and Refuted.

ALSO

Some clear Proofs from Scripture; shewing that they are In-
stitutions of Christ under the Gospel.

WITH

*An APPENDIX, Containing some Observations upon some Passages, in a
Book of W. Penn, called, A Caveat against Popery. And on some
Passages of a Book of John Pennington, called, The Fig-Leaf Cove-
ring Discovered.*

By George Keith.

1. John 4. 1. *Beloved, believe not every Spirit, but try the Spirits whe-
ther they are of God.*

*Chrysost. Homil. on Matthew. If thou hadst been without a Body, God had given thee things naked,
and without a Body, but because the Soul is planted in the Body, he gives thee intelligible things in
things sensible.*

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T O T H E
R E A D E R.

Divers Weighty Reasons have induced me to this Undertaking. One whereof chiefly is; that whereas most of these Men, have not only run out with bitter Invectives against these Divine Institutions; but have Fathered their Bold Opposition to them upon the Holy Spirit, (as they commonly do their other Gross Errors) a Witness whereof, is *W. Penn*, in his Book against *Thomas Hicks*, called, *Reason against Railing*; who saith in p. 109. concerning these Institutions, *We can testifie from the same Spirit, by which Paul Renounced Circumcision; that they are to be rejected, as not now required.* Now if upon due Tryal, their Arguments they have used, and still use against them are found to be Vain and Invalid, Grounded upon gross Wrestings and Perversions of Holy Scripture; and that it be proved by sound Arguments, that they were, and are true Divine Institutions under the pure Gospel Dispensation; not only their too Credulous Followers; but the Teachers themselves, such of them as are alive, may have occasion to reflect upon that Spirit, which had acted their first Leaders to oppose those things, as well as other great Truths of the Gospel;

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and thereby discern that it was not the Spirit of God, but a Spirit of Untruth, and may judge it forth from among them, and be humbled before the Lord for entertaining it. Another Reason is, (which is indeed my chiefest Reason) That whereas I had formerly been Swayed and Byassed by the undue Opinion I had of their chief Teachers and Leaders, who had Printed Books long before I came among them, as being greatly indued with Divine Revelations and Inspirations; and that I too Credulously believed their Bold and False Asseverations; that what they had said and Printed against the *outward Baptism*, and *outward Supper*, was given forth from the Spirit of Truth in them; by means whereof, I had been drawn into the same Error, (as many other well meaning, and simple Hearted Persons have been, and still are by them) to oppose these Divine Institutions, and have in some of my Printed Books used some of the same Arguments which they had used; I having in a Measure of Sincerity (I hope) Repented, and been humbled before the Lord, for that my said Error; whereof I have given a Publick Acknowledgment in Print, in my late Book, called, *George Keith's Explications and Retractions*; and wherein I have not only Retracted my Errors in Relation to *outward Baptism* and the *Supper*; but in Relation also to divers other Particulars therein mentioned (but withal holding close to my Testimony in all Principles of Christian Faith and Doctrin, delivered by me in any of my former Books) I judged it my Duty, (besides my Publick Acknowledgment and Retraction of the Error) to endeavour according to the Ability given me of
God,

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God, of a better Understanding, to undeceive and reduce from the said Error, any into whose Hands my Books have come, Treating on that Subject; who have been deceived, or hurt by them. For as the Law of God requireth Restitution for any Wrong done to a Neighbour in Worldly Matters; so I judge it no less requireth the like in Spirituals. And as the Law required an Eye for an Eye; the Gospel requireth, that whom we have in any degree been accessory to Blind, or Misinform their Understandings, we should labour to our utmost Ability (after we are better Enlightened our selves) to Enlighten and duly Inform them; so far as God shall be pleased to make us his Instruments in so doing, to whom it chiefly belongs. Know therefore, Friendly Reader; that what Arguments I have used in any of my Books against the *outward Baptism and Supper*, particularly in that, called, *Truth's Defence*; and in another, called, *The Presbyterian and Independent visible Churches in New England, and elsewhere brought to the Test*, Cap. 10. and in another, called, *The pretended Antidote proved Poison*; and in another, called, *A Refutation of Pardon Tillinghast, who pleadeth for Water-Baptism, its being a Gospel Precept*. As I hereby declare them to be void and null; so I do in this following Treatise shew the Nullity and Invalidity of them; by answering not only them, but divers others of other Persons (together with them) as above named in the Title Page of this Treatise. And so far as the Arguments are the same, which both they and I have used; one Answer will serve to both; though I never was so blind, as not to see the
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Weakness of divers Reasons of some of their Great Authors against these Institutions. But the Truth is, divers of their Weakest and most Impertinent Arguments. I never heard nor read, till of late, that Providence brought to my hand some of their Books I never heard of before.

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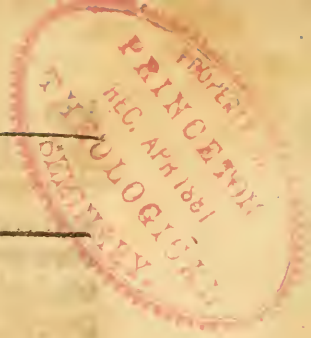
SECT. I.

An Impartial Examination, and Refutation of their Arguments against Water-Baptisme.

IN a Book of George whitehead's, whose Title is, *The Authority of the true Ministry in Baptizing with the Spirit, and the Idolatry of such Men as are doting about Shadows and Carnal Ordinances*; [here note his severe Charge] p. 13. he bringeth three Reasons or Arguments to prove that in the Commission which *Christ* gave to his Disciples, in *Matth. 29. 19. Mark 16. 18.* *water-Baptisme* was not intended, but the *Baptisme* of the Spirit.

His first Argument is, *If the Baptisme which Christ commanded in Matth. 28. 19. Mark 16. 16. was a Baptisme, without which a Man cannot be saved; then it was not the Baptisme of outward Water, (for Water-Baptisme is not of necessity to Salvation, neither is there any stress for Salvation laid upon it) but it was that Baptisme, without which Men cannot be saved, which Christ commanded, Matth. 28. therefore not Water-Baptisme, I prove (saith he) the Minor Proposition thus: No man can be saved without being Baptized into the Name of God, and his Son Christ Jesus, for his Name is the word of God by which Salvation comes, and by no other Name, and the Lord is one, and his Name one, and it was into his Name, that the Disciples were commanded to Baptize People.*

Ans. Here *G. whitehead* would appear to be some body in Logick (though it is judged by many of his Brethren to be little better than a piece of the black Art) but he has in this sufficiently discovered his Ignorance, both in true Divinity and true Logick. The Fallacy of his Argument is in this apparent, that in his supposed Proof of that he calleth the *Minor Proposition*, he confoundeth *Baptisme* into the *Name*, and the *Name* it self, for *saith he*, his *Name* is the word of God by which Salvation comes. But though Salvation cometh by the word of God, and none can be saved without that Word, yet it doth not follow, that none can be saved without such a *Baptisme* as the Apostles did Baptize with into the *Name* of that Word; for as they were to Baptize



into the *Name* of the *Lord Jesus Christ*, and in the *Name* of the *Father*, &c. So they were to Teach in that *Name*, but this proves not that they were not to teach outwardly, and they were to work Miracles in that *Name*; it doth not therefore follow that they were not to work outward Miracles visible to Men's outward sight. Again, *G. Whitehead* useth the *Name* word of *God*, in a too narrow and limited Sense; for the full *Name* of *Christ* is not the word only, but the word made *Flesh*, or the word having assumed the true Nature of *Man*, and that by the *Name* of *Christ* here is understood the *Name* of the *Man Christ* who was Crucified, is clear from *Paul's* words to the *Corinthians*: was *Paul* Crucified for you, or were ye Baptized into the *Name* of *Paul*? Signifying, that they were Baptized into the *Name* of *Christ* Crucified, which hath a necessary Relation to the *Man Christ*, and to *Christ* considered as truly as *Man*, as *God*, and thought the word is a *Name* proper to the *Son*; yet it is not the *Name* either of the *Father*, or of the *Holy Ghost*, for that were to confound, and wholly to destroy the distinction of the Relative Properties of *Father*, *Son*, and *Holy Ghost*, which was the *Sabellian Heresie*. The Minor thereof of his Argument is Fallaciously proved by him, and his Assertion is false, viz. That the *Baptisme* without which Men cannot be saved was the *Baptisme* which *Christ* Commanded to the Apostles, if by the words cannot be saved, he means, absolutely impossible; for he hath not in the least proved that it was not *Water-Baptisme* which *Christ* Commanded; but whereas his Argument seemeth to depend on this, that becomes *Water-Baptisme* is not absolutely necessary to Salvation, therefore *Christ* did not Command it. But he should learn better to distinguish things absolutely necessary to Salvation, and things necessary in some respect, and very profitable, though not of absolute necessity, and the like distinction *G. Whitehead* must allow with respect to his and his Brethrens Ministry, Preaching, and Writing which they suppose *Christ* has Commanded them, and yet he will not say his and their Ministry Preaching and Writing is absolutely necessary to any Man's Salvation. Besides it doth absolutely contradict *G. Whitehead's* declared Principle concerning the Sufficiency of the Light within every Man to Salvation without any thing else; to affirm that Men could not be saved, unless the Apostles had Baptized them according to *Christ's* Command, even supposing it had been the *Baptisme* of the Spirit, which the Apostles had been Commanded to Administer; for this World have made the Salvation of Men depend upon the Ministry of Apostles, and their Successors in the outward Exercise.

Therefore

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ercise of their Spiritual Gift of Preaching and Prayer; now before the Apostles Administred this *Baptisme* (suppose it be that of the *Spirit*) the Men to whom they were sent had the *Light* in them, which was *sufficient to Salvation without anything else*, according to *G. Whitehead's* Doctrine, and consequently without all Ministry of the Apostles; and had they never heard or seen the Apostles, or any other Men, had they given due Attendance and Obedience to the Light within, that that would have saved them (according to *G. Whitehead's* Divinity) without any other *Baptisme*, outward or inward, that the Apostles could Administer unto them.

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Next, as to his second Argument from that in *Mark 16. 16. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved*; these words do not prove that this was not *Baptisme with Water*; for its a true Assertion, he that believes and is *Baptized with Water* shall be saved; but it will not prove, that therefore *Baptisme with water* is of *absolute necessity* to Salvation, the most it proveth, is, that *Baptisme with water*, when and where it can be duly had is a *means of Salvation*, as outward Hearing, and Reading in the Holy Scriptures are means of Salvation, yet not of such *absolute necessity*, but that Men may be saved without them; even as it may be truly said, he that believeth, and frequenteth the Meetings of the Faithful shall be saved, and yet in divers Cases Men may be saved without frequenting such Meetings, as when they are hindered by Sickness, or Imprisonment, or some other Restraint, as when living in a Country where no such Meetings are to be found, and that the *Baptisme* mentioned, *Mark 16. is not that which is of absolute necessity to Salvation*, is evident from the following Words, where the word *Baptized* is omitted; for *Christ* did not say, *he that is not baptized shall be damned, but he that believeth not shall be damned*; the varying of the Expression sufficiently proveth that he did not mean the inward *Baptisme*, but the outward; and whereas not *G. Whitehead*, but *W. Penn*, and *R. Barclay*, argue from the Particle in Greek, that signifieth in English *into*, that therefore it must be the *Baptisme with the Spirit*, it is indeed very weakly and fallaciously argued, for the same Greek Particle is found *Acts, 8. 16.* where it is said, that these of *Samaria*, who were *Baptized into the Name of the Lord Jesus* had not received the Holy Ghost, when so *Baptized*, till for some time after, that *Peter* and *John* came unto them, the Greek Particle, *εἰς τὸ ὄνομα* is the same here, and in

Matth. 28. 19. And any who have but a little skill in Greek know that the Greek Particle *εἰς* hath often the same signification, with the Greek Particle *εἰν*, and signifieth as well *in*, as *into*, so that their so arguing is built on a Grammatical Quibble that is altogether groundless. And for them to argue, that it was not *Water-Baptisme*, which Christ commanded to the Apostles, *Matth. 28. 19*, because of the words *Baptizing into the name*, &c. with as much colour of reason they might argue, that when in *James 5. 14.* It is said anointing them with Oyl in the name of the Lord, that the *anointing* there meant was not an *outward anointing* but an *inward*, and that the *Oyl* was not outward but inward.

Again, whereas *G. W.* saith on this second Argument, for the Saints were saved by that *Baptisme*, which was not the putting away the filth of the Flesh, but the answer of a good Conscience, *1 Pet. 3. 21.* Therefore it was not *Water-Baptisme* which Christ commanded in *Matth. 28. &c.* I answer, that doth no wise follow that therefore it was not *Water-Baptisme*.

S E C T. III.

AND because I find that *Robert Barclay* in that Chapter of his Printed *Apology*, reprinted by his Son *Robert Barclay* at *London*, *1696*, doth much insist upon this place in *Peter*, as if it did effectually prove that *Water-Baptisme* is no *Gospel Institution*, and it is a common Text the Teachers among the Quakers bring to oppose *Baptisme with water*; therefore I think fit the more fully to examine the Arguments brought by him from this place against it. But in the first place, I do apologize for my meddling to answer or correct any Passages in the Books of *R. Barclay*, whom as I did greatly love and esteem, and who, I believe, was one of the soundest Writers among the People called Quakers, so I do truly honour his memory, believing that as to the main, he was a true Christian, though in divers things, he was byassed and misled, as I also was, by the too great esteem that he had, and too great credit he gave, (as I also did) of those called his *Elders*, whose gross perversions and misinterpretations of Holy Scripture, we both did upon their Authority take for *Divine Inspirations*, and I hope it may be a just *Apology* to me, and defence against the injurious Clamours of some, that may and will object it against me, as a breach of Friendship, to censure or correct any thing of that my deceased Friend: That I do no otherwise in this Case, than

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I would be done by; for, if after my decease, (as well as before) any Friend of mine should censure and correct any Passages in any Books of mine that did justly need such *Censure and Correction*, I and all that love me should take it, as a *true act of Friendship*; it being the best way to cover the Faults of our Friends, or were it of our Parents, to *correct them*, and though Men may be dear to us, yet *Truth* ought to be more dear; nor do I thus censuring and correcting what I judge amiss in *R. B.* on these Heads, do any more wrong to him, than I do to my self, whom I have impartially censured, and now again do, freely declaring, that whatever I have said, or writ any where against *Baptisme with water*, and the *Outward Supper*, as being no Gospel Institution was erroneous, and which therefore I retract and correct. And where I have used divers of the same Arguments, which *G. W.* and *R. B.* hath used, which I find *R. B.* hath been more large upon than I have any where been in any of my Books; therefore I shall rather consider these Arguments as brought by him, than by me, especially for this cause, that he is judged by many of the Quakers to have writ more forcibly against these matters than most have, or then I have done.

R. B. thus argueth from 1 *Pet.* 3. 21. (see pag. 16. of his *Sons Edition* called *Baptisme and the Supper substantially asserted*) The *Apostle* (saith he) *tells us first negatively, what it is not, viz. not a putting away of the filth of the Flesh, then surely it is not a washing with water, since that is so.*

Answer, That the *Baptisme* there described is not a putting away the filth of the Flesh is granted, but it doth not follow, that therefore it is not *water-Baptisme*, for though *ordinary washing with water* is a doing away *bodily filthiness*, yet *Baptisme with water* is not, nor ever was, nay not *John's Baptisme with water*; for *John* did not say that he *baptized* his Disciples to *wash away* the filth of their Bodies, but unto Repentance. The description of *Baptisme* here given by *Peter*, is taken from the *end*, as is very common both in Scripture and elsewhere, to describe a *thing* from its *end*; now the *end of water-Baptisme*, as it was commanded by *Christ*, *Matth.* 28. 19. was not to *put away the filthiness of the Flesh*, but to signify the *inward washing by the Blood and Spirit of Christ* upon the Soul and Conscience, the which when so wathed is a good Conscience, and the effect of that inward washing is the answer of a good Conscience; and indeed to me it is evident, that *Peter* in this description of *Baptisme* first

negatively, what it is not, doth refer by way of comparison to the legal purifyings under Moses Law, by Blood, and the Ashes of an Heifer with water sprinkling the Unclean, which as the Author to the Hebrews saith, sanctified to the purifying the Flesh, Heb. 9. 13. and yet even this washing was not to cleanse the Body from natural filth, but from the legal uncleanness that Men had on divers occasions, as when they touched a dead Body they were legally unclean, and because of that they were not to come into the Tabernacle, until they were cleansed with this water of purifying sprinkled on them. But the Baptisme with water under the Gospel, had not that but a greater signification, and being duly received had a greater and more noble effect) viz. to signify the spiritual cleansing by Christ, and to be a means of Grace, far greater than under the Law.

Again p. 17. He thus argueth, *If we take the second and affirmative definition, to wit, that it is the Answer or Confession of a good Conscience, &c. then Water-Baptisme is not it, since as our Adversaries will not deny, Water-Baptisme doth not always imply it, neither is it any necessary consequence thereof.*

Answer. This Consequence also is not good, because though *water-Baptisme* in the literal sense strictly taken, without any *Metonymy* is not the answer of a good Conscience, as the Lamb was not the Passover, but a signification of it, yet the Lamb is called in Scripture the Passover, by a *Metonymy* of the Sign put for the thing signified, that is very common in Scripture, as in other Authors, so the *Baptisme with water*, metonymically may be called, the answer of a good Conscience, being the thing signified thereby. That he saith, their Adversaries will not deny, that *water-Baptisme* doth not always imply it, neither is it any necessary consequence thereof; in that he was under a mistake, for they will say, and do say, that *water-Baptisme* doth always imply it, to such as duly and worthily receive it; and that it is always a necessary consequence or concomitant thereof upon due and well qualified Receivers. And if nothing appear to the contrary by words or actions, but that the receivers are duly qualified (tho' some of them be not such really) yet in the judgment of Charity, even according to *Scripture rule*, they are called such, as Paul calleth these of the Churches to whom he writ *Saints*, and yet no doubt all were not real *Saints* in the Churches, though by Profession they were such.

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Again, whereas pag. 18. he argueth thus: Peter calls this here which saveth the Antitypos, the Antitype, or the thing figured, whereas it is usually translated, as if the like figure did now save us, thereby insinuating, that as they were saved by water in the Ark, so are we now by Water-Baptisme, but this Interpretation (he saith) crosseth his sense.

Ans. His Argument from the Greek word used by Peter, viz. *Antitypos* (he should have said *ἀντίτυπον* in the neuter gender) is indeed altogether weak and groundless, as if it only signified the thing and could not be understood of the Figure of the thing, the contrary whereof appeareth from *Heb. 9. 24.* where the holy Places made with hands are called *ἀντίτυπα*, i. e. the Antitypes of the true, which are truly translated the Figures of the true holy Places made without hands.

Again, whereas he argueth, that Water-Baptisme is not meant (p. 19.) in *1 Pet. 3. 21.* that the Baptisme there mentioned, is said to save us; but Protestants deny it to be absolutely necessary to Salvation.

Ans. Nor hath this Argument any force, for though it is not absolutely necessary to Salvation, yet that it is in God's ordinary way, where it can be duely had, and by whom it is duely received one of the ordinary means of Salvation; it is truly said to save as the Doctrine of the Gospel outwardly Preached by the Ministry of Men, is saving by way of means, and as the Holy Scriptures are said by Paul to be able to make wise unto Salvation, through Faith in Christ Jesus, and said Paul to Timothy, *1 Tim. 4. 16.* Take heed unto thy self, and unto thy Doctrine, continue in them, for in doing this, thou shalt both save thy self and them that hear thee: And as concerning the means of Salvation, though all of them, when really given of God, are very profitable, yet all are not alike necessary, nor alike given, nor afforded unto all; some, yea, many never perhaps heard the Gospel truly Preached unto them by the voice of Man, yet having the Scriptures read unto them, that hath proved an outward means of their Salvation, the Lord working inwardly by his Grace and Spirit, to make the same effectual to them. And as at times the Book of the Holy Scriptures supplieth the defect of a Vocal Ministry, so at times, a Vocal Ministry doth supply the want of the Book of the Scriptures; and thus, though Baptisme and the Supper outwardly administred are means of Grace and Salvation, when duely received, yet they are not so necessary, as the Doctrine of the Gospel, as outwardly delivered by Men, and the Books of the Holy Scripture.

If any shall object, that it is better to keep to the *literal Sense* of the words in *Peter*, than to run to the *Metonymy*, which ought not to be done, but in case of *necessity*; I answer what way soever, the *Baptisme* in *1 Pet. 3. 32.* be taken, as suppose for the *Baptisme of the Spirit*, yet such who so take it must run to a *Metonymy*, for the *inward Baptisme of the Holy Spirit*, is not the *Answer or Confession of a good Conscience*, otherwise than by a *Metonymy of the Cause*, for the effect. The *Answer or Confession of a good Conscience*, being the *effect* of the *inward Baptisme and operation of the Spirit*, and not the *inward Baptisme it self*. And indeed such *Figures and Metonymycal Speeches* are very frequent in Scripture, to which for not well adverting, many are drawn into most false Interpretations of Scriptures, and most hurtful Errors, as the *Papists* by taking the words of *Christ*, *this is my Body*, in a mere *literal Sense*, without any *Metonymy*. To conclude upon this Argument, the most that with any colour or shadow of Reason can be inferred from this place, in *1 Pet. 3. 21.* is that *Water-Baptisme* alone, neither doth, or can save any without the *inward Baptisme*, or operation of the Spirit; all which is readily granted, nor yet doth the *inward Baptisme*, though joyned to the outward save, without any thing else, but both the *inward Baptisme*, and *outward* do save us, as *Peter* plainly declareth by the *Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the Dead*, nor need the *inward and outward Baptisme* be strictly called *two Baptisms*, more than *England*, and a *Map of England*, are called *two England's*, or the *Law writ in the Heart*, and the same *writ in Paper*, are *two Laws*. And thus I hope I have fully examined and answered to the Argument, both of *G. whitehead*, and *R. B.* from *1 Pet. 3. 21.* as the impartial intelligent Reader may perceive.

S E C T. IV.

THE third Argument used by *G. whitehead*, is the same for Matter that is used by *R. B.* in the Treatise above cited, p. 30. which they bring from *Paul's* words, *1 Cor. 1. 17.* where *Paul* said, that *Christ* sent him not to baptize, but to preach the Gospel. The reason of that Consequence (saith *R. B.*) is undeniable, because the *Apostle Paul's Commission* was as large as that of any of them. And whereas it hath been answered to this, by them who holds that *Baptisme with water* is a *Gospel Institution*, from *Matth. 28. 19.* that the Sense of *Paul's* words is, that he was not sent principally to baptize, not that he was not sent at all, as where

where it is said, *Hos. 6. 6. I desired mercy, and not sacrifice.* But this parity *R. B.* doth except against, because this place is abundantly explained by the following words, and the knowledge of God more than burnt-offerings.---But there is no such words added in that of Paul. And against this manner of interpreting Paul's words, he thus argueth, else we might interpret by the same rule all other places of Scriptures, the same way, as where the Apostle saith, *1 Cor. 2. 5. That your faith might not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God, it might be understood, it shall not stand principally so.* How might the Gospel by this liberty of interpretation be perverted?

Anf. As we are not to Interpret all other Places of the like Phrase so, else great harm would follow in giving false Interpretations of Scripture, so we ought to Interpret diverse places of Scripture, so, to wit, by adding the word, *only*, or *more*, or *principally*, otherwile the like harm would follow, as where it is said, *1. John 3. 18.---Let us not love in word, nor in tongue, but indeed and in truth,* and *Rom. 2. 13. For not the hearers of the law are just before God, &c. John 14. 24. The word which you hear is not mine, but the Fathers which sent me.* *Matth. 15. 24. I am not sent, but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel,* *John. 4. 42. we believe not because of thy saying.* *Matth. 10. 20. It is not ye that speak, &c.* In these and diverse the like places of Scripture, the word *principally*, or *more*, or *rather*, though not expressed, is understood, and there is a good Rule whereby to know when any such word, when not expressed, is necessarily understood, as when without any such word understood, or implied, when not expressed, it would contradict some other place of Scriptures, or any true consequence from Scripture, or true Reason, as is manifest in the present Case, for Paul telleth in the same Chapter, that he Baptized some of the Church of *Corinth*, which he ought not to have done without a Commission; for as to what is alledged, that he and others did Baptize by *Permission*, and not by *Commission*, as when he Circumcised *Timothy*, it was by *Permission*, and not by *Commission*, which conceit I grant I had formerly entertained as well as *R. B.* being swayed by the assumed Authority of them we esteemed our Elders, pretending they did so Interpret the Scriptures by Divine Inspiration. But finding their Pretences to be palpably false in many other things of greater weight, occasioned me to examine their pretended Inspirations in this also, which (I desire to praise God for his true Illumination) I found to be false. Now that Paul's Circumcising *Timothy* was not by *Commission*, is certain, because

sometimes afterwards he did earnestly oppose the practice of it, but we never find that he, or any else in Scripture opposed the practice of *Baptisme with water*, or spoke so slightly of it, as he did of *Circumcision*; he did not say, if any of you be *Baptized*, *Christ* should profit you nothing, as he said, if any of you be *Circumcised*, and he submitted to *Baptisme* himself, and received it. *Acts* 9. 18. compared with *Acts* 22. 16. Though I find that *W. Penn* calleth it in question, whether this was *Baptisme with water*, which bespeaketh as great inadvertency in him, as when he had printed in his *Christian Quaker*, that *Jesus Christ* was born at *Nazareth*. And as for *Paul's* saying, he thanked God he Baptized none of the *Corinthians*, but such and such, it only proveth that he judged *Preaching* to be his *principal work*, as indeed it was; for had he *Baptized* all to whom he Preached, and who were Converted by his Ministry, it would have been too great a hindrance to his *Preaching*; and as *Paul* Preached to many whom he did not *Baptize*, so did the other Apostles; therefore we find not either *Peter*, or *John*, or any of the other Apostles after our Saviour's Resurrection, *Baptized* all to whom they Preached, but left it to be done in great part by others; and whereas some have argued, that if *Baptisme* had been a *Gospel Precept*, *Paul* would not have said, he thanked God he had *Baptized* so few of them: This Argument hath no force, for he did not thank God, simply that he did not *Baptize*, but that he had *Baptized* so few of them, lest they should say, he had *Baptized* in his own Name, which sheweth, that the occasion of the Division that was among the *Corinthians* at that time was about *Baptisme*, and that they had too much an eye to those who had *Baptized* them, so as to denominate themselves after them. And whereas, *R. B.* saith, p. 32. 33. *Let it from this be considered how the Apostle Excludes Baptizing, not Preaching, though the abuse (mark) proceeded from that, no less than from the other; for these Corinthians did denominate themselves from those different Persons, by whose Preaching (as well as from those by whom they were Baptized) they were Converted; as by the 4, 5, 6, 7. and 8 Verses of the third Chapter may appear.*

Ans. But that the Preaching of these different Persons was the occasion of this Division among the *Corinthians*, doth not appear from the Verses Cited, nor any where else, for *Paul*, and *Apollo* Preached the same Doctrine to them; but we no where find that there Preaching occasioned any Division; but suppose it had, on the supposition, that some of the *Corinthians* might esteem the Preaching of the one, more powerful than the Preaching of another; yet that proves not that

Paul Excluded Baptizing; the most it proves, is, that he preferred, his *Preaching* to his *Baptizing*, as being the greater and more principal Work enjoyned to him.

Page 33. *And yet for to remove that Abuse (saith R. B.) the Apostle doth not say, he was not sent to Preach, nor yet doth he Rejoyce that he had only Preached to a few, because Preaching being a standing Ordinance in the Church, is not because of any Abuse that the Devil may tempt any to make of it, to be forboren by such as are called to perform it by the Spirit of God.*

Ans. All this is exceeding weak Reasoning, and proceeds upon a false Supposition; that because *Baptisme* was abused, therefore it was simply to be forboren, or laid aside; no such thing appears mentioned in Scripture; for though *Paul Baptized* but a few of the *Corinthians*, he did not tell them that few were *Baptized* by any others. But the contrary appears from his words, that all the *believing Corinthians* were *Baptized*, though not by him, yet by some other; 1 Cor. 1. 13. *If some of them had not been Baptized at all, it had been improper for him to ask them were they Baptized in the Name of Paul?* And though *Preaching* be the greater Ordinance, as practised by the Apostles, and is not simply to be forboren, yet occasions might and may happen that might cause it to be forboren at some certain time and place: As suppose, some had certainly informed *Paul*, that if he *Preached* at such a place, and at such a time, some that did lay wait for him, would lay hands on him and kill him; on this Advertisement, who will say, but *Paul* might feel in himself, not only a Liberty to forbear going to *Preach* at such a place, and at such a time, but even a *Necessity* laid on him not then to go; for we find, that not only *Paul*, when he understood that some sought his Life, did seek to escape; but our *blessed Lord himself* for a certain time did withdraw from such as sought his Life, because his time to suffer was not then come. And as in that case, upon such certain Information, *Paul* might have lawfully forboren to have *Preached* to People at that place when his Life was in danger; so the Report being confirmed, that such a Design was laid against him, he might have lawfully rejoyced and thanked God, that he did not go to *Preach* at that place, at that time. And many the like Examples might be brought to prove, that *Preaching* it self may Lawfully be forboren, though not simply, yet at some occasion which might render the *forbearance* of it at some certain place and time, both *Lawful* and *Necessary*; and suppose a Preacher did foresee that his *Preaching* at such a place, at such a day, should occasion by accident some *Schism*

or *Division* among sincere Professors of the Christian Faith, he might very lawfully forbear to do it at that time, yea it were his Duty to forbear, and he might very *justly rejoyce and thank God*, that he did not Preach to them in that place, and at that time; this needed not to have been so largely insisted upon, but for their sake, who through their great Ignorance and Prejudice) lay so great stress on this sort of Argument; as because *Paul thanked God, he had Baptized but a few of the Corinthians, therefore Baptisme is no Gospel Institution*; the weakness of which consequence, I suppose is sufficiently manifest: On the contrary a good Argument may be brought for *Water-Baptisme*, that seeing the abuse of it at *Corinth*, or any where else, was no cause or occasion of laying it aside to any, but that it was universally practised on Believers in the Apostles Days, insomuch that it cannot be instanced where any Church, Family, or Person that did believe was not *Baptized*, that therefore it was practised by Divine Institution, and not by Permission, such as *Circumcision* was; for neither *Circumcision*, nor any other *Jewish Rite* was universally practised, as *Baptisme* was; the above-said Argument, taken from *Paul's* words, *he thanked God he Baptized none but such and such*, I find used by *W. Penn*, in his Book, called *Reason against Railing*, p. 110. to which let the above mentioned Answer serve.

But I find some new Arguments used by *G. whitehead*, in his *Antidote*, to prove that *Baptisme with water* was not commanded to the Apostles, *Matth. 28. 19.* p. 120. *Lo I am with you always, to the end of the world* (saith he) *what for? to enable them to Baptize with Water? No that many can do without him, or the least sense of his Presence.*

Ans. Of all the Arguments I ever heard against *Baptisme with water*, this is one of the weakest, and too much favouring of Profanity, that (saith he) many can do without him, but can they do it in Faith without him, and in true Obedience to his Command? This Scoff of his, has equal weight against *John's Baptisme*, when in force, which he grants was with *water*; and thus, as *G. whitehead* argueth, *John* could, and did *Baptize* without *Christ's* inward Presence, and the least sense of it, and it has the like force against all External Acts of Religion commanded of *God*, both under the Law and Gospel; for all External Acts simply considered, as such without regard to Faith, or the inward Frame of the Mind, can be done as much without *Christ*, as *Baptisme with water*; but none of them can be done as they ought without him. Hath *G. whitehead* forgot *Christ's* Saying to his Disciples;
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without me ye can do nothing; that he hath so boldly contradicted him, to say, they could Baptize with water without him. This is more Prophane and Scandalous, than what Samuel Jennings said at a Monthly Meeting in Philadelphia, for which he was reproved by diverse in the Meeting, and of which there is an account in Print. *To do our own Business as Men, we need not the help of the Spirit, but to do God's Business we need it:* But here according to G. Whitehead, when John Baptized with water, which was God's Business, it being commanded of God, he could do that without him.

Another Argument of his in the same Page, is, *It is not go Teach, and then Baptize them with Water, but go teach all Nations, Baptizing them; and there was a Divine and Spiritual Baptisme immediately attending and present with their Ministry.*

Ans. This Argument is also weak, and grounded upon a Quibble, because it is not said, *go Teach, and then Baptize, but go Teach, Baptizing, &c.* Because the word *Baptizing* is a Participle; but this hath not the weight of a Feather, it is so light, and yet with such light airy Stuff they have deceived many: For as the word *Baptizing* is a Participle, both in the Greek and English; so the word Translated *go*, set before *Teach*, in the Greek is a Participle *πορευομενος* going (or having gone) Teach. Now by the like Argument, because it is not said, first *go*, and then *Teach*, but going, *Teach*; therefore every foot of their way, where ever they went through, tho' they were not in sight or within hearing of any People, before they came to them, they were to Preach; and by the like Argument, where it is said, *Mark. 1. 5. And, were all Baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.* It is not said, they first Confessed, and then were *Baptized*, or they were first *Baptized*, and then Confessed, according to G. Whitehead, in the very first instant *act* of *Baptizing*, they confessed their Sins, and neither before nor after. But that there was a Divine and Spiritual Baptisme that attended their Ministry to some, will not prove that they did *Baptize* them with the Divine and Spiritual Baptisme, which was the Work of God, and of Christ, and promised by Christ to the Apostles and other Believers; but was never commanded them to give it to others.

His Third Argument, is from *Gal. 3. 2. Received ye the spirit by the works of the law, or by hearing of faith, &c. he therefore that ministrerth to you the spirit, and worketh miracles among you; doth he it by the works of the law, or by the preaching of faith?*

Ans.

Ans. He taketh it for granted; that by him that worketh Miracles among them, and Ministreth the Spirit unto them, isto be understood, *Paul*, or some other Man, by whom they were Converted? But *Paul* it could not be, for the words being in the Present Tense, implyeth a present Ministration of the Spirit, when *Paul* wrote that Epistle unto them; but *Paul* was then at *Rome*, as the end of the Epistle sheweth; nor was it any other Man, because they were already Converted, and had received the Spirit, before he writ that Epistle unto them. Therefore it is most proper to understand this; he to be *Christ*, who is the only furnisher and supplier of the Spirit, together with *God*, unto the Faithful; the *Greek* word ἐν χορηγῶν, is rendred *Prebens Suppeditions*, by *Paser*, and doth properly signifie the Principal Efficient from χορηγὸς *dux chori* the Captain of the *Chorus*; but this is *Christ* who supplyeth and giveth the Spirit to the Saints, and neither *Paul*, nor any other Man. And that the Apostles were Ministers of the Spirit, doth not signifie that they gave the Spirit, or *Baptized* with the Spirit, but that they were assisted and guided by the Spirit in their Ministry; and that *God* accompanied their Ministry with his (not their) giving the Spirit unto such who believed their Doctrine.

S E C T. V.

I Proceed in the next place, to examine all the other Arguments I find used by *w. Penn*, and *R. Barclay*, against these Divine Institutions that seem to have any shadow of weight.

The First Argument I find used by *w. Penn*, in his *Reason against Railing*, in p. 107. is, *first*, saith he, *we know, and they confess that they were in the beginning used as Figures and Shadows of a more hidden and Spiritual Substance.* 2. *That they were to endure no longer than till the Substance was come.* Now the time of the Baptisme of the Holy Ghost, *Christ's* only Baptisme therefore called the one Baptisme, has been long since come, consequently the other, which was *John's*, was fulfilled, and as becomes a fore-runner ought to cease; the like may be said of the Bread and wine; for as there is but one Baptisme, so there is but one Bread. This same Argument for Matter, but in different words, is used by *R. B.* in the above said Treatise, p. 7. 8.

Answ. The Conclusion they both draw, *viz.* that *John's Baptisme* is ceased, may be granted, and yet it will not follow that *water-Baptisme*, as it was practised by the Apostles and other Ministers after *Christ's* Resurrection and Ascension is ceased; seeing there is great ground to distinguish betwixt *John's water-Baptisme*, and the Apostles, in divers weighty respects; as first the Man *Christ*, after he rose from the Dead, having all Power given him in Heaven and in Earth, Commissioned the Apostles to *Baptize*, and that with *water*, as shall be afterwards proved more fully, but *John* had not his Commission from the Man *Christ*, &c. 2. *John* did only *Baptize* them of his own Nation, and was only sent to *Israel*, but the Apostles Commission reached to all Nations. 3. *John* though he taught them to believe in him who was to come, to wit, *Christ*; yet he required not Faith in *Christ*, as any condition to qualifie his Disciples to receive his *Baptisme*; but the Apostles required Faith in *Christ Jesus* in all the Men and Women, as a condition qualifying them to receive their *Baptisme*. 4. We do not find that the Holy Ghost was given or promised, to them who received *John's Baptisme*, but the promise of the Holy Ghost was given to such as did duly and worthily receive the Apostles *Baptisme*, therefore *John's Baptisme* was called the *Baptisme of Repentance*. 5. It seems greatly probable, that some who had received *John's Baptisme* were again Baptized with the Apostles *Baptisme*, *Acts 19. 3. 4, 5, 6.* But whereas they both argue, from *John's* Words, I must decrease, but he must increase; it hath a further understanding, than barely as in relation to *John's Baptisme*, for it is said, *John 4. 12.* that *Jesus* made and Baptized more Disciples than *John*, tho' *Jesus* himself Baptized not, but his Disciples; thus, *John* decreased, and *Christ* increased, when both *water-Baptismes* were in force, that *Christ* had more Disciples than *John*, even when *John* was living, at which he rejoiced; and as the number of *Christ's* Disciples increased above the number of *Johns*, before *John's* decease, so still after, and will encrease; and so will the Glory and Honour of *Christ* encrease above *John*, to the end of the World. But whereas they both argue, as they think so strongly both against *water-Baptisme*, and the *outward Supper*, because of the Scripture Phrase, *one Baptisme*, and *one Bread*, which I confess did formerly carry some weight with me, and I have so argued in some of my former Books; but I have sufficiently seen the weakness of that Argument, as well as other Arguments brought both by them and me, against these Divine Institutions.

tutions. But let it be considered, how things are said to be one in divers senses and acceptations. God is one in the highest sense, yet this doth not infer that there is no distinction of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, in their *relative Properties*, which are incommunicable; and *Christ* is one, and yet this doth not prove that *Christ* hath not two *Natures*, one of the *Godhead*, another of the *Manhood* most gloriously united. 3. Faith is one, yet there are divers true significations of Faith in Scripture, as 1. the saving Faith, 2. the Faith of Miracles which every one had not who had the saving Faith, 3. Faith objectively taken for the Doctrine of Faith, either as it is outwardly Preached or Professed, as in *Rom. 1. 5. Gal. 3. 2. Acts 24. 24.* Now if one should argue, because the Scripture saith, there is one Faith, *Eph. 4. 5.* that consequently there is but one Faith, and that is the Doctrine of Faith outwardly Preached and Professed, and consequently deny Faith as it is an inward Grace and Virtue of the Spirit in the Hearts of true Believers, his Argument would be false, so on the other hand, if another should argue, true saving Faith, that is, of *absolute necessity to salvation*, is an inward Grace or Virtue of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of true Believers; and therefore there is no Doctrine of Faith to be Preached or Professed, his Argument should be also false, and as false is this way of reasoning, that because the *Baptisme* is *one*, therefore that *one Baptisme* is only the inward of the Spirit, excluding the outward *Baptisme of water*, or as to say therefore it is only the outward *Baptisme of water*, excluding the inward *Baptisme of the Spirit*. Now, as the one Faith mentioned *Ephes. 4. 5.* suppose is meant the inward Grace or Virtue of Faith in the hearts of all True Believers, doth not exclude the Doctrine of Faith, outwardly Preached and Professed; so nor doth the inward *Baptisme of the Spirit*, suppose there meant, *Eph. 4. 5.* exclude the outward *Baptisme of water*, both being true and one in their kind, as the inward Grace of Faith is specifically one in all true Believers, but numerically manifold, even as manifold as there are numbers of Believers, so the Doctrine of Faith is one in its kind, though consisting of many parts; therefore to argue as *w. Penn* doth, that *Baptisme* is one in the same sense as God is *one* is very inconsiderate, which would infer that though God is *one* in specie, yet that there are as many Gods numerically as Believers. And notwithstanding that in *Ephes. 4. 5.* it is said there is one *Baptisme*, yet it is not said there or elsewhere, that there is but one *Baptisme*; for another place of Scripture

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mentions *Baptismes* in the Plural Number, *Heb. 6. 2.* And indeed as weak as their Argument against *water-Baptisme* is from the Scripture words *one Baptisme*; no less weak is their Argument against the outward Supper, practised with Bread and Wine, in commemoration of our Lord's Death, because of the Scripture words, *one Bread*, *1 Cor. 10. 17.* for in that same verse, *Paul* tells of *one Bread* in a very different signification, even as far as the Church of *Christ* is not *Christ*; *we* (said he) *being many* are one Bread; but doth it therefore follow that there is no other *Bread* than the Church; nay, for they are all partakers of that *one Bread*, which is *Christ*, and there is a *third Bread* that he mentions in the same Chapter, which is neither the one nor the other, *one Bread*, and that is the outward *Bread* that they did eat, *v. 16.* *the bread which we break, is it not the Communion of the body of Christ?* Even as *Christ* said concerning the outward *Bread*; that it was his Body, to wit, Figuratively (so by the like Figure it was the Communion of his Body) but not the Body it self, which too many have been so foolish, as to imagine, that the outward *Bread* was Converted into *Christ's* real-Body, and as if *Paul* had foreseen that many would become so foolish and unwise, as so to imagine; therefore to caution against any such folly, he had said, I speak as to wise Men; judge ye what I say. But whereas, many of the People, called *Quakers*, by *Bread*, in that part of the Verse; the *Bread* which we break, is it not the Communion of the *Lord's* Body? Will have to be meant, not the outward Elementary *Bread*, but the Body of *Christ* it self, in this they are under a great mistake; for that would render the words to have a most absur'd Sense, as to say, the Body of *Christ* is the Communion of his Body; but the Body is one thing, and the Communion of that Body is another, and it were as little sense to understand it thus; the Body of *Christ* is a Figure of the Communion of his Body; therefore the true sense of the words is the outward *Bread* which we break is a Figure, or Sign of the Communion of the *Lord's* Body: But these Men are under another great Mistake, as if by the *Lord's* Body, here were not meant his outward Body that was Crucified, and Raised again; but the Life, which is the Light in them, and in every Man, whether Believer, or Unbeliever. But of this great Error, I shall have occasion hereafter to take notice, only at present let it be remembred, that by the Body of *Christ*, in these above-mentioned words, is to be understood the Body of *Christ*, that was outwardly Crucified, Dyed, and rose again, and is a living Glorious Body, which

is the Body of the second *Adam*, the quickning Spirit, of the Virtue of which, all true Believers partake; and by their having the Communion of his Body (whether when eating the outward Bread, so that they eat with true Faith, or when they do not eat, yet believing; for the Communion of his Body is not confined to the outward eating) they have the Communion of his Spirit also, and enjoy of the manifold Spiritual Blessings of Grace, Life, and Light, sent and conveyed into their Hearts, by and through the glorified Man, *Christ Jesus*, who hath a Glorified Body; and though this Communion of *Christ's* Body is hard to be expressed, or to be demonstrated to Man's reasonable understanding, yet by Faith it is certainly felt and witnessed, with the blessed Effects of it, causing an encrease in Holiness and Divine Knowledge and Experience in all true Believers; nor is there any thing in this Mystery, or any other Mystery of the Christian Religion, that is contradictory to our reasonable understanding. But yet a little further to let them see the folly of that Argument from the Scripture Phrase, *one Baptisme, and one Body*; when *Paul* saith, *Eph. 4. 4.* There is *one Body and one Spirit*; it doth not bear this Sense, as if the Church were but one numerical Body, or one single Man, or as if there were no Body of the Man, *Christ* in Heaven, though some of their Teachers have so falsely argued; that because the Body of *Christ* is one, therefore *Christ* has no Body but his Church, and as false should their Arguing be; there is but one Spirit, and that Spirit is the Holy Ghost; therefore the Man *Christ* hath no Soul or Spirit of Man in him, and therefore Believers have no Spirits or Souls of Men in them that are Created Rational Spirits, both which are most false and foolish consequences; also when the Scripture saith, there is one Father, and one is your Father; it would be a very false consequence to infer, that therefore we have never had any outward or visible Fathers, and as false a consequence it is, from one invisible *Baptisme* of the Spirit, to argue against any outward and visible *Baptisme*, or from the outward visible *Baptisme*, being one in its kind to argue against the invisible and inward *Baptisme*, which is one in its kind also; this is an Error called by Logicians, a Transition from one kind to another, as because there is one kind of Animal on Earth, called a Dog, therefore there was not any thing else so called; whereas, there is a Fish that hath the same Name, as also a Star in Heaven.

S E C T. VI.

BUT whereas *w. Penn*, in his above mentioned Argument saith, *first we know, and they confess, that they were in the beginning used as Figures and Shadows of a more hidden Spiritual Substance.*

Ans. In this he is very short and defective in his Expression, they were both appointed and used in the beginning, I mean from the time of *Christ's* Resurrection and Ascension, to be Figures and Signs of *Christ's* outward Body that was broken for us on the Cross, and his Blood that was outwardly shed. In the first place, and consequently of the inward Graces of the Spirit, and Benefits coming to Believers by his outward Body and Blood, and by the Man *Christ* wholly considered, both in Soul and Body; and whereas he saith, 2. They were no longer to endure, than till the Substance was come: All this sheweth *w. Penn's* great Misunderstanding of the Nature of these Institutions, both of *Baptisme* and the Supper, as if they only signified some inward hidden Virtue, which he calls a more hidden and spiritual Substance that was to come; and so were only as he calls them in his *Defence of his Key*, called, *a Reply to a pretended Answer, &c. Preenunciative and forerunning Signs*, but were not *commemorative Signs*, as well of things past, as of things present; for this is utterly false, that *water* in that *Baptisme* which the Apostles used after *Christ's* Resurrection and Ascension was *preenunciative*, and not *commemorative*; for on the contrary it was not simply *preenunciative*, but *commemorative*, as commemorating and signifying the Blood of *Christ*, that had been shed outwardly for the Remission of our Sins, and the same commemoration and signification had the Wine, in the practise of the Lord's Supper, and the Bread that was broken in the Supper, signified (after *Christ's* Death and Resurrection) his Body that was outwardly broken on the Cross, and that outward practise was Instituted by *Christ* for a Memorial of his Death and Sufferings, which all true Believers in *Christ* ought to have fresh and lively in their Minds; to which the outward practise both of *Baptisme* and the Supper is of great use; and the more frequent the practise of the Supper is, being duly used, as with Faith, Reverence, and Devotion, the more profitable it is. Therefore said *Christ*, *as oft as ye eat this bread, &c.* As if one did say, as oft as ye Pray with true Faith and Fervency, it turns the more to your Spiritual Advantage. And though the Spirit of *Christ* in true Believers is the

great and principal rememberer unto them, yet he oft doth remember them, in the use of that outward Practise, using it as a means, and blessing it unto them, even as the Spirit useth the frequent outward Institutions and Exhortations that Ministers give to Believers as a means, and blesteth that outward means unto them also, the more to quicken and enlighten them; and as *Peter* said, to stir up the pure mind in them, by way of remembrance, which was the end of his Epistles, and also of *Paul's* Epistles unto the Churches; and therefore it is but weakly and falsely argued by many of the People, called *Quakers*, and their Teachers; the Spirit in them is their remembrancer, and they have the more hidden and invisible substance in them; and therefore there is no use of these outward Signs to them; for this Argument has the same force against all outward Teaching, and External Acts of Worship. And indeed, as I have oft observed and considered the chiefest Arguments used by these Men, against these outward Practises of the outward *Baptisme*, and the Supper may be as much brought against all outward Teaching, and External Acts of Worship, and against all use of Books, yea, of the Holy Scriptures themselves; and the like may be said of these Arguments, that are commonly in the Mouths of the People, called *Quakers*; *that Bread, and wine, and Water are carnal things, and visible, which may be touched, tasted, handled; whereas the Scripture saith, touch not, tast not, handle not, which are all to perish with the using, and the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost? Again, we look not at things seen, for they are temporal, but at the things unseen, which are eternal; and Col. 3. If ye be risen with Christ, seek the things which are above, and set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth; but Water, Bread and wine, are things on earth; and let no man judge you in meats and drinks, Col. 2. 17. which are a shadow of things to come, but the body is of Christ?* All these, and the like Scriptures (I say) may with as great show of reason be brought against all good Books, and outward Teachings, Instructions, Exhortations, yea, against the Books of the Holy Scriptures, which *G. Fox* hath called the Carnal and Earthly Letter, that he touched, and handled, as much as *water, Bread, and wine*, and is visible; and consequently by their Argument, is not to be look'd into, nor is the Scripture, nor the best of words uttered in Speech, or Written, the Kingdom of God, or the hidden invisible Substance, as neither *water, Bread and wine*, yet all these have their use, when duly used on a Spiritual Account; for as words signifie, and hold

hold forth *Christ*, and the inward and spiritual Benefits that Believers have by him, to the outward hearing, so do these other hold forth *Christ*, and his spiritual Blessings to their Sight, Taste, and Feeling; for which reason, antient Writers did call the outward *Baptisme* and Supper, *verbum visibile*, i. e. the *visible word*. God having so appointed it in his Wisdome, that the Knowledge of Divine and Spiritual things, after a sort should be given to us by outward Signs and Symbols, that affect our Senses, and by our Senses, as by so many Doors and Windows should be let into our Souls, by means whereof, through the inward Operation of the Holy Spirit, the inward and spiritual Faculties of our Souls and Minds are awakened and enabled to apprehend the spiritual things themselves, whose Symbols and Emblems these outward Elementary things are. And none of these Scriptures above mentioned, have any relation to the outward *Baptisme* and Supper, which were the Institutions of *Christ*, but to such outward things, the observations of which were after the Commandments and Doctrines of Men, as not only the *Jewish* Rites, but *Gentile* Customs and Traditions, also were touching Meats and Drinks, and other things, which the Apostle calls, *Col. 2. 20. 21, 22. the Rudiments of the world*, which as they are of a perishing nature, so the use and service of them; but so is not the use and service of the outward *Baptisme* and Supper, which is a holy Commemoration of our *Lord's* Death and Sufferings, and of the great benefits we have thereby, tending to excite our ardent Love and Affections to him, and to raise them up to ascend to him in Heaven; therefore though true Believers at *Christ's* command use the outward things, yet neither their Minds, nor Affections are set on them, but on him, and the heavenly Blessings they have by him; which holy Commemoration we should not let dye or perish in us, but keep alive for our spiritual Benefit and Advantage; and as concerning, *Colos. 2. 17.* The things there mentioned, are called shadows of things to come, such as the Types of the *Mosaical* Law were; but *water-Baptisms*, and the Supper, which the Christians were enjoined to practice, were simply, not shadows of things to come, but are commemorative Signs of *Christ*, as he hath already come in the Body that was prepared for him, and of his Body and Blood which he hath given for us, together with the spiritual blessings of Grace, Life, and Light that we have by him, to make us conformable to him in holiness, as well as to give us the pardon of our Sins, and to justify us, and give us a right to eternal Life. But it bewrayeth still great in consideration

sideration in *w. Penn*, to argue against the outward *Baptisme* and *Supper*, as he doth in his *Defence of his Key*, above-mentioned, p. 154. *They that personally* (saith he) *enjoy their dearest Friends, will not repair to their Pictures, though drawn never so much to the life, to quicken their remembrance of them.* His similitude of a *Picture*, to which he compareth the outward *Baptisme* and *Supper* is a good Argument against him, the Saints on Earth have not the Man, *Christ*, personally present with them, they have not his Body that suffered Death for them, and rose again a present object to their outward sight; therefore did he in his great love appoint these outward Signs to be a *Mémorial* of him, until they should have himself Personally present with them, as they will certainly have in the time appointed, and to as little purpose is his arguing in that same page, *That the true Believers were come to Mount Zion, Heb. 12. 22. and sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, which must be an attainment above signs of invisible grace, being the life and substance of Religion; and so the Period and Consummation of Types, Shadows, and such sort of Signs or Significations as are in question.* Answer, It is a great Misrepresentation of the State of the Question in *w. Penn*, so to place it as well as a weak Argument, as because true Believers are come to Spiritual Attainments above Signs of invisible Grace; that therefore there is no use of Signs in Religious Matters. Why then doth he speak and writ so much in Religious Matters, for all his Words and Writings are but Signs; and he thinketh that his Brethren are come to higher Attainments than these Signs, yea, why doth he kneel in Prayer, and discover his Head when he Prayeth; what are these but Signs? And why so much strife and contention about *G. Fox's Papers of Church Orders, and Womens Dresses*? Are not his Brethren come to higher Attainments than these outward things? But it is an observation of many, that after *G. Fox* had taught his Followers to throw down the outward Institutions of *Christ*, he set up among them his own, and so did persuade them to exalt them; that whoever did not comply therewith, were to be judged by his zealous Admirers to be Apostates; thus *Pharisee* like, setting up Humane Traditions above Divine Precepts, and in so doing, *w. Penn* has had no small share, who hath as eagerly promoted *G. Fox's* Institutions about outward things, as he hath laboured to throw down the Institutions of *Christ*.

S E C T. VII.

TO avoid the Argument for *water-Baptism*, it being an Institution of *Christ* from *Matt. 28. 19. Go teach all Nations, Baptizing them into the name &c.* he saith, *but no water is mentioned* page 106. Reason against Railing; and therefore he concludes in the next p. that *Christ commanded the Apostles to Baptize with the Holy Ghost, and the like evasions is made by R. B. in the abovesaid Treatise p. 26. where he putteth them who understand it of Water-Baptisme to prove, that Water is here meant since the Text is silent of it.*

Ans. As *water* is not mentioned, so nor is *Baptizing with the Holy Ghost* mentioned, and at this rate of arguing used by them, nor must *Baptizing with the Holy Ghost* be understood, which yet they so inconsiderately affirm must be meant here.

But *R. B.* thinks to prove, that *Baptisme with the Holy Ghost* is here meant, arguing from the literal signification of the Text, which we ought not to go from, except some urgent necessity force us thereunto; but no such urgent necessity forceth us thereunto.

Ans. The literal signification of the Text, is not *Baptizing with the Holy Ghost*; but on the contrary, the word *Baptizing* literally signifieth to Wash with Water or Dip into Water; *Yea R. B. grants p. 49. If the etymology of the word should be tenaciously adhered to, it would militate as well against most of their Adversaries as the Quakers.* When it is transferred from the literal signification to a Metaphorical, as to signify the Inward and Spiritual *Baptisme with the Holy Spirit*, it is never when so transferred applied to Men, as having any command so to *Baptize*, but wholly and only to *God and Christ*. I challenge any Man to give but one instance in all the Scripture, where *Baptizing with the Spirit* is ever referred to Men, either by way of Precept or Practice, as if ever any Man but the Man *Christ*, did *Baptize with the Holy Spirit*, or were commanded so to do; the quibble from the Greek Participle $\epsilon\beta\alpha\pi\tau\iota\zeta\epsilon\iota\sigma\iota$ is answered and refuted above, as also his arguing from the word *one Baptisme*; and whereas he saith the Name of the Lord is often taken in Scripture for some thing else than a bare sound of words or literal expression, even for his Virtue and Power. I answer and so is it oft-taken otherwise, as the Name of *God* in Scripture signifieth himself, so the Name of *Christ* signifieth *Christ*, and that both considered as he is *God and Man*, and yet one *Christ*, and that to be

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Baptized into the Name of the Lord Jesus did not signifie the *Baptisme* of the Holy Ghost; I have proved already out of *Acts* 8. 16. Besides the *Name* of the Father is not the Holy Ghost, as neither is the *Name* of the Son, for as the Father is neither the Son, nor the Holy Ghost; so, nor is the *Name* of the Father, nor the *Name* of the Son, the *Name* of the Holy Ghost, as they are distinguished by their relative properties, so by these *Names*, though the *Name God* belongeth to each of them, and who are one only *God* blessed for ever. But that he further contends, that the *Baptisme* commanded here in *Matth.* 28. 19. is *Christ's* own *Baptisme*. I answer, *Christ's* own *Baptisme* whereof *John* makes mention, and of which he is the author and giver, is indeed the *Baptism* with the Holy Ghost, which he promised unto the Apostles to give them, and accordingly did perform; but we nowhere find that ever he promised to give them Power, to give it to others, or commanded them to give it, that is wholly an unscriptural Phrase, and scandalous, if not Blasphemous, to say, that poor mortal Men however so Holy could give the *Baptisme* of the Spirit, this is to give to them what was proper only to *God* and *Christ*: why did *John* say, *he that comes after me shall Baptize with the Holy Ghost*: he did not say, they who should come after me, but he, intimating none had that Power and Dignity but *Christ*, who was *God* as well as Man, and as he was *God* had this power belonging to him, and which did belong to no Men nor Creature whatsoever; and thus indeed the *Baptisme* with the Spirit is *Christ's* *Baptisme*, not which he commanded Men to do, but which he promised to do, altho' the *water-Baptisme* which he commanded his Apostles to practise in his *Name* is also his, in a secondary sense, as the Apostles teaching is his, because commanded by him; yet when we speak of *Gods* teaching according to the sense of that Scripture, they shall all be taught of *God*, it is not meant the outward teaching of Men, but *Gods* inward teaching in Mens hearts; As touching his third Reason to prove that *Baptisme* with the Holy Ghost is meant *Matth.* 28. 19. *The Baptisme which Christ commanded his Apostles, was such that as many as were therewith baptized, therewith did put on Christ, but this is not true of water-Baptisme.*

Ans. As concerning that place of Scripture, *Gal.* 3. 7. from which this Argument seems to be taken, the place it self restricts it to the believing *Galatians*, as v. 26. *For yee are all the Children of God by faith in Christ Jesus*, and all such as beings *Baptized* with outward *water*, put him on by a publick Profession, so by true Faith they inwardly put

put him on. To make a publick Profession of *Christ* by *Baptisme* of *water* is to put him on, in a common Phrase of speech, as when a Man is said to put on the *Souldier*, the *Magistrate*, by putting on the Garment of a *Souldier* or *Magistrate* in which sense *Ferome* said, *Romæ Christum indui*, i. e. at *Rome* I put on *Christ*, signifying that he was there *baptized*, and it is to be noticed how *Paul* generally in his Epistles to the Churches he wrot to, calls them *Saints*, they being so by profession, though there might have been *Hypocrites* among them, and as by outward profession Men are said to be *Saints*, so they may be said to have put on *Christ*, when nothing by Word or Deed can appear to the contrary in a judgment of *Charity*.

As to his 4th. Argument that *Baptisme* with *water* was *John's* *Baptisme*, I have above shewn, that *John's* *water-Baptisme*, and the *water-Baptisme* commanded to, and practised by the Apostles after *Christ's* Resurrection, differed in many respects, and tho' both required Repentance as a condition in order to receive the *water-Baptisme*, yet the later required Faith in *Christ* Crucified and Raised again, as a condition in order to receive *Baptisme*, but the former did not require that Faith. Again his arguing from their not using that form of *Baptism*, *In the Name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost*, who did *Baptize* with *water* in those days of the Apostles, is as defective as his otherways of arguing on this Head.

But how doth he prove that they used not this Form? Why because in all these places, where *Baptizing* (with *water*) is mentioned, there is not a word of this Form, and in two places *Acts* 8. 16. and 19. 5. that it is said of some that they were *Baptized* in the Name of the Lord *Jesus*. But it ought to be considered, that oft in the Scriptures what is not exprest, is understood, yea that very Form exprest 8. 16. is comprehensive of the other, and if no more be exprest by him that is the Administrator, if he be sound in the Faith, and that the person to be *Baptized* hath a sound Faith, that Form is sufficient, it is not exprest that the Eunuch gave any other confession of his Faith before he was *Baptized*, but that *Jesus Christ* is the Son of *God*; but will it therefore follow, that he believed no other Article of the Christian Faith but that, and confessed no other. In his further Essay to defend his assertion, that *Christ* commanded the Apostles to *Baptize* with the Spirit, he saith, *Baptisme* with the Spirit, tho' not wrought without *Christ* and his Grace, is instrumentally done by men fitted of *God* for that purpose, and therefore no absurdity follows, that *Baptisme* with the Spirit should be exprest as the action of the Apostles; for tho' it be *Christ* by his

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Grace that gives Spiritual Gifts, yet the Apostle Rom. 1. 11. speaks of his imparting to them Spiritual Gifts, and he tells the Corinthians, that he had begotten them thro' the Gospel, 1 Cor. 4. 15. To convert the heart is properly the work of Christ, and yet the Scripture oftentimes ascribes it unto Men, as being the Instruments, and Paul's commission was to turn Men from Darkness to Light.

Ans. I acknowledge such like answers I had formerly given in some of my former Books to the like Objection; but I am come to see the weakness and defect of it; in order therefore to detect the fallacy of this assertion, that the Apostles might be as well said to *Baptize* with the Spirit, as to Beget, to Convert, to Impart some Spiritual Gift, &c. Let it be considered that *Baptisme* with the Holy Spirit, is not only another thing than Conversion, or imparting some Spiritual Gift, &c. that it is incomparably greater; for *Baptisme* with the Spirit is equivalent to the mission of the Spirit, and his Inhabitation in Believers, and his being given to them; all Spiritual Gifts of Faith, Conversion, Regeneration, however so true and real, are but works and effects of the Spirit, with whom Men may be said Instrumentally to work; but the giving the Holy Spirit, to which *Baptisme* with the Holy Spirit is equivalent, is of a higher Nature, than any or all these Spiritual Gifts, differing as much as the Giver differs from his Gifts: For as to Create is only proper to *God* and *Christ*, and the *Holy Ghost*: to Redeem by way of Ransome and Satisfaction to Divine Justice is only proper to *Christ*, without any concurrence of Men or Angels, so to *Baptize* with the Holy Ghost or endue therewith, or give or send the Holy Ghost, is only proper to *God* or *Christ* and not to Men so much as Instrumentally, there is no such Phrase to be found in all the Scripture, as that any Man did *Baptize* with the Holy Ghost, in any case or sense, we ought not to allow such odd Phrases so forrain to Scripture, otherwise the greatest absurdities might follow, and a Power of Creating and Redeeming might be given to Men at this rate, by adding the word Instrumentally, but as we are to allow no *Instrumental Creators or Redeemers*, so no Instrumental giver of the Holy Ghost or *Baptizers* with the same. The Holy Ghost is *God* himself, and it is too arrogant and wild to say, that Men who in respect of *God* are as Worms, can give their Creator and Maker. The Scripture indeed tells us, that the Holy Ghost was given thro' the laying on of the Apostles hands, *Acts* 8. 16. and sometimes in Preaching, and sometimes in Prayer, the Holy Ghost was given; but it was never said, that

that Men gave it or *Baptized* with it. Besides, at this rate, they may say, the Teaching that *Christ* commanded *Matth.* 28. 19. was not outward Teaching but inward, and then call it Instrumental; but what sense would be made of such an assertion, the Apostles were sent not to Teach outwardly but inwardly, by Instrumental Teaching; and one might argue as strongly, that it was not outward Teaching that *Christ* meant, *Matth.* 28. 19. why, not the least word is mentioned of outward Teaching, therefore it is not understood but only inward Teaching. If it be fit to answer, this wild inference thus, the Teaching there commanded must needs be outward, because its only Mens work to Teach outwardly, and Gods work to teach inwardly; the like answer is as proper to be given in relation to *Baptisme*, as it is Mens work to *Baptize* outwardly with *Water*, so it is the work of God and *Christ* to *Baptize* inwardly with the Spirit. And if Men be resolved to quibble and embrace any wild notion, rather than the simple Truth, had there been express mention made of *Water*, *Matth.* 28. 19. that quibbling Spirit would have made a new objection, and still argued it was not material or outward *Water*, but inward and Spiritual, because in many places of Scripture, *Water* signifieth not outward material *Water*, but inward and Spiritual.

S E C T. VIII.

TH E R E is yet another Argument used both by *W. Penn* and *R. B.* against both *Water-Baptism* and the *Supper* in common. I shall recite it in *W. Penn's* words (being the same in effect with these of *R. B.*) Thirdly saith *W. Penn*, they were but the more noble among the Meats and Drinks, and diverse washings that the Apostles said, were but shadows of the good things to come; for I would not that any should be so sottish as to think that *Christ* came to abolish those shadows of the Jews, and institute others in their room, by no means. He came to remove; change and abolish the very nature of such Ordinances, and not the particular Ordinances only, to wit, an outward shadowy and Figurative Religion; for it was not because they were Jewish Meats and Drinks, and diverse washings, but because they were Meats and Drinks, and outward washings at all, which never could nor can cleanse the Conscience from dead works, nor give eternal Life to the Soul, else wherein would the change be? A continuance of them, would have been a judaizing of the Spiritual Evangelical worship, the Gospel would have been a

state of Figures, Types and Shadows, which to assert or Practice, is as much as in such lies to pluck it up by the roots.

Ans. This whole way of Arguing proceeds upon a supposed Foundation that is false, and because the Foundation is false, therefore is his Superstructure also; both which I shall briefly show: First, His supposed Foundation is false, *viz.* No Signs that is no outward things that are Symbolical, or Significative of greater and more excellent things do by any means belong to the Gospel, and Christian Religion, otherwise (as he argueth but very weakly) there would be no change, and no difference betwixt the *Jewish* Religion and the Christian, or betwixt Law and Gospel; but this doth by no means follow. For allowing that some Signs belong to the Gospel, yet there is not only a change and difference betwixt them two, but a very great change and difference, even as much as betwixt the Light of the Twilight, and the clear Light of the Sun after he is risen, or betwixt the Sun in the Morning, and the Sun when he is high in the Firmament; and if he will have the outward *Baptisme* and *Supper*; called Shadows as well as Signs; is there no difference betwixt the Shadow that the Sun casts early in the Morning, when he is but low above the Horizon, and when he is high; we know that the higher the Sun riseth, the Shadow is the less, yet still there is some Shadow; however high the Sun riseth until he come to the Zenith, or Vertical Point, at which Point there is no Shadow, but this never happeneth to us in these Northern Parts; and to apply the similitude of the Sun and Shadow to the case in hand; admit the Sun to be *Christ*, as he enlightenth the Christian Church, or the best Christian Congregation that ever was on the Earth; did any such Church or Congregation know that Divine Sun to be risen upon them so high as the Vertical Point in this Spiritual Sense? Is not that rather the State that is reserved to the future Life? When the Shadows shall flee away, *Cant. 2. 17.* and *4. 6.* What was the State of the Church in the Apostles days, after they had received plentiful Illuminations of the Holy Ghost? Did not *Paul* say concerning himself and them, now we see darkly as in a Glass, *tanquam in speculo* the seeing Face to Face, being reserved to the future State after Death; and as he said again, we walk by Faith, not by Sight; which is to be understood comparatively; for though it is granted that the Saints while living in the mortal Body have often sweet and precious sights and tastes of the glory of *God* and of *Christ*; yet it is not so always with them and their highest Illuminations of Knowledge do admit.

admit of some defects and obscurities, and the condition of a mortal State, as it implyeth somewhat of Shadow, with reference to their defects and shortness, in respect of the much higher and more full and perfect Attainments of glorified Saints and Angels. So in this State of the mortal Body, Shadows and Symbolical things may be, and are really of that Service to them, as the Shadow of a Curtain is, that is interposed betwixt the brightness of the Sun, and the frail sight of our mortal Bodies; And what are all words but Signs, *verba sunt signa rerum & conceptuum*; words are Signs of Things and Thoughts: So are words properly defined by Logicians and Philosophers. Now if the Gospels Dispensation under Christianity be all life and substance, and nothing else; then not only all Books and Letters, but all words possible to be uttered by the Mouths of Men, must be rejected from having any use in Gospel Worship, and instead of silent Meetings at times, there must be no other Meetings but silent Meetings; nay, nor any Meetings at all of Bodies of Men and Women outwardly Assembled; for by *W. Penn's* way of Arguing, there is no use of them; such Meetings of Bodies reach but to the sight, and all that is or can be seen is but Carnal, and cannot reach to the Soul; all Meetings must be only within, and all Teaching within, and all Prayer and Worship within, and nothing without. But if it be granted that outward words, though Signs may be useful for the encrease of spiritual Knowledge, by the same reason the outward Signs of *God's* appointment may be useful also; yea, in some sort they are more useful, when the signification of them is understood; for Example, *water* in *Baptisme* hath a nearer resemblance to the thing signified by it, than any words whatsoever; for words signify only by humane Institution, but visible Signs that are not words, bear some similitude and Analogy to the things signified, and are as it were so many Hieroglyphicks of Divine Mysteries. In short, the difference betwixt the Judaick and the Christian Dispensation stands not, as *W. Penn* would have it, that the Judaick Dispensation was an outward Figurative and shadowy Worship, and Religion, and that the Gospel hath nothing of outward in it, nothing of Figure, sign, or shadowy; for in both these Descriptions he is under a great mistake, the Judaick Religion had substance, Life and Vertue, and an inward Glory belonging to it as really as the Christian, yea, the very same in Nature; and therefore it is not a fit Definition he gives of the Judaick Dispensation and Religion; that it was an outward Figurative and shadowy Worship and Religion, the outward

part of it was as the shell and Cabinet, but it had an inward part that was as the Kirnel and Jewel, as all the Faithful did know, who were under that Dispensation, while it stood in force. Again, it is as really an Error on the other hand to define the Christian Dispensation to be all inward, all Life and spirit, and substance; that is, too Chymical and Subtile, and no wise Suits with a mortal State at least; for as our natural Bodies cannot Eat and Drink all spirit, but require a Food more Bodily; so our Christian Religion requireth a Bodily part as well as a spiritual. And such who through an ignorant Presumption throw away the Bodily part of the Christian Religion, lose the Spiritual, or rather never find it, but in place of the true spirit of Christianity embrace an inward shadow and Imagination, and oft an Antichristian Spirit, and such, I have known who had been once very Zealous in the *Quakers* way, who upon such ignorant Presumption, would come to no Meetings, hear no outward Teaching, nor joyn in any External Act of Worship; alledging all was inward, and they needed no outward thing, and God was only to be Worshipped in the inward, which are the true and proper Consequences of *W. Penn's* Reasonings here; His Distinction of Prenunciative and Commemorative Signs I have above examined, and shewed that *Water-Baptisme*, and the outward supper are not meerly Prenunciative but Commemorative, as commanded to be practised after *Christ's* Resurrection. The true distinction betwixt the Judaick and Christian Dispensation and Religion, consists in these following Particulars: That the Judaick Dispensation and Religion had much more of outward Figurative and shadowy things than the Christian, the former had much, as best suited to that Time and State, the latter had but little in comparifon to the former. As for Example, the Figures and shadows of the Law were indeed many, perhaps some hundreds there were of the *Mosaical* Laws, commonly called Ceremonial, relating to Meats and Drinks, Washings or *Baptisms*, Persons, Places and Times, as Days, Weeks, Months and Years; but the symbols and signs under the Gospel are but few, as *Water* in *Baptisme*, and *Bread* and *wine* in the Supper, kneeling or standing up in Prayers, and the Men uncovering their Heads may be called Decent Religious signs of our Worship. secondly, The Typical and *Mosaical* Precepts were not only many, but considerably chargeable and painful; the multitude of their Sacrifices were a great charge, and the Males coming there every year to *Jerusalem*, very Laborious, Circumcision of the Male Childen painful, but *water-Baptisme* and the Supper very easie;

easie, and with very little charge, and little or no pain ; which charge-
 able and painful Service of the Law among other things, occasioned
Peter to call it a Yoak ; which neither they nor their Fathers were able
 to bear, *Acts* 15. 10. And God in his wisdom saw it meet to put that
 yoak upon them, as suiting to that legal and typical state ; and our delive-
 rance from that Yoak is a great blessing of God. Thirdly, These Signs
 and Shadows of the Law did not near so clearly and plainly hold forth
Christ, and the Spiritual Blessings of Remission of Sins, Justification,
 Adoption, Sanctification, and Glorification through *Christ* ; as these
 few plain Signs and Symbols of *water* in *Baptisme*, and *Bread* and *wine*
 in the *Supper* do ; the words in the Form of *Baptisme* do plainly ex-
 press that Great Mytery of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and
 how these three are concerned in the things signified by the outward
Baptisme ; as namely, in the Pardon of our Sins ; the Father giveth it,
 the Son purchaseth it, the Holy Spirit in our Hearts persuadeth us of
 it : Again, the form of words in the Institution of the *Supper*, *take*,
eat, this is my body, &c. and this cup is the new Testament in my blood
shed for the remission of the sins of many ; drink ye all of it. There are
 no such plain and clear Forms of speech holding forth *Christ* and the
 spiritual Blessings we have by him, that were annexed to, or used with
 any of the Figures and shadows of the Law. Fourthly, The Figures
 and shadows of the Law in the use of them, had not that Plenty of
 Grace, and Divine and spiritual Influence of the Holy Ghost, accom-
 panying them generally to Believers under the Law, as doth generally
 accompany Believers under the Gospel ; for as *Paul* declareth, it was
 reserved unto the days that were to come after the Judaical Dispen-
 sation was ended, wherein God was to show the exceeding Riches of his
 Grace ; and in the latter Days, *viz.* under the Gospel the spirit was
 to be poured forth, as was accordingly fulfilled ; and on these Ac-
 counts, especially the two last, it is, that *Baptisme* with *water*, and
 the outward *Supper* ought not to be numbred among the Carnal Ordi-
 nances of the Judaick Dispensation ; for though the material things
 in some part be the same, yet the manner so differing, and the Grace
 and spirit more plentiful abundantly, as is above declared, gives just
 cause, that the outward *Baptisme* and the *Supper*, when duly Admi-
 nistred, as they ought to be, and were in the Apostles Days, should
 not be numbred among the Carnal Ordinances, nor yet so called, but
 rather Spiritual ; for things receive their denomination from the greater
 and better part : Holy Men in Scripture are called spiritual though
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having Bodies of Flesh; and why may not things be called Holy and Spiritual, that are used and practised by Ho'y Men wholly for a Holy End; although the things themselves be Material and External: All which being considered, it will plainly appear how weakly and rawly, both *w. Penn*, and *R. B.* have argued in this Point, and what an Impertinent Consequence *w. Penn* hath made, to infer, that to allow *Water-Baptisme*, and the outward *Supper* to belong to the Gospel, is to make the Gospel a State of Figures, Types and shadows, which doth no more truly follow, than to allow, that because *w. Penn* hath a Body of Flesh and Blood; that therefore he is a Carnal and Bloody Man; or because the *Quakers* have Flesh and Blood as other Men; therefore there Church is a Carnal and Bloody Church; and as raw and defective is *R. B.* his way of Reasoning, p. 25, 26, 27. of the above said Treatise; that where the Author is the same, the Matter of Ordinances is the same, and the end the same, and having the same effect, they are never accounted more or less Spiritual, because of their different times. For all this is not a sufficient enumeration, to prove the one not to be more spiritual than the other; there are diverse other great Considerations or Arguments, besides these mentioned by him so generally and overly; as in the respects above mentioned, relating to their Form and Manner, and greater Efficacy, because of the greater plenty of Grace, accompanying the latter than the former, and having greater and more excellent Effects; for who that knows, what a true Christian is, but will say he is far beyond an ordinary Religious *Jew* that had some degree of Faith in the promised *Messiah*; the Scripture comparing the *Jew* and the Christian, as the Child and the Man. And who but will say, that the true Gospel way of Ministry, as it was in the Apostles Days, and wherein they were exercised in Preaching and Prayer, did far excell the Ministry of the ordinary sincere *Jewish* Priests and Scribes, although they had one Author, and one Doctrine for Substance, and one end in their Ministry at large and in general, and also one effect in general and at large, *viz.* to instruct in Righteousness such as heard them. And though in one sense the *Jewish Baptisms*, and that practised by the Apostles after *Christ's* Resurrection had one Author, *viz.* God, yet in another sense there was a considerable difference, it being *God* or the word Incarnate, or *Christ God Man* that was the Author of the latter, but not of the former. And though the *Jewish water-Baptisms*, and the *Christian water-Baptisme*, which is but one, do agree in relation to their end in

some sort, yet there is a great difference in that very respect; for tho' the remote end of the *Jewish Baptisms* was to signifie Remission of Sin through Faith in *Christ*; yet the proximate, or next end of those *Baptisms* was to make them legally clean, so as to be allowed to come into the Congregation of the *Jewish Church*; but the end of the Christian *Water-Baptism*, even proximately and nextly considered, is to signifie Remission of Sins, and the spiritual Cleansing by *Christ*, and also to indicate such *Baptized Persons*, and recognize or acknowledge them to be Members of the Church of *Christ*, that is more excellent and honourable as far, as the Christian Dispensation excelled the *Judaick*. But that they farther argue, that *Water-Baptism* cannot reach the Conscience to cleanse it from Sin; that therefore it ought not to be practised; and because *Bread* and *Wine* in the *Supper* cannot nourish the Soul; therefore ought it not to be used in the *Supper*; they might as well have argued against the brazen Serpent, that the *Jews* at *God's* command should not have looked to it when they were poisoned with the Serpents in the Wilderness; because there was no inherent Virtue in that piece of Brass to effect any Cure; and they might argue as well against *Naaman's* going to wash in *Jordan* to be cured of his Leprosie. I know none that plead for *Water-Baptism*, and the outward *Supper*, that think there is any inherent Virtue in these outward things, either to wash or feed the Soul; the Virtue is wholly in *Christ*, whose Grace, Power, and Spirit doth accompany the due and right use of these things, as they are practised in Faith, and in Obedience to *Christ's* command. And the like way they might argue against all vocal Ministry which abounds among the *Quakers*; for no words have any inherent Virtue in them to Cure or Cleanse the Soul, or profit any more than *Water*, or *Bread* and *Wine*; it is only the Grace and Spirit of *Christ*, when it goeth along and accompanieth these outward things, whether Words, or those outward Elements, that is effectual, and maketh the use of them effectual; without which they are all but as empty Cisterns that can hold no Water.

S E C T. IX.

A Nother Argument of *w. Penn* against the outward *Baptism* and *Supper* is, that therefore they are to be rejected now the false Church has got them; yea the Whore hath made Merchandize with them,

and under such Historical Shadow and Figurative Christianity, has she managed her Mystery of Iniquity unto the beguiling thousands, whose simplicity the Lord will have a tender regard to. Ans. In this way of Arguing also he is very inconsiderate, for his Reason is of equal force against the Holy Scriptures, and all the Doctrinal and Historical part of *Christ's* coming in the Flesh, his Death and Sufferings, &c. Why! the false Church has got all this, and makes Merchandize therewith, and therefore the Bible and the whole Historical and Doctrinal part of *Christ's* coming in the Flesh, and his Death and Sufferings must be rejected; also all Preaching, and Praying, and Meeting together, and all external Acts of Worship must be rejected, for the same reason, because the false Church has got them all. Tho' I think it may be said, the false Church has not got either *Baptisme* or the *Supper*, in the true Administration of them; but rather a false show and likeness of them: But what hinders that the true Church may not Practise these things aright, tho' the false Practise them amiss? Should the abuse of any thing commanded by God, take away the use of it? Must Meat, Drink and Cloathing be rejected, because that many abuse them?

But he continueth to argue against them p. 110. Reason against Railing. Let it be considered that no other Apostle recommends these things, nor *Paul* himself to either the *Romans*, the *Corinthians* (in his first Epistle) the *Galatians*, *Ephesians*, *Philippians*, *Colossians*, *Thessalonians*, *Hebrews*, nor to *Timothy*, *Titus* and *Philemon*. Ans. If so it were that in none of these Epistles *Paul* had mentioned them, nor any other of the Apostles, which yet is not so, for I have answered it at large, what was objected from *Peter*, 1 *Pet.* 3. 21. as that *Water-Baptisme* is not there meant; and in the Epistle to the *Romans*, *Galatians*, *Ephesians* and *Colossians*, and in that to the *Hebrews*, *Baptisme* is mentioned, and he hath not proved that it is not *Water-Baptisme* that is there meant, yet it will not follow, that therefore they are to be rejected, seeing other places of Scripture mention both the command and practice of them, so that he cannot instance one, professing Christianity, that was not *Baptized*, any where in the Scripture, after the command of *Baptisme* was given by *Christ* to the Apostles; suppose there were but one Text in all the Scripture, that clearly proveth some Doctrine of the Christian Faith, were not that enough for its proof? As that one Text, that God is a Spirit is it not sufficient to prove the truth of it? And we find but one Text of Scripture, and that is in *John* 6. that mentions the eating of *Christ's* Flesh, and drinking his Blood, in order to eternal Life, is not that one place enough to prove that Truth?

Another Argument he useth is, p. 110. *Reas. &c. That the Gentile Spirit hath troden them under foot so long, being part of that outward Court of Religion given to them, which were left out at the measuring of the Evangelical Temple of God, Rev. II. 1, 2.*

Ans. It was not the outward Court, but the Holy City that the Gentiles did tread under feet: The outward Court indeed, as with respect to that time, was not to be measured, but left unmeasured, to-wit, during the time of the great Apostacy. But this argueth, there was an utter Court; the not Measuring of it seems to signifie, that it was short and defective of the just Measure, that was originally belonging to it, as it was in the Apostles dayes. and for a long time afterwards, until the great Apostacy began, at least for the space of three Hundred Years and upwards from our Saviours Resurrection; But this is so far from proving, that outward *Baptisme* and the *Supper*, suppose they were a part of the outward Court, were no Institutions of *Christ* under the *Gospel*, that it proves they were, for the outward Court was a part of the Temple, under the Law, and signified that the Church of *God* under the *Gospel* was to have that which by way of Analogie answered to it, as accordingly it had till the great Apostacy came in, that made it to be for a time to be left unmeasured. But we find that in *Ezekiel*, the Temple, there described, Chap 42, is described with its outer Court, and is measured; which Temple there described, it not any material Temple, but the Church of *God* as it shall be raised up after the Apostasie, which shall have her outward Court in its just measure; and seeing the *Quakers* take themselves to be the Church come out of the Wilderness, and got free from the Apostasie, and that *water-Baptisme* and the *Supper* belongs to the outer Court, as *w. Penn* will have it; by the same, or like Argument, they ought to restore the true and due practice of them. But why may not their Ecclesiastick Discipline be reckoned as much belonging to the outer Court, as *water-Baptisme* and the *Supper*? and if so, why have they set up that, (that is as much outward as *Baptisme* and the *Supper*) and not the other, which has far less show of warrant than the other?

S E C T. X.

THE last Argument *w. Penn* useth, or at least the last that I shall bring, and I think I have omitted none, either of his, or of *R. Barclay*, that I could find, that seem'd to require an Answer, is

taken from *Christ's washing his Disciples Feet*, and commanding them to wash one anothers Feet; and *James commanding to anoint the Sick with Oyl*; and the *Apostles commanding to abstain from blood and things strangled*; and that the believers sold their Possessions, and had all things common, p. 111. Reason against Railing; from which he infers; that seeing they who plead for the continuance of *Water-Baptism*, and the *Supper*, do not practise those things; therefore, nor should they practise the other. And the like Reasoning doth R. B. use in the above said Treatise, called by his Son, *Baptism and the Supper* substantially asserted; insisting upon that of *Christ's washing the Disciples Feet*, in several Pages of that Treatise, from p. 94, to 99, and on that of *anointing with Oyl*, p. 115.

Ans. Upon a due consideration of things; this last Argument will have as little force as any of the former against the outward *Baptism*, and the *Supper*. That *Christ* commanded the *Disciples* to wash one anothers Feet, giving them an Example from his own Practice; as it was an Act of great Love and Humility in him so to do by his Example, he did enjoin to his *Disciples* to practise the like Acts of Love and Humility one to another; so that what was here enjoined the *Disciples* by *Christ*, was not any commemorative Sign of his Death and Sufferings, but a real Act of Love and Humility which is not tyed or confined to that particular Action that was peculiar to that Country, and an ordinary practice among the People of that Country; for the Country being hot, they used Sandals on their Feet, by occasion of which, their Feet, who used to Travel (as *Christ* and his *Apostles* frequently did) needed washing, not only for making them clean, but for refreshment; and when they came to lodge or stay at a place after Travel, it was usual for Travellers to have Water brought, and their Feet to be washed; as in *Gen. 18.* and *19.* and what was done to them in bringing Water, and having their Feet washed; was a real Act of Love and Kindness in them that received them into their Houses, though they performed not that Office themselves, but caused it to be done by their Servants, which was a servile Act, and more usual to Servants than to Masters. But if done by the Master of the House, or by one that was not a Servant, was an extraordinary Act of Love and Humility; so here was nothing in all this of Ceremony, Sign or Figure, but all a real Act and Office of excessive Love, and most profound Humility in our Blessed *Lord* towards his *Disciples*, and by this exemplary Act of his, he both taught and commanded them to perform both that, and also other the like Acts and Offices of Love and Humility towards one another, which they were to do simply as

Acts of singular Virtue after his Example ; and not as any Symbolical or Commemorative Sign of *Christ's* Death and Passion ; and accordingly we find it numbred among the Virtuous Acts of ancient Christian Widows and Matrons, *1 Tim. 5. 10. If she have washed the Saints Feet.* And the like was that Custom of giving a Cup of cold Water (or of cold, as the word is best Translated) to Travellers, which was a great Act of Kindness and Hospitality in those hot Countries ; but none of these Actions, the one of washing the Feet, the other of giving a Cup of cold, is any ordinary Act of Friendship, Love, or Humility, hereaway in cold Countries, where there is either no such ordinary occasion, or usual Custom : For to do any such thing hereaway, would be rather a Ceremony, than any substantial Act of either Love or Humility. But in all cases, when occasion is found for one Christian to perform the equivalent Acts of Love and Humility towards another, or others, the Command of *Christ* is no doubt obligatory. But to make a Ceremony of that which was then no Ceremony, but a substantial Act of Love and Humility were altogether improper and impertinent. Next, as that in *James*, recommending the Anointing the Sick with Oyl ; nor was this commanded to be done as any symbolical Act, or commemorative Sign, but as a mean that *Christ* had appointed his Disciples to use towards the Sick, when he gave them power of healing them miraculously, *Mark 6. 13.* The abstaining from Blood and things strangled, was certainly a part, if not of the Ceremonial Law ; yet of the positive and Judicial Laws given by the *Jews*, which the Apostles thought fit to enjoyn to the believing *Gentiles* at that time, to prevent the giving of Scandal to the believing *Jews*, who would have taken offence at the *Gentiles* for so doing. And that the practice of abstaining from eating Blood, continued among the Christians until *Tertullian's* time, is clearly evident, out of his Apology for the Christians ; where answering that abominable Charge against the Christians, that they did eat the Blood of Infants, shewed that they were so far from that, that they did abstain from the Blood of Beasts. Now this abstaining from the Blood of Beasts, and things strangled, belonging to the positive *Judicial* Laws given to the *Jews*, the Apostles might, and no doubt did see cause to enjoyn that Abstinence to the believing *Gentiles* for a time, to prevent the Scandal of their Brethren who believed of the *Jews*. But notwithstanding the Apostle *Paul* doth plainly teach, that whatever was sold in the Shambles might be eaten ; and that nothing was now unclean (provided it be not unwholsome and
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prejudicial to Health, as some things are) for said he, every Creature of God is good, being Sanctified by the Word of God, and Prayer, and to be received with Thanksgiving. And lastly, as to that of having Community of Goods, it was only practised at *Jerusalem*, and was a voluntary Act, not enjoyned to them, or any others; and therefore doth not oblige Christians to practise it; nor do the *Quakers* practise it more than any others. But when it was practised, it was not any symbolical Act, or commemorative Sign of *Christ's* Death and Sufferings, and of the spiritual Blessings that Believers have thereby; such as *Baptism* and the *Supper* was; and therefore to argue from the ceasing of that, or any other of the above-mentioned things, their ceasing is altogether impertinently and groundlessly argued. Before I close this Head of *Baptism*, I think fit to take some notice of this Title given by the Son to his Fathers Treating against the outward *Baptism* and the *Supper*, *Baptism and the Lord's Supper substantially asserted*. A Man might as well having writ a Book against all outward Teaching and Ministry, and against all vocal Prayers, and all external Acts of Worship, and against all outward Meetings of the Bodies of Believers, give it this Title; *True Teaching and Ministry, true Prayer and worship, true assembling together, substantially asserted*; and all this by throwing aside all outward Teachings of Men, however so well divinely Gifted and Qualified, and all outward Ministry, and all external Acts of Worship and outward Assemblies of Persons, and telling us the true substantial Teaching and Ministry is only inward; the true substantial Worship is inward; and the true substantial Assemblies and Congregations of Believers is only inward in the Heart and Spirit; which manner of dealing, as it would not a little tend to the decay, if not rather the total destruction of the inward and substantial parts of all these things; so it is against the Practice of the People called *Quakers*, who are as much for outward Teaching, and an outward Ministry after their own way, and external Acts of Worship in outward Meetings and Assemblies, and other outward Forms of Church Discipline and Government, set up by their Leaders, and especially by *G. Fox*, as any other People, divers of which outward Forms set up by them, and greatly contended for against others of their Brethren, who said, they saw no need of them, but thought the inward Principle abundantly sufficient without these outward things, have less ground from Scripture than the practice of *Water-Baptism*, and the outward *Supper* have. And if only the substance of things must be re-

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garded, and all useful and convenient adjuncts and accidents of them rejected and thrown off; then all the *Quakers* (at this odd way of arguing) may throw away their Cloathing and go naked; pretending they are no substantial Parts of them, but only accidental; and by the like Reasoning they may throw away their Estates and worldly Goods, as being no substantial Parts of them as they are Men, or rational Creatures. But what hurt Religion would suffer, by throwing off, and laying aside all outward Teaching, and all outward Acts of Worship, all sober and intelligent Persons, that have the least true sense of Religion, do know. And though the true Christian Religion may consist without these External Things of *water-Baptism*, and the *Supper*, as in respect of its Essentials, and Men and Women may be true Christians without them, and they may be more tollerably wanted at certain occasions, than outward Teaching, and other External Parts of Religion, as where they cannot be practised without great mixtures of Superstition and Idolatry, as in Popish Countries, or other Places where they cannot be duly had and practised according to their due Institution, or where fit and due Administrators are wanting to Administer them; yet all this is no Argument against their being divine Institutions, and really serviceable to all, who can have the due and right use of them; they being proper and useful means to preserve the Christian Doctrin Faith and Religion in the World, as duly practised as useful Appendices and Concomitants to the outward Ministry and Preaching of the Word; and it is not to be questioned, had the right and due practice of them been continued among Professors of Christianity, and a due regard had been preserved among them, chiefly and primarily to the things signified by them, and secondarily to the outward Signs, so that all possible care had been used, that *Power and Form* had gone along together, and all scandalous and unworthy Persons plainly known to be such, as well as ignorant Persons, not duly instructed in the Essentials of Christian Religion had been excluded and debarred from the use of them; that the continuance of them in the manner, as above described, would have been of singular use to have preserved the Christian Doctrin, Faith and Religion, sound and free from the great Corruptions that have crept in to the great Corrupting and Adulterating both the Doctrin and Worship as it hath been for many Ages past among Professors of Christianity; as it hath been already proved, and yet may be further proved against them.

S E C T. XI.

AND it is morally impossible, that any People practising these things duly, having their true and proper Signification truly and faithfully taught them, and inculcated into them on all occasions when they are used, as well as at other convenient Seasons, ever could or can lose the Doctrin and Faith of *Christ Crucified*, or that that Doctrin and Faith can ever be made as an indifferent thing among them, as it is made by many of the People, called *Quakers*; yea, not only so, but by some of their chief Teachers and Leaders, now bearing great Sway among them; as a thing not only, not very necessary, but contrary to the Apostles Doctrin, *Rom. 10.* Witness some very express Passages in a Book of *G. whitehead's*, and *George Fox* the younger; called, *Truth defending the Quakers and their Principles*---Writ (say they) *from the Spirit of Truth in G. Whitehead, and G. Fox the younger.* (Judge, Christian Reader, if these Men have not belyed the Spirit of Truth, to father such gross Untruth, and Antichristian Sayings upon the Spirit of Truth as are contained in these Passages, hereafter to be quoted, and many others of the like nature that might be produced out of that vile Pamphlet, above named) *Printed at London, for Tho. S mmons, at the Bull and Mouth, near Aldersgate, 1659.*

In p. 65 of that Book, they bring in one *Christopher wade*, saying, *Christopher wade* affirmeth that our blessed Saviour doth instruct Men to lay fast hold of, and to abide in such a Faith which confideth in himself, *being without Men* To this they answer.

Ans. That's contrary to the Apostles Doctrin, who Preached the word of Faith that was in their Hearts, and the Saints Faith stood in the Power of God, which was in them. Note Reader, this Assertion of *C. wade*, blamed by them, as being contrary to the Apostles Doctrin, is so far from being contrary thereunto, that there can be nothing more agreeable, as appeareth in the words of the Apostle *Paul* in the very next verse following; where after mentioning the word of Faith, in Verse 8, which was nigh in the Mouth, and in the Heart; he adds in the 9th and 10th verses. *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thy heart that God hath raised him from the dead; thou shalt be saved; for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

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Again, They bring in *C. Wade* (see there page 66) saying, *C. Wade*, p. 14. hath affirmed that the *Lord* hath bought us, and Redeemed us with the precious Blood of his Humanity; and saith, your imagined *Christ* being a mere Spirit, never had any Humane Blood to Redeem you with; and to prove it, he brings *1 Pet. 1. 19.* now see their Answer.

Ans. That Scripture, *1 Pet. 1. Hast thou perverted, as thou hast done other Scriptures, to thy own destruction; for there he witnessed to the blood of the Lamb, which redeemed them from their vain conversation; but doth not tell of humane Blood to Redeem them with. For that which is Humane is Earthly; but Christ whose Blood is Spiritual, is Lord from Heaven; and he is not an imagined Spirit, but a true Spirit. And what say'st thou to this? Was that Humane Blood, which Christ saith, except a man drink he hath no life in him; and which cleansed the Saints from all Sin, who were Flesh of Christ's Flesh, and Bone of his Bone? Note, Any intelligent Reader cannot but know that Christopher Wade by the Blood of Christ's Humanity, meant the Blood of the Man Christ that was born of the Virgin; and by the Humanity, he meant the Manhood of Christ, which of late years G. Whitehead hath in Print owned, even the words Humanity of Christ; and yet never to this day hath retracted his vile Doctrin in this and other his Books, whereof I have given some account in my first and second Narrative, &c. at Turners-Hall. Nay, it is below him to retract any Errors that would reflect upon his Infallibility; he is not changed, as God is the same, and Truth is the same, so the Quakers are the same, and by consequence so is G. Whitehead the same, as John Pennington hath affirmed in one of his late Prints.*

Again, In p. 23. of that above mentioned Book, they answer a Question thus?

Q. 43. When you tell us that you have Faith in *Christ*; do you mean *Christ* whose Person is now ascended into Heaven above the Clouds; or do you mean only a *Christ* within you?

Ans. Here thou wouldst make two *Christ's*, a *Christ* whose Person is above the Clouds, and a *Christ* within, but how provest thou two such *Christ's*? We have Faith in that *Christ* that descended from the Father, who is the same that ascended far above all Heavens, that he might fill all things; and this *Christ* we witness in us who is not divided. Note, I need not make any Commentary on these words; the Man that asked the Question did not in the least insinuate that there were two *Christ's*,

but 'tis plain it was *G. whitehead's* Sense; that to own *Christ*, whose Person is now Ascended unto Heaven above the Clouds, and to own *Christ* within, is to make two *Christs*: But seeing there is but one *Christ*, that is, only (according to *G. whitehead's* Notion) within, and not a Person now Ascended above the Clouds; it is plain, he doth not own any such Person Ascended into Heaven above the Clouds, nor Faith in any such Person; and no wonder that he oppose Faith in *Christ's* Person without us, when he opposeth the Being of any such Person; for the object of Faith being destroyed or denyed, the Act of Faith must be destroyed or denyed also; both which we see he hath plainly done in this Book; and if in some of his latter Books he seems to be of a better Faith; yet who can believe him to be sincere, until he retract and condemn the vile Errors in this and other of his former Books which have infected thousands of the poor ignorant People, called *Quakers*, whom he hath led into this Ditch of Unbelief? and yet for danger of loosing his Reputation of Infallibility, and of being found from the beginning; he will not do any thing to confess his former Ignorance and Unbelief, which might be a great means to lead that poor People out of that Ditch, into which he had formerly led them. And how he will answer it at the great Day of Judgment for this great Sin and Neglect, to make amendment, so as to correct his former gross Errors, and labour to undeceive those whom he had formerly deceived; he has great need to consider it; and I sincerely wish that a Heart may be given him to do it, and that by true Repentance he may be humbled before the *Lord*, and obtain forgiveness. But he hath given us a very late Instance that he is not changed really in his false Faith and Persuasion from what he was when he wrote that Book, near 40 years past, which instance is this. He hath blamed *G. K.* for undervaluing the Light within, as not sufficient to Salvation, or not sufficient without something else, that is *Christ Jesus* without us, Suffering and Dying outwardly for us, as in his late Antidote, Printed 1697. p. 28. compared with p. 27. *ad finem.* Judge Reader, of what little necessity or value he makes of the Man *Christ* without us, and of his Death and Sufferings, Resurrection and Intercession in Heaven, by this most unsound Notion of his, for which he hath got a late Patron and Assistant, a Clergy Man of the Church of *England* formerly, though not in present Office, one that calleth himself *Edmund Ely's*, who hath Printed lately two-half Sheets in Vindication of *G. whitehead's* vile Error, and blaming my Christian Assertion: The

Title of one of his half Sheets being this; *G. Keith's* saying that the Light within is not sufficient to Salvation without something else proved to be contrary to the Foundation of the Christian Religion. These two half Sheets are printed and sold by *T. Soule* the *Quakers* Printer, next door to their Meeting-house in *white-heart Court* in *Grace-church-street*, 1697. By which it appears they are very fond of this Patron to their Cause, and particularly that *G. whitehead* is so, by the Commendation he gives of him in his late printed Antidote.

However this may seem to some an improper Digression; yet if they well consider the occasion of it, they will (if Impartial) acknowledge it both proper and convenient.

S E C T. XII.

AND hereby it may easily appear what Spirit hath Acted the first Teachers that appeared among the *Quakers*, as chiefly *G.F.* and *G.W.* to oppose so keenly and earnestly the practice of those two Divine Institutions of *water-Baptism* and the *Supper*; namely, to draw People into a forgetfulness of all Faith in *Christ* without us, as he dyed and rose again, and is Ascended into Heaven; for the proper Memorials of *Christ* Crucified, being rejected and laid aside as well as the Doctrine it self not only, not Preached but opposed, as contrary to the Scripture, the drift and aim of that Spirit that hath Acted them both against the one and the other, is plainly manifest, and how its opposing the Doctrine of Faith in the Man *Christ* without us, is the great cause of its opposing these external Practices which are such proper means, together with the Doctrine to propagate and preserve the true Christian Faith in the World. And indeed upon that Hypothesis, or Foundation laid by their principal Teachers, that there is no need of Preaching Faith in the Man *Christ* without, for Remission of Sin, and eternal Salvation; but the only thing needful is the Light within, as it universally enlightenth all Mankind, either to be Preached, or Believed, as a late Writer against them hath well observed, these outward Practices of *water-Baptism*, and the outward *Supper* are useles and insignificant Formalities, for they were never appointed to signifie Remission of Sin, Justification, and Salvation, only by obedience to the Light within; excluding the necessity of Faith in the Man *Christ* without us, whose alone Obedience unto Death for us, is the only meritorious Cause of the Remission of our Sins, of Justification, and eternal

nal Salvation; and of all that inward Grace and Virtue of the Holy Spirit whereby we are inwardly Sanctified, and made meet to receive that eternal Inheritance. But though the Spirit that first appeared to Act in these Men, the first Teachers and Leaders of that People, did prove it self to be Antichristian, by opposing the Memorials of *Christ* without us; yet many simple and honest hearted People knew nothing of this design, and however in part leavened with that Spirit in respect of its opposition to these outward Institutions of *Baptism* and the *Supper*; yet by *God's* great Mercy were preserved from being prevailed upon by it, to oppose the Doctrine and Faith of *Christ* as he outwardly Suffered, Dyed, and Rose again, and is in Heaven, our Intercessor, among whom I can justly and uprightly number both *R. B.* and my self; both of us having been preserved sound in our Faith, as touching the Faith in *Christ* without us, however otherwise hurt and byassed by them, in relation to these two outward Institutions of *Baptism* and the *Supper*; and my Charity leads me to believe that, if *R. B.* had lived in the Body to this day, to see the ill effects that his Writing against these Divine Institutions have had, and the bold opposition that many have of late, more than formerly made to the necessity of the Faith in *Christ* Crucified, and the Preaching of it even here in Christendom, since the Question hath been more distinctly stated betwixt my Opposers and me, touching the necessity of the Faith asserted by me, and opposed by them, he would have plainly seen and readily acknowledged his Error in Writing against these Divine Institutions.

There is yet another of their Teachers, who is of late years become a Person of no small Note among the Quakers, *viz.* *John Gratton*, whom I cannot well pass without observing his Ignorant and Inconsiderate way of Arguing against these Divine Institutions, especially as touching one of his main Arguments he hath framed from a most false and perverse Understanding of that place in *Heb. 6. 1, 2.* *Therefore leaving the Principles of the Doctrin of Christ, let us go on to Perfection*; where in his Book called *John Baptist decreasing*, Printed many years ago, and Re-printed in the year 1696, he layeth the Foundation of his Argument against *Water-Baptism*, upon the word in that place LEAVING, which he hath caused to be Printed more than once in his Book in Capital Letters (for a Monument it will be of his gross Ignorance, and yet bold Presumption thus to pervert the Holy Scripture) from thence inferring that *Water-Baptism* is to be left off and laid aside; for thus he argues, p. 47. of the last Edition, 1697. If they had

had been commanded by *Christ* to have been used to the Worlds end; then why should *Paul* (for so I call that Author) have been so earnest at that day, which was soon after *Christ's* Ascension, to have had them then to leave them, and to go on to a more Manful, Powerful, perfect State? Ans. At this rate of Arguing, not only *water-Baptism*, but the *Baptism* of the Holy Spirit is all to be left; for the Author mentions the Doctrin of *Baptisms* in the Plural Number; which *John Gratton* most unfairly and falsely quotes in the Singular; *Baptism* for *Baptisms*: Also by the same Argument, *Repentance from dead works and faith towards God, the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment*, are all to be left off from being Preached or Believed: But the true Sense is obvious, of the word leaving, *i. e.* not to Treat, or Write upon these first Principles further at present, but to Treat of other things; as when a Man hath laid the Foundation of a House, he goeth on to Build a Superstructure upon it.

And as Ignorant and Impertinent doth he discover himself to be in his other Treatise (preceeding the other) of *Baptism* and the *Supper*; where from the Word *Elements*, used in *Gal. 4. 3, 9.* he concludes that *water-Baptism* is one of these beggerly Elements *Paul* opposed; because *water* is an Element; and after this rate divers others of their Teachers have Argued; but the Word Translated *Elements* there, *Gal. 4. 3, 9.* hath no relation to the *water-Baptism*, nor to the Element of *water*; but to Principles and Doctrins of the *Jews*, relating to the *Jewish* Rites and Ceremonies; the *Greek* Word, *στοιχεια*, is applyed no less to the Principles of the *Christian* Doctrin of *Christ* and Oracles of *God*; which therefore by his Argument, being Elements, are to be thrown aside. As for his other Arguments in those two Treatises against the outward *Baptism* and the *Supper*; they are no other that I can find, but such as are above mentioned in my Reply to those of *William Penn*, and *Robert Barclay*, and therefore one Answer will serve both to them and him.

PART II.

SECT. I.

The Arguments against the outward Supper examined and Refuted.

THus having finished my Examination, and Refutation of the Arguments of the above mentioned Persons against *Water-Baptism*, and the outward *Supper* in general, I think fit to bring to the like Examination, what *R. B.* hath more particularly Argued against the outward *Supper*; as being not any longer to continue, but until *Christ's* inward coming, to arise in their Hearts, and give a plain Refutation of the same.

In the beginning of the Chapter, or Head, wherein he discourseth concerning the Body and Blood of *Christ*, although he saith truly, that the Communion (*i. e.*) the Participation thereof is inward and Spiritual; yet he was under a great mistake, to affirm that the said Body and Blood of *Christ*, whereof true Believers do participate, is only inward; which he afterwards explains to be that Light and Seed in every Man; as he expresth plainly in several places, as p. 61, of the above said Treatise, and p. 65, where he saith---and that *Christ* understands the same things here, (*viz. John 6.*) by his Body, Flesh, and Blood, which is understood, *John 1. by the light that enlighteneth every man, and the life*; &c. And p. 77. he chargeth it to be an Error to make the Communion, or Participation of the Body, Flesh and Blood of *Christ*, to relate to that outward Body, Vessel, or Temple that was Born of the Virgin *Mary*, and walked and Suffered in *Judea*; whereas it should relate to the Spiritual Body, Flesh and Blood of *Christ*, even that Heavenly and Celestial Light and Life, which was the Food and Nourishment of the Regenerate in all Ages, as we have (said he) already proved.

Ans. In this he was in a great Error, to make the Eating, or Participation of *Christ's* Flesh and Blood to have no relation to *Christ's* outward Body of Flesh and Blood that was Born of the Virgin, and Suffered Death for our Sins on the Tree of the Cross. For the Regeneration of Believers, and Justification, with all the Spiritual Blessings of Life and Light, and inward Divine Virtue and Might, wherewith they

they are inwardly Refreshed and Nourished by *Christ*, hath a most near and immediate Relation to *Christ's* outward Body and Blood, and to his coming in that outward Body; because that most Holy and Perfect Obedience of *Christ* which he performed in that Body, and became Obedient to the Death of the Cross, was and is the procuring and meritorious Cause of all that inward Grace, Virtue, Light and Life, whereby Regeneration was wrought in any, in any Age of the World, either before or since *Christ* came in the Flesh, as well as it was and is the procuring and meritorious Cause of their Justification, and the Remission of their Sins. For *Christ* Died as well for the Sins of those who lived in the Ages before he came in the Flesh, as since, and they had the same Benefits by his Death, and by his Body and Blood, that we have; the same inward Grace and Light to Regenerate them, as the same Mercy and Favour to Justifie them, and give them the Remission of their Sins, which they received through Faith in *Christ*, as he was to come in the Flesh without them; and whole *Christ* is the Food of true Believers; I mean *Christ*, not only considered as the Word simply, but as the Word made Flesh. And having taken or assumed the Seed of *Abraham*, and the true Nature of Man into such a high Union, as that the Godhead of the Word, and the Manhood assumed thereby is but one *Christ*; and as such is the Food of all true Believers, both as he outwardly came in the Flesh, and as he is inwardly come the Light and the Life in them; and Believers Eating of *Christ*, is their Believing in him, and by their Faith being United to him, and he to them; so that he dwells in them, and they in him. And though it may be owned, that Believers Feeding upon *Christ's* Light and Life, Metaphorically and Allegorically speaking, that Light and Life may be called according to Scripture, Meat and Drink, and Flesh and Blood of *Christ*, as it hath many other such Metaphorical Names; such as, Milk, Honey, Wine, Marrow and Fatness, Oyl, &c. All which Names are given, because of Men's Weakness; and that they have not proper Words to express Divine Things by; yet that ought not to make us reject and lay aside *Christ's* outward Body of Flesh and Blood from having any Relation to the Saints feeding upon him. Nor do the Arguments brought by *R. B.* here, prove in the least what he intends, as the following Examination of them will sufficiently (I hope) manifest. He begins with a Quotation out of *Augustine*, in his Tractat, *Psalms* 98. *The words which I speak unto you are spirit and life, understand spiritually what I have spoken; ye shall not eat of*
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this body which ye see, and drink this blood which they shall spill that shall crucifie me. I am the living bread which have descended from heaven; he called himself the bread which descended from heaven, exhorting that they might believe in him, &c. Anf. It is evident from these last Words; that by Eating, *Augustine* meant in one Sense Corporal Eating, and in another Sense Believing, as elsewhere *Tract. 25. ad cap. 6. Johan. Hoc est opus Dei, ut quid paras dentem & ventrem? crede & manducafti: Credere enim in eum, hoc est, comedere panem & vinum, qui credit in eum manducat eum; in English thus, why preparest thou thy Teeth and Belly? believe and thou hast eat; for to believe in him is to eat the Bread and wine; who believeth in him eateth him.* Both these Quotations are good against the *Papists*; who hold that Believers eat the Body of *Christ* Corporally with their Mouths; but say nothing against this Spiritual Way of Eating *Christ's* Body, but plainly confirm it: The plain Sense therefore of *Augustine's* Words, Quoted by *R. B.* is this; *Ye shall not eat Corporally with the outward Mouth, the Body of Christ which ye see, but ye shall eat it Spiritually, that is, believe with a sincere Faith, which the Spirit of God worketh in you; that Christ shall give his Body that ye see (speaking then to the Jews) to be broken for you, and his Blood, even the Blood of that Body to be shed for you.* And in so Believing ye shall eat my Body, and drink my Blood, that is, ye shall be united to me, and I to you, that I shall abide in you, and ye shall abide in me; which Sense doth evidently agree with our Saviour's Words, *John 6. 29, 47.* And indeed to Exclude *Christ's* outward Body of Flesh and Blood, from having any Relation to this place of Scripture, as no way concerned in the Sense of these Words of it, *John 6. 53.* is plainly to Exclude *Christ* as he outwardly came in that outward Body, from being the Object of our Christian Faith; for seeing Eating here signifieth Believing by *Augustine's* Quotation, approved by *R. B.* if this Spiritual Eating, which is our Believing, respects not the Body of *Christ* that was outwardly Slain; then *Christ* as he came and Suffered in that Body, is no Object of the Christian Faith, which is most absurd; and none that is in the least acquainted with *Augustine's* Writings, can say it ever was his meaning, to deny the Body of *Christ* that was outwardly Slain, to be any wise Concerned in the Christian Faith; for *Augustine* was a most zealous Asserter of the Necessity of Faith in *Christ*, as he came in that Body, in order to our Salvation, against the Heresie of *Pelagius* who denied it, and Writ many Books against that Heresie, now Revived by many of the *Quakers* Teachers; tho what *R. B.* hath Writ here, I impute

pute to his Inadvertency, and do not charge him with the *Pelagian* Heresie for the same, because from other Places of his Writings, I can prove that he made the Faith of *Christ's* giving his Body to be Slain for us, necessary to our Salvation, and a part of the Christian Belief.

S E C T. II.

AND as Inadvertent and Mistaken as *R. B.* was in his Quotation of *Augustine*, concerning *Christ's* Flesh and Blood; no less hath *w. Penn* been, [p. 314. of his Rejoynder to *J. F.*] in his Quotation of *Bishop Jewel*, in his Sermon upon *Jos. 6. 1, 2, 3.* Who speaking of what *Christ* was to the *Jews* in the Wilderness, says thus: *Christ had not yet taken upon him a Natural Body, yet they did eat his Body; he had not yet shed his Blood, yet they drank his Blood: St. Paul saith, all did eat the same Spiritual Meat; that is, the Body of Christ, all did drink of the same Spiritual Drink, that is, the Blood of Christ; and that as truly as we do now.* And whosoever did then so Eat, lived for ever, I think (saith *w. Penn*) a Pregnant and Apt Testimony to *Christ's* being the *Christ of God* before his coming in the Flesh. *Ans.* But this doth not prove that by *Christ* here, *B. Jewel* meant only the Light within in these *Jews*, and by his Body and Blood only, that Light within, or Seed or Principle, as *w. Penn* would have it. All that are in the least acquainted with the Doctrine of the Church of *England*, of which *B. Jewel* was a Zealous Defender, as in his Apologie for the same appeareth, or with *B. Jewel's* Writings, know well that the Sense which *w. Penn* hath here put on *B. Jewel's* Words, never came into his Remotest Thoughts; but it is no wonder that he should so misunderstand and misconstrue *B. Jewel's* Words, when he doth so use the Scriptures themselves. *B. Jewel's* Sense is Obvious; *Christ* had not taken upon him a Natural Body, yet they did Eat his Body, *viz.* by Faith, believing that in the time appointed of *God*, he would take a Body, and give up that Body to be Slain for their Sins; he had not yet shed his Blood, yet they drank his Blood, *viz.* By faith believing, that after he should take flesh and blood in the fulness of time, he would give his blood to be shed for the remission of their sins; and by this faith all the faithful among them had *Christ* dwelling in them by his spirit; and did know and witness his spirit to regenerate and sanctifie them, to quicken and refresh them, and nourish them, as meat and drink doth refresh and nourish the body of man. As for his Quotations out of *Josua's* *Spriz*, and others; its no wonder he doth so Magnifie them, seeing

its but too evident the *Quakers* have sucked that Poisonous Milk out of the Breasts of such Men who have been in the same Errors before them. But to return to *R. B.* his Arguments, whereby he labourerth, but to no purpose, to prove that the Flesh there mentioned, *John 6. 53. &c.* hath no Relation to his outward Flesh. First, saith he, (p. 63) *because that it is said, both that it came down from Heaven; yea that it is he that came down from Heaven.* Now all Christians at present, generally acknowledge that the outward Body of *Christ* came not down from Heaven; neither was it that part of *Christ* which came down from Heaven.

Ans. 1. By Himself that came down from Heaven, who is called by *Paul* the second *Adam*, the *Lord* from Heaven, Heavenly, the quickning Spirit, cannot be meant the inward Principle of Light in Men, abstractly considered from the Fountain of it, which dwelt in the Man *Christ*, but chiefly the Light as in him; and consequentially that which Men receive out of his Fulness, according to their several Measures: And as our Regeneration and Salvation have a necessary Dependance on that fulness of Light, Life and Grace that dwells in him, out of which we receive our several Measures; so they have a necessary respect to the Man *Christ*, both Soul and Body, in which that Fulness dwelleth; because the Soul and Body of *Christ* (even his outward and visible Body) was concerned in that great Work of our Redemption, in what he did and Suffered for us. Therefore *God* hath Exalted the same Man *Jesus Christ* both in Soul and Body, in Unity with his Godhead, to be a Prince and Saviour to give Repentance and Remission of Sin, Grace and Glory, and all Spiritual Blessings to all that shall be saved. This, ancient Writers have explained by the Example of a red hot Iron exceedingly burning and shining; the *Fire* and *Light* in the same answering to the *Godhead*, and the *Iron* answering to the *Manhood*. Now when this fired Iron burns, or lightens any Stick of Wood that is applied to it; it is not the Fire only without the Iron, nor the Iron only without the Fire; but both joyntly that have an Operation upon the Wood to Kindle and Lighten it; even so, it is the Godhead of *Christ* in Unity with his Manhood (consisting of Soul and Body,) that wrought that outward Redemption for us, and doth inwardly produce in us the blessed Effects of it by his Spirit, in Renewing and Sanctifying us, Justifying us, and giving us Eternal Life and Glory.

Ans. 2. Because *Christ's* outward Body of Flesh was Miraculously Conceived by the Power of the most High, and in that respect had a

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Heavenly Original, as well as that it was really the Woman's Seed, and part of the Virgins Substance; therefore it may be said to be from Heaven, and to be Heavenly as well as Earthly, as Wheat and Barly, and other Grains that Grow in *America*, which come Originally from *England*, are called *English* Grain, even in *America*, though they are also *American* Grain, being produced out of the Soil of *American* Earth. Secondly, saith he, p. 63. and to put the Matter out of doubt, when the Carnal *Jews* would have been so understanding it, he tells them plainly, v. 53. *It is the Spirit that quickneth, the Flesh profits nothing.* Ans. Nor doth this prove his Assertion; the Error of the Carnal *Jews* was, that they supposed *Christ* meant they were to eat his Body Corporally with their Bodily Mouth; but if they had understood that he meant not a Corporal Eating, but a Spiritual and Metaphorical, they had not erred in so thinking; his Quotation approved by him out of *Augustine*, proves that by eating here, *Christ* meant believing in him, as he was to Dye for the Sins of the World, and as he was to give his Body to be broken for them, and his Blood to be shed for the Remission of the Sins of all that should believe in him, and for the giving Eternal Life to them both in Soul and Body. Thirdly, (Saith he) p. 63. 64.) *This is also founded upon most sound and solid Reason; because that it is the Soul, not the Body that is to be Nourished by this Flesh and Blood; now outward Flesh cannot Nourish nor Feed the Soul; there is no Proportion nor Analogy betwixt them; neither is the Communion of the Saints with God, by a Conjunction and mutual Participation of Flesh, but of the Spirit; he that is joyned to the Lord, is one Spirit, not one Flesh; for the Flesh (I mean outward Flesh, even such as was that wherein *Christ* lived and walked, when upon Earth; and not Flesh, when transposed by a Metaphor, to be understood Spiritually) can only partake of Flesh, as Spirit of Spirit; as the Body cannot Feed upon Spirit, neither can the Spirit Feed upon Flesh.* Ans. Here also he Argueth very Weakly and Fallaciously; that which deceived him, and occasioned his great Mistake; which he embraced as a solid Reason; was by Arguing from the strict literal Sense of Nourishing and Feeding, to the Metaphorical and Figurative; which all true Logicians, and Masters of solid Reason will say is unlawful; as also to Argue from the *natural Feeding* or *Nourishing* to the *spiritual*. To his Argument then I answer; outward Flesh cannot Feed the Soul Naturally, I grant; Spiritually and Metaphorically, I deny; now the Eating, Feeding; and Nourishing meant, *John* 6. 53. is not Natural, but Spiritual and Metaphorical; the Word Ea-

ting signifieth Believing. And whereas he speaketh of the Feeding of the Spirit, or Soul of Man, that it cannot be the Flesh of *Christ* that can Feed it, but the Spirit, so as to be its Food; by Food here we must understand it Metaphorically, even as *R. B.* hath confessed; that the Spirit of *Christ* is not properly, but Metaphorically called Flesh. So the Souls of Believers Feeding upon the Spirit of *Christ*, is also Metaphorical; for if by the Spirit of *Christ*, he meant the Godhead; how can the Godhead, which is an *Infinite Being* in all respects be the Food of the Soul or Spirit of Man that is Finite, strictly or literally understood without a Metaphor? much more may I use his Argument against his own Assertion; there is less Proportion or Analogy betwixt the Infinite Creator, and the Soul that is a Finite Creature, than is betwixt the Flesh of *Christ* and the Soul. Besides, if we argue from the strict and literal Nicety of the Words *Food*, *Feed*, and *Nourishment*; that which is the Food and Nourishment of a Body, becomes a part of its very Substance and Being; shall any therefore conclude that because *God* is the Food and Nourishment of the Souls of the Saints; that therefore he becomes a part of their Souls? We know *George Fox* was blamed for saying the Soul was a part of *God*, or of the Divine Essence; surely it is as justly blame-worthy for any to say that *God* is a part of the Soul; therefore when *God* or his Spirit is said to be the Souls Food, it is not to be understood Strictly and Literally, but Metaphorically and Figuratively; as when *David* saith, my Soul thirsteth after *God*. But if it be said, that not the *Godhead*, but that which *R. B.* calleth the *Vehicle* of the *Godhead*, is the most proper and immediate Food of the Souls of Believers, as a certain Divine Emanation, or Efflux; nor can that Strictly and Literally, without a Metaphor be called the Souls Food; for that Divine *Emanation*, or *Efflux*, doth not become any part of the Souls Substance, but is more Noble than the Soul, of any Saint, upon the Hypothesis; that there is such a thing, (which to dispute, is forrain to the present Question) for the Soul of Man in its own Nature is capable of Sin, and sinful Defilements, which this Divine Seed, or Principle in the Soul is not; therefore it can never be Convertible into the Souls Substance. The Feeding of the Soul, therefore in whatever Sense we take it is Metaphorical, and not to be measured or determined by the Feeding of the Body, yet beareth some Analogy or Similitude thereunto, as all Metaphors do to the things, from which they are transferred; for as what Feeds the Body, doth Refresh and Comfort it, maketh it Lively and Vigorous,

Fat and Beautiful, and doth strengthen it, and is united with it; So the Spirit of *Christ*, and his Divine Influences in the Souls of Believers have the like Effects in them, they do wonderfully Refresh and Comfort them (and that most sensibly) make them Lively and Vigorous, Fat and Beautiful, and do mightily strengthen them, and make them Fruitful in Divine Virtues and Fruits, and are United with the Soul.

S E C T. III.

BUT there are two other things that need Correction, in these foregoing Words of *R. B.* the first is, that he saith it is the Soul, not the Body that is to be Nourished by this Flesh and Blood; this is a great Mistake; though the Bodies of the Saints are not to be Nourished by *Christ*, as with natural Food that is Corruptible; yet seeing it is by him that the Bodies of the Saints shall be raised up at the Resurrection of the Dead to partake of Life Everlasting; therefore he is truly said to be that Food that Perisheth not, that Feedeth both the Souls and Bodies of the Saints to Life Everlasting; and though their Bodies Dye; yet because by the Power of *Christ's* Resurrection (as his Body was Raised from the Dead, so on the account of his Resurrection) their Bodies shall be Raised to Eternal Life. Therefore their Bodies as well as their Souls are truly said to be Nourished by him. The second is that he saith, *neither is the Communion of the Saints with God by a Conjunction, and mutual Participation of Flesh, but of the Spirit; he that is joyned to the Lord is one Spirit, not one Flesh.* Ans. The Communion indeed of the Saints with *God*, is not by any natural Conjunction, or Union of *Christ's* Body that was outwardly Slain with the Saints, yet a Mystical and Relative Union there is, as really, or rather more really, as is betwixt the Husband and the Wife, who are said to be one Flesh. This is a great Mystery, said *Paul*, but I speak concerning *Christ* and the Church; who according to *Paul's* Doctrine, as they are one Spirit, so they are one Flesh: And as elsewhere he said, we are of his Flesh, and of his Bone; and forasmuch as the Children were partakers of Flesh and Blood, he took part of the same; wherefore he is not ashamed to call them Brethren. Now in this *R. B.* was in a great Error; that by his thus excluding the Flesh of *Christ's* outward Body from being any means of the Saints Communion with *God*, he excludes the said Body of *Christ* from being any necessary part of the Mediator; and at this rate of his Arguing, only the Divine Light or Seed in Men is the Medi-

Mediator betwixt *God* and Men; but according to the Doctrine of the Apostle *Paul*, the Mediator of *God* and Men (who is one) is the Man *Christ Jesus*, and by the Man *Christ Jesus*, is understood in Scripture, not the Spirit only, nor the Soul of his Manhood only, but the Body also, together with the Soul, even *Jesus Christ* made of the Seed of *David*, according to the Flesh: And as really as there is a Relative Union betwixt Brethren, and near Kindred with respect to their Flesh and Blood; on which account it is said, Concerning *Joseph*, Gen. 37. 27. *He is our Brother and our Flesh*, and 2 Sam. 5. 1. *The Tribes of Israel said unto David, behold we are thy Bone and thy Flesh*: So believing *Gentiles*, as well as believing *Jews* may say concerning the Man *Christ*, who is the *Seed of the woman*; of whom, to wit *Eve*, we are all descended, *we are his Bone and Flesh*; and because he hath taken Flesh and Blood like unto us, therefore in that very respect, he is compleatly qualified and fitted to be our Mediator, and High Priest with *God*, by whom (because of the true Nature of Man, consisting of a true reasonable Soul, and true and real Body of Man, which the Eternal Word is united unto) we have Communion with *God*. His fourth and last Argument hath the like Defect with the former. That which Feedeth upon it shall never Dye, but the Bodies of all Men once Dye. *Ans.* Men are said in Scripture to Dye; though the Soul Dyeth not, yet Men are said to Dye, because the Vital Union of the Soul with the Body is Dissolved; which being but for a Time, and that a very small Time, as a Moment, in respect of Eternity, and after that their Bodies shall be raised up again, and Vially be United to their Souls; therefore by the contrary Argument, by the Flesh of *Christ*, that the Saints Feed upon, must be meant in part his outward Body of Flesh, now Glorified, which is a Glorious Spiritual Body; because the Resurrection of *Christ's* Body, is the Ground of the Saints Hope wrought in them by the Spirit of *Christ*, that their Bodies shall be raised up, and shall together with their Souls inherit Eternal Life. And to conclude this whole Matter; when *Christ* said, it is the Spirit that Quickneth, the Flesh profits nothing. His meaning is, that according to their Carnal and Fleshly Sense; it doth not profit; as if he had said, it would profit you nothing to Eat my Flesh, as ye imagin by the Bodily Mouth, but to Eat it Spiritually, and by Faith, this doth profit; but to take the Words, the Flesh profits nothing in the Sense that some take them, is most Blasphemous; as to say, *Christ's* outward Body of Flesh profits nothing to our Salvation; for this would make his Coming and Death for us in the Flesh to have been in vain; and also would render our Faith Vain, that he did so come; yea, so neces-

necessary was *Christ's* coming in the Flesh for our Salvation ; that it is by his Flesh and Soul, Constituting his Manhood, that we have his Spirit ; the Man *Christ* is that Olive Tree (consisting of Soul and Body, United Personally to the Godhead of the Eternal Word) which giveth us the Oyl of the Holy Spirit, and poureth it into our Hearts ; and as in the Natural Olive Tree, it is by its Body that we have of its Oyl, or Spirit ; and when we Eat of its Oyl, we are said to Eat of the Tree ; because the Tree yields us its Oyl ; even as when we Eat of an Apple, or Drink the Fruit of it, or of the Vine ; we may be said to Eat of the Apple-Tree and Vine-Tree ; the Fruit being what the Tree naturally yields ; so the Man *Christ*, consisting of Soul and Body, is that Precious Olive-Tree, and Vine-Tree, that yields us the Oyl and Wine of the Holy Spirit, and pours it into our Hearts who Believe in him, and Love him, and as Effectual as his Soul and Flesh of his Manhood is now to Believers for their receiving the Spirit by the same, since he came in the Flesh, no less Effectual it was to Believers before he came in the Flesh, even from the beginning of the World, according to *B. Jewel's* Words, he was not come in the Flesh, yet they Eat his *Flesh* ; to wit, by *Faith* ; he had not Shed his Blood, yet they Drank his Blood, *viz.* by *Faith* ; and both his *Flesh* and his Blood, before it had any visible Being, or Existence, together with his Soul was Effectual to Believers in all Ages, for their Reception of the Spirit, and all Spiritual Blessings of Justification, and Sanctification, &c. as well before he came in the *Flesh* as since : And thus he was the Lamb Slain from the Foundation of the World, whose Death was of the same Efficacy from the beginning, and will be to the end of the World, to all that believe in him. And as *God* is the giver of the Spirit, and of all the Graces of the Spirit ; so he giveth it to Believers by and through *Christ*, even the Man *Christ*, who is both the Procurer, and Dispenser of all that Grace that *God* giveth unto them ; and though Men most properly Eat the Meat, and Drink the Drink that is bought with Money ; yet in ordinary Speech, by a common Metonymy, they are said to Eat and Drink the Money that buyeth it ; as the Poor Widows two Mites were called her Living ; so after some sort, though the inward Life and Spirit of *Christ*, be the most immediate Food of the Souls of Believers ; Yet because the *Flesh* of *Christ*, as it was broken for us, and his Blood as it was Shed for us, is the Price and Purchase Money which hath procured to us the inward Life and Spirit of *Christ*, with the various Graces and Gifts thereof ; therefore we are said, to Eat his *Flesh*,
and

and Drink his Blood, by the like Metonymy. But there is much more in this Great Mystery; than can be demonstrated by these Similitudes and Examples, or any others of the like Nature.

S E C T. IV.

P. 77. *R. B.* chargeth it as another Error, which he calleth a General Error, wherein he saith, they all agree, *viz.* both Papists and Protestants, in tying this Participation of the Body and Blood of *Christ* to that Ceremony used by him with his Disciples in the breaking of Bread, &c. As if it had only a Relation thereto, or were only enjoyed in the use of that Ceremony; which it neither hath, nor is.

Ans. For any to tye the Participation of *Christs* Body and Blood to the outward Eating in the *Supper*, as above mentioned, is indeed a great Error. But it was a great Mistake in him, and too rashly charged in general by him, upon both Papists and Protestants, their being guilty of that Error. For it can be shewn, that some of the Popish Writers have affirmed the contrary, and delivered it as the common Faith of their Church; that true Believers partake of *Christs* Flesh and Blood, although they Dye before they receive the outward *Supper*; for which Lombard, *Lib. 4. Dist. 9.* citeth *Augustine*, saying, *Lib. de med. pæn. Nulli ambigendum est, &c.* 'No Man ought to doubt
' that any Man is then a partaker of the Body and Blood of the *Lord*,
' when he is made a Member of *Christ*; nor is he Alienated from the
' Communion of that Bread and Cup, although before he Eat that
' Bread, and Drink the Cup; being Constituted in the Unity of the
' Body of *Christ*, he depart out of this World; for he is not deprived
' of the benefit of that Sacrament, when he is found to have that which
' that Sacrament signifieth. And as for the generality of Protestants, I know not, nor ever knew any that so tyed the Participation of *Christs* Body to the outward *Supper*, as he mentioneth. They say indeed, it is a Means of Grace, and of our Communion of the *Lord's* Body; but not the only means, or so absolutely necessary, as without it, none have that Communion.

Another great Mistake I find in *R. B.* p. 81. of that Treatise, where he saith; as for the Paschal Lamb, the whole end of it is signified particularly, *Exod. 13. 8. 9.* to wit, that the *Jews* might thereby be kept in remembrance of their Deliverance out of *Egypt*. *Ans.* That is indeed

deed mentioned as an end of it, but not the whole end of it; for the end of the whole Law was *Christ*; whereof that Command of the Passover was a part; but that the Passover was a Type of *Christ*, particularly as he was to be Slain for their Sins; is plain, out of *Paul's* Words, *1 Cor. 5. 7. Let us keep the feast, &c. for our passover is slain for us.* Now as the *Jews* were to Eat the Flesh of the Passover; so the Believers in *Christ* are to Eat his Flesh, even that Flesh that was Slain; to wit, by Faith, as is above declared; but not by any Corporal Eating; and why did *John* the Evangelist apply these Words of the Passover to *Christ's* Body; *a bone of him shall not be broken?* This plainly proveth that the Passover was a Type of *Christ*; and therefore one great end of it, was to hold him forth to their Faith.

In p. 87. *R. B.* saith, let it be observed, that the very expresse and particular use of it, according to the Apostle, is to shew forth the *Lord's* Death, &c. But to shew forth the *Lord's* Death, and partake of the Flesh and Blood of *Christ*, are different things; from whence he infers, as his following Words shew that this Practice of the outward Supper, hath no inward or immediate Relation to Believers, Communicating, or Partaking of the Spiritual Body and Blood of *Christ*; or that Spiritual Supper, spoken of, *Rev. 3. 20.*

Ans. This Consequence doth not follow, that Practice of the outward Supper, had not only that end, to Commemorate and shew forth the *Lord's* Death, but had other great ends also; as another was to signify their Communion of *Christ's* Body, as not a bare Sign, but as a means of that Communion; though not the only means, or such a means, as if the said Communion were tyed thereto; another end was to signify their Union and Communion one with another; both which ends are plainly held forth in these Words; *The bread which we break is it not the Communion of the Lord's Body; &c. and we being many, are one bread, and all are made partakers of that one bread.* And though *R. B.* denyeth that by Bread in those Words, *the bread which we break is it not the communion of the Lord's body,* is to be understood the outward Bread; yet I have above proved it to be the outward Bread that was used in the Supper; for to understand it of the *Lord's* Body, were to make it Non-sense; is to say the Body of *Christ* is it not the Communion of his Body? Whereas the true Sense is Obvious, taking it for the outward Bread. The Bread which we break, is it not a Sign of the Communion of the *Lord's* Body, &c. And such a Sign that is a means, whereby our Communion of the *Lord's* Body, and of the Spiritual

Blessings we have thereby, is confirmed to us, and an increase of Grace is Exhibited unto us, as it is duly Administr'd and Received.

S E C T. V.

PAge 83. He puts a very false and strained Sense upon these Words; *ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of Devils; ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of Devils,* 1 Cor. 10. 21. which shews (saith he) that he understands not here the using of *Bread* and *wine*; because those that do Drink the Cup of Devils and Eat of the Table of Devils (yea, the Wickedest of Men) may partake of the outward *Bread*, and the outward *wine*.

Ans. By the *Lord's Table*, is not meant, barely and simply the Signs of *Bread* and *wine*; but as they do signifie, and are Means Exhibitive of the Spiritual Blessings understood thereby. The Wickedest of Men may indeed receive the *Bread* and *wine*; but they are not to them any Significative, or Exhibitive Signs and Means of these Spiritual Blessings, which are the things signified and intended; and are the Kirnel, without which the bare outward Signs are mere Shells, and broken Cisterns. Again, Let us distinguish betwixt what is *de jure*, i. e. of Right, and what is *de facto*, i. e. in Fact. Wicked Persons, though in Fact they may receive the outward Part, yet they have no Right to it. The manner of Speech used here by *Paul*, is like that of *James*; *doth the same fountain send forth sweet water and bitter? How then can the same tongue bless God and curse men? My brethren, these things ought not to be.* And when as *Paul* said elsewhere; *no man can say Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost*; he may outwardly say the Words, but he hath no Right to say them, nor can his saying them profit him without the Holy Spirit. But that by the Table of the *Lord*, and the Cup of the *Lord* here, are to be meant the outward things of *Bread* and *wine*; as above described, is evident from the Antithesis, or Opposition he makes betwixt the Table of Devils, and the Table of the *Lord*, and betwixt the Cup of Devils and the Cup of the *Lord*. Now the Table of Devils, and the Cup of Devils, were outward things, to wit the outward Offerings of Meats and Drinks, that the *Heathens* offered to their Idols, and to Devils. Therefore also by the Table of the *Lord*, and the Cup of the *Lord*, were meant the outward things of *Bread* and *wine*; not barely and simply as such, but as Signifying and Exhibiting the Spiritual Things, above-mentioned.

oned. His Arguing against this Institution, from the one *Bread* is answered above, Part 1. Sect. 5.

Page 87. and 89. He gives a most jejune and strained, as well as false Sense upon these Words, the Table of the *Lord*, as (saith he p. 89.) he that esteemeth a Day, and placeth Conscience in keeping it, was to regard it to the *Lord*, and so it was to him, in so far as he was to Dédicate it unto the *Lord*, the *Lord's Day*; he was to do it worthily. *Ans.* We find no Day called the *Lord's Day*, upon any such account; nor did *Paul* call the Cup in the *supper*, the *Cup of the Lord*, on any such Supposition of Men's esteeming it to be commanded, when it was not really commanded; but it is plainly apparent, *Paul* call'd it the *Cup of the Lord*, because he commanded it as the House of the *Lord*, the Law of the *Lord*, &c. and the Command is extant; *drink ye all of it*, *Muth.* 26. 26, 27. Besides in this he palpably runs into a contradiction to what he had said a little before, in p. 83. For there he will not have the *Bread* and *wine* to be the Table of the *Lord*, and Cup of the *Lord*; because wicked Men cannot partake of the Table of the *Lord*; and yet now here he grants they may, and thereby Eat and Drink Damnation. And as jejune and strained, as well as false is the Gloss he puts on these Words, *he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh his own damnation, and is guilty of the body and blood of the Lord*; as if they signified no more than what these Words import, *Rom.* 14. 23. *He that doubteth is damned, if he eat, because he eateth not of faith*; which had only a Relation to Meats that might lawfully be Eaten; but if he that did Eat them, did think them forbidden, he Sinned, and so was Condemn'd in his own Conscience. For the Word *Damned and Damnation*, in both places do not signify any Final Sentence of Damnation; but only both being Sins, they incurr'd the Guilt of Judgment, or Condemnation. But doth it therefore follow, that the Sin and Guilt is the same in both Cases? Is he as Guilty of Damnation that Eats Swines Flesh Doubtingly, as he that Eats and Drinks Unworthily at the *Lord's Table*? We read in *James* 3. 1. of a greater Condemnation; the *Greek Word* is the same in both places, *viz.* *James* 3. 1. and *1 Cor.* 11. 29. Seeing therefore there is a greater and lesser Damnation; it will not follow, as *R. B.* would have it, that the Eating of Meats that are lawful, doubtfully, is as great a Sin, and deserves the same Condemnation that unworthy Eating at the *Lord's Table*: One might argue after the like manner, that to make a Lye about a Trifle, brings as great Guilt and Condemnation, as downright Atheism, and denying the *Lord* that bought us:

Page 91. We find (saith R. B.) this Ceremony only mentioned in Scripture in four places, to wit, *Matthem*, *Mark*, and *Luke*, and by *Paul* to the *Corinthians*--*Matthem* and *Mark* give only an account of the Matter of Fact, without any Precept to do so afterwards; simply declaring that *Jesus* at that time did desire them to Eat of the *Bread*, and Drink of the *Cup*; to which *Luke* adds these Words, *do this in remembrance of me*.

Ans. That he calleth it a Ceremony, I know no Warrant he hath; the Scripture giveth it no such Name; they blame the use of the Word *Sacrament*, because it is not a Scripture Word; but to be sure Ceremony is no Scripture Word; they who are well Skilled in the *Greek* Language, say, that the *Greek* Word *μυστήριον*, is well enough Translated *Sacrament*, as the vulgar *Latin* Translates it in that place, *hoc est magnum Sacramentum*. They further say; there ought to be no prejudice against it, because some *Heathen* Authors had formerly used it; for so had they used the Word *Mystery*, and had applied the same to the External Rites, and Symbols used by them in their Sacrifices to their Idols. When *Paul* would have himself and other Ministers of *Christ* to be accounted Stewards of the Mysteries of *God*, *I Cor. 4. 1*. They plead that by the Mysteries of *God* there, are to be meant, not only the Doctrins of the Christian Faith, but the Observation of these Institutions of *Christ*, of *Baptism* and the *Supper*; which none will deny who believe them to be his Institutions. But that he saith, *Matthem* and *Mark*, give only an account of the Matter of Fact, without any Precept to do so afterwards. *Ans.* Though the Precept is not expressed, it is implied; and *Luke* doth express it plainly, intimating they were commanded to do it afterwards. And if it were no where to be found, but in *Luke*; seeing it is acknowledged that *Luke* is of the same Authority, with the other Evangelists; it is sufficient, as well as that one place in *John 6*. concerning the Eating *Christ's* Flesh, and Drinking his Blood, that is only expressive of that *Mysterie*, is sufficient to prove the Truth of it.

Page 92. Now this Act (saith he) was no singular thing, neither any solemn Institution of a Gospel Ordinance; because it was a constant Custom among the *Jews* (as *Paulus Riccius* observes at length in his *Celestial Agriculture*) that when they did Eat the *Passover*, the Master of the Family did take *Bread*, and bless it, and breaking of it gave it to the rest; and likewise taking *wine*, did the same, &c.

Ans. This Consequence will not follow; for it is as Idle and Groundless, as if one should argue, the *Jews* in the Time of the Law had their Religious Meetings, where Preaching and Prayer were used; therefore Religious Meetings, and Preaching, and Prayer are no Gospel Institutions. But as his Consequence is not good, so the Antecedent is not true, *viz.* That it was no singular thing; for though it was not singular in respect of the Material Part; yet it was altogether singular in respect of its Formal Part. None of the Masters of the Families among the *Jews* said, Take, Eat, this is *Christ's* Body which is to be broken for you; and this Cup is the New Testament in his Blood, &c. It was the great Love and Wisdom of *Christ*, to establish his Institutions under the Gospel, relating to the external part of Religion, as near to the *Jewish* Forms as possible; excepting what might seem to favour their Superstitions, and other Shadowy Things that were to be Abolished. All the moral Part, as well as divers things of Instituted Worship that were among the *Jews*, being commanded under the Gospel. That of *Christ's* washing the Disciples Feet, which he insisteth on for several Pages, is fully Answered to in the first Part. As also that of Anointing the Sick with Oyl; so that no more needs be said to it here.

As for these Objections that he raiseth about the Time of the natural Day, when this Institution should be practised; as why not at Night, and what sort of *Bread*, whether Leavened, or Unleavened? and whether other Drink may not be used as well as *wine*? which he calls Difficulties, out of which it is impossible, he saith, (p. 101.) to extricate themselves, but by laying it aside; another of which Difficulties is to understand, as he alledgeth, that these Words, Take, Bless, and Break the *Bread* and give it to others, are to the Clergy, meaning the Pastors, but to the Laity only, meaning the People, Take, Eat, &c.

Ans. I do not find that he proveth in the least any such Difficulties; they may be all easily extricated, much more than in many other Cases, where far greater Difficulties occur. But this is too Rash and Preposterous; because of some seeming Difficulties, therefore to lay aside a Divine Institution, or to conclude it is no such thing. This is to cut the Knot, instead of loosing it, and to Kill, instead of Curing. At this rate, because in *Paul's* Epistles, and in many other places of Scripture, there are things hard to be understood and resolved, therefore all such places of Scripture are to be rejected: Who doth not see the Impertinency of such Consequences? And the like may be said in

Answer to his Objection, from the great Contentions that have hapned betwixt Papists and Protestants about the *Supper* (and betwixt the Protestants one with another) and the much Blood that hath been shed, occasioned by these Controversies. All which say nothing against the Institution it self, more than against *Christ* and his Gospel, about which more Blood has been spilt than about that. He should have better considered the distinction betwixt a *causa per se*, and *causa per accidens*, and the use of a thing, and the abuse of it.

S E C T. VI.

PAGE 104. For would they take it as it lies, it would import no more than that *Jesus Christ* at that time did thereby signifie unto them, that his Body and Blood was to be offered for them, and desired them, *that whensoever they did eat or drink, they might do it in remembrance of him*, or with a regard to him, whose Blood was shed for them.

Ans. If this Supposition be true, as he would have it; that *whensoever they did eat or drink, they were to do it in remembrance of him*; then why hath he pleaded so much for the ceasing of it? Surely if they were to do it, whensoever they did Eat or Drink, they were to do it to the end of the World; because as long as the World continues, Eating and Drinking will continue. But we do not find that our Saviour's Words import any such Sense; he doth not say; *whensoever ye eat or drink, &c.* But as oft as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup; where the Word *this* Imports it to be another Eating than their common Eating, and the like is Imported by these Words; *let a man examine himself, and so let him eat, &c. who so eateth this bread unworthily, &c.* 1 Cor. 11. 28, 27.

But to this Sense that he hath given, I find a Passage a little after p 111. that as I judge is a plain Contradiction to the former. He saith there the Apostles Words, *For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lords death till he come*, Imports no more a command, than to say, *As oft as thou goest to Rome, see the Capitol*, will infer a Command to me to go thither. Now if they were to obey this Institution, whensoever they did Eat or Drink; then surely they were to do it very often; and that by a Command which plainly contradicts this last Assertion of his; but the Words *As often as thou goest to Rome, see the Capitol*, implice neither a Command, nor any frequent

Practice of going, therefore this Example is very improper and impertinent in this respect as well as in others.

Page 110, 111. As to that passage 1 Cor. II. from 23. to 27. He saith, *There is no Command in this place, but only an account of matter of Fact.* He saith not, *I received of the Lord, that as he took Bread, so I should Command it to you to do so also; there is nothing like this in the place.*

Ans. Be it so, that there was no new Command given in the Case either to *Paul*, or by him to the *Corinthians*. It sufficed to *Paul* to give an account of the matter of Fact, as it was delivered to him from the *Lord* by Divine Revelation, as he plainly affirmed; *That* (saith he) *which I received of the Lord, that also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, &c.* Now, as all Divine Revelations are for some great end, we may safely argue, that since what the *Lord* did that night, was Revealed to him by the *Lord*, it was not an indifferent thing either to be Believed or Practised, since it had a Command in it, *This do in remembrance of me*: Here was a positive Command that *Christ* gave unto his Apostles, alledged both by *Paul*, 1 Cor. II. 24. And also by *Luke* 22. 19. There was no need of renewing the same Commandments, as the Law of the Ten Commandments once given at *Mount Zinai* did oblige the twelve Tribes of *Israel*, without any other giving them; though what was then given them, was oft taught them; both by *Moses* and the succeeding Prophets; so what *Christ* the great Law-giver under the New Testament, gave forth to be his Command, wherever that Command is made known to any People, Nation, or Country, it ought to be obeyed, without the requiring or expecting any new Sanction. And to shew a little further how improper his Example, of one saying *As often as thou goest to Rome, See the Capitol*, is to the present Case; If one that has the Command of another, should first say, *go to Rome*, and then add, *As often as thou goest to Rome, go to the Capitol* this would imply, a Command. Now *Christ* laid first to his Disciples, *This do in remembrance of me*, as both *Luke* and *Paul* testify; and then *Paul* adds further, v. 25. *As oft as ye drink it, this do in remembrance of me*; and v. 26. *for as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death, till he come*, the Greek word *καταγγιζετε* translated ye shew, may be translated, ye declare, or ye preach, for so is the same word translated, *Acts* 15. 26. *Acts* 13. 38. *Acts* 17. 13. which signifieth

feth some Publick way of shewing it forth in Religious Meetings, that proveth it was not Mens private Eatings, which may oft happen when they are alone; and for this, and the like Reasons, some of the Antients, and particularly *Augustin*, called it *Verbum visibile*, the visible Word; which when joyned with the Word that is sounded in Mens Ears, has a double force upon the Minds of devout Believers: To which doth well agree that saying of *Chrysostome*, in his Homilies on *Matthew*, cited in the Title Page, *If thou hadst been without a Body, God had given thee naked and incorporeal Gifts; but because the Soul is planted in a Body, he giveth thee Intelligible things in Sensible things.* And it was well observed by the Antients, that all obnoxious Signs, have some words of God or Christ added unto them, to make them effectual, according to which *Augustin* said, *Accedat verbum ad rem, & fit Sacramentum*, i.e. let the word be added to the sign, and it becomes a Sacrament; and therefore we find in *Eph. 5. 26.* the washing of Water joyned with the Word— *That he might sanctifie and cleanse it, with the washing of water by the word.* I know some will have the Water here to be meant, the inward Water, and the Word to be inward also; but such a Sense would be not only strained, but unintelligible, as to say with the washing of the Word by the Word, for they make the inward Water and Word to be the same thing here; but the Apostle distinguisheth them as two things, both which have the Efficacy by the inward working of the Holy Spirit, *Titus 3. 5.*

Page 111. He undertakes the Answering of the Argument for the Institution of the *Supper*, and its continuance until Christ come at the end of the World, from those Words, *Ye shew forth the Lord's death till he come.* To this he p. 112. Answers. *They take two of the chief parts of the Controversie here for granted without proof; First, that as often imports a Command, the contrary whereof is shewn, neither will they ever be able to prove it. 2ly. That this coming is understood of Christ's last Outward coming, and not of his Inward and Spiritual, that remains to be proved, whereas the Apostle might well understand it of his Inward coming and appearance.*— And a little after he saith — *Now those weak and carnal Corinthians might be permitted the use of this, to shew forth, or remember Christ's Death, till he come to arise in them. For, though such need those Outward things to put them in mind of Christ's Death, yet such as are dead with Christ, and not only dead with Christ, but buried, and so risen with him, need not such Signs to remember him.*

Ans.

Ans. That *as often*, together with the foregoing words, import a Command, I have already proved, and it was rashly said in him, that he had shewn the contrary, and that they will never be able to prove it. And whereas some argue, had it been a Command, some certain times would have been mentioned, how oft in a Week, Month, or Year it should have been Practised. To this it is Answered; that it followeth not more than to argue that, because it is not mentioned how often in a Week, Month, or Year, Publick Prayer is to be used; that therefore they are not Institutions of *Christ*; for as Publick Preaching and Prayer is to be used as frequently as can stand with the Ability and Conditions of both Preachers and Hearers; so this Practice as frequently is to be used; which, as the time of those, is to be left to the Discretion of the Persons, as *God* shall inwardly Guide them, and outwardly afford them the Convenience; so is the Time of this to be left to the like Discretion, Guidance, and Convenience; which as it seemed to be the Practice of the Church in the Days of the Apostles; each Lord's-day, being the first Day of the Week, so it is clear from *Iustin Martyr*, and other ancient Writers; that it was the constant Practice of the Christians, Solemnly to Celebrate the same every Lord's-day; besides what other times they might have done it.

As to the second, which he calls together with the other, the chief thing in Controversie, it is indeed so, even the chief thing; and therefore if this be effectually proved against them, that those Words, *until he come again*, are understood of *Christ's* last outward coming, the Cause is gained. But first, let us examine what Proof he brings, that they are not to be understood of *Christ's* last outward coming. First, he saith, the Apostle might well understand it of his inward coming and appearance; but what Proof doth he give of this? None at all, but his simple Affirmation.

Secondly, He saith, these Weak and Carnal *Corinthians* might be permitted the use of this, to shew forth, or remember *Christ's* Death till he should arise in them. But what Proof gives he of this, that this was, or might be a Permission? for no such Permission is any where expressed in the Scriptures; the things that simply were permitted, as Circumcision, were used but by a few, and not long; *Paul* severely opposed them after some time; but so he never did either *water-Baptism*, or the *supper*. Thirdly, That he said, *though such need these out-*

ward things to put them in mind of *Christ's* Death; why then, seeing there are now in all Churches and Christian Societies, some that are as weak as those *Corinthians* were, do not they allow the use of them to such as need them? *Fourthly*, That he saith, such as are Dead and Buried with *Christ*, and Risen again with him, need not such things to remember him. *Answer*, Here, as elsewhere, his Argument is faulty, by arguing; that because such things are not absolutely necessary, therefore they are not useful, or necessary in any respect. Besides, as I have above shewn, his Argument has the same force against the use of the Holy Scriptures, and all Books, all Preaching of the best Men, and all External Parts of Worship, *viz.* They that are Dead and Buried with *Christ*, and Risen with him, need none of these outward things. But the best Men, and such are the most humble, will and cannot but acknowledge, that all outward Helps and Means that *God* hath afforded them, are very useful to them, and help to stir up the pure Mind in them. Nor are any so Risen with *Christ*, as the Raised Saints shall be at the Resurrection; therefore till then, they may be helped with outward Means of *God's* appointing. It is very Unwisely, as well as Irreverently Argued; we need not those things, therefore they are not commanded. The contrary is the better Argument; they are commanded, therefore they are needful, at least in some respect; *God* better knoweth what we need, than we do our selves; and therefore in his great Love and Wisdom, hath provided outward Helps for us, as well as inward. But seeing they will needs understand the Words, *until he come*; not to mean *Christ's* last outward coming, but his inward; then with the same Pretext, they may as well understand his Death, of an inward Death of *Christ* in them; and the shewing his Death of an inward shewing; and then all Remembrance of *Christ's* Death, as he Dyed outwardly may be forgotten. But if by the *Lord's* Death, is understood his outward Death, by as good reason, by his coming is understood his outward coming.

S E C T. VII.

HAVING thus shewn the Invalidity of his Proofs, that by the *Lord's* coming, is understood his inward coming into their Hearts, and not his outward coming. I shall give some clear Reasons, why it must be understood his outward coming at the general Judgment. The first Reason is; because the Reason of the Command continuing to his last outward coming, the Command doth also continue; for so long doth any Command continue in Force, as the Reason of it continueth; but the Reason of the Command, *Do this in remembrance of me, &c.* doth continue to *Christ's* last outward coming; which Reason is this; that by that Practice they might remember the *Lord's* Death; and not only remember it, but shew it forth, Publickly Declare and Profess, it, and the inestimable Benefits they have by it. Now put the case, that any had so good and living Remembrance of it; that they needed not the outward things to put them in remembrance thereof; yet that is not enough to Answer the Reason and End of the Command, which is by this outward Practice to shew it forth, and declare it by a publick Profession, that they owe Remission of Sin, and Salvation to the Crucified *Jesus*, and that they are not ashamed to own and confess him their Saviour, their King, their Priest and Prophet, and in Token thereof they give Testimony of their Obedience to these his peculiar positive Laws and Institutions of *water-Baptism*, and the *Supper*; for if these be rejected, by the same Method Men may reject all other his positive Institutions, relating to External Practice of Religion, and so turn the Christian Religion into meer Deism, and Pagan Morality. The second Reason is, that the end of this Institution, being a solemn Commemoration of *Christ's* Death and Sacrifice which he offered up to *God* for our Sins above sixteen hundred Years ago, and of the great Spiritual Blessings we have thereby; there is the same Cause and End for it to continue to our Day, and to the end of the World, as when it was first appointed. Had it been indeed only a Prenunciative Sign of some things to come, or of the hidden invisible Substance, as *W. Penn* terms it, meaning thereby the Spirit of *Christ* within, at the coming of the Spirit within into their Hearts; the Sign might have ceased, as the Prenunciative Signs of *Christ's* outward coming in the Flesh were to cease after his outward coming, and accordingly did cease. But the Signs of *water-Baptism*, and the *Supper*, as commanded by *Christ*,

and Practised by the Apostles; were not such P^renunciative Signs of the coming of his Spirit within them, but were chiefly Commemorative Signs of him as he had come; for both of them were appointed by him when he was come, and the Institution of *Baptism* was appointed by him after his Death and Resurrection, the Institution of the *Supper*, so near to his Death, that it was in the very Night when he was Betrayed, and at which time he had the great Sense and Weight of his Sufferings upon him, and as then in great part begun; and because the use of those Signs of *Bread* and *wine*, the *Bread* being broken, and the *wine* poured out, was a Solemn Commemoration of his having *given his Body to be broken for them, and his Blood to be shed for them*; therefore he said, *Take, Eat, this is my Body that is broken for you*; he did not say, this is my Spirit, or this is the inward visible hid Substance that ye shall afterwards receive; *but this is my Body*; *Take, Eat*; and though they were not to eat his Body with the Carnal Mouth, but only the *Bread* which signified it; yet by Faith they were to eat his Body, that is to say, they were to partake of a Mystical Union with his Body, and to have their Right and Interest in him confirmed to them by that Symbol, by means whereof they were to receive plentifully of his Grace and Spirit, as the Consequent and Effect of that Union with him. Therefore they were not so to mind the Effect, as to neglect the great Cause of that Effect; which great cause was *his giving his Body to be broken for them, and his Blood to be shed*; for to mind only the Effect, and neglect the Cause, were like the Hogs that greedily run after the Acorns, or Nuts; but are unmindful of the Tree that beareth them. But as the Spiritual Eyes of Believers, are to be to the Graces and Gifts of *Christ*; so especially, and chiefly to him, from and by whom they have them, and their Faith and Love ought chiefly to act upon him, and upon *God* the Father, in and through him, as also upon the Holy Spirit, as principally residing in him, from and by whom we derive our several Measures of the same. The Third Reason is this; when *Christ* gave the Cup, he said; *this Cup is the new Testament in my Blood, shed for the remission of the sins of many*. Now how is that Cup the New Testament? surely no other ways but as an Ob^signatory Sign of the New Testament, ob^signating to Believers, *remission of Sins by his Blood outwardly shed*; which New Testament hath in it the Force and Essence of the Covenant of Grace, which *God* maketh with Believers, through *Christ* the Mediator of it; and as *Christ* hath confirmed this Covenant of Grace and Testament with his Blood that was Shed once for us; so he hath given to Believers this

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obsignating Pledge of it, by way of Investiture ; as when a Man has an Estate of Land conveyed to him, and gets the Investiture of it, it is by some outward Sign, as here in *England* in some Places, by delivering to him Twig and Turf ; and as Kings were Invested with their Kingly Power, by having Oyl poured on them ; and as *Aaron* was Invested into the Office of Priesthood. And indeed all Covenants that ever *God* made with any People, have always been by some outward obsignatory things, as in his Covenant he made with *Noah*, he gave the Bow in the Cloud for the Token of that Covenant ; in the Covenant with *Abraham*, he gave the Sign of Circumcision, which by a Metonymy is called *God's* Covenant in Scripture. Also the Sacrifices under the Law, were Signs obsignatory of *God's* Covenant with them who offered those Sacrifices. And in all the Covenants that we read of in Scripture, that any of the Fathers made with the Neighbouring Princes, or Inhabitants, there were obsignatory Signs and Pledges ; so that who rightly understand the Nature of a Covenant, Transacted after any publick manner, must acknowledge it cannot be without some obsignatory Pledge, or Sign outwardly to be seen, given by the one Party to the other ; insomuch that it seems to be a general Instinct in Mankind, or at least the Equivalent of it, an universal Custom received and practised even among *Heathens*, as to my certain knowledge it is among the *American* Heathens ; who in all their Covenants make use of Signs for the greater Security and Confirmation. Thus in the 50th *Psalms*, it is said, *gather my Saints together, who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice, v. 5.* And if any should be so Stiff and Pertinacious, as to deny that outward Signs are necessary to the Confirmation of Covenants universally ; yet the Case is plain here, as to the *Supper*; for *Christ* himself hath said it, *this Cup is the new Testament in my Blood, &c.* Which must have this meaning ; that the Cup was *Christ's* Testament, as Circumcision was *God's* covenant with *Abraham* and his seed ; for so it was called in Scripture ; that is to say, the Cup is a sign of *Christ's* Testament, and of the covenant of grace that *God* hath made with believers, through *Christ* the Mediator of it. But if any object, this would seem to make the outward *Baptism*, and *Supper*, of so great necessity, as that it cannot be said, that the Covenant is duly confirmed without them, betwixt *God* and Believers. *Ans.* It sheweth indeed a great necessity of them, as in respect of any People being in Covenant with *God*, in a visible way of a Church, and as Members of a visible Church or Society, well and duly constituted ; for all the Members of

a visible Church, as they are in Covenant with *God* inwardly by the Faith and Obedience of their Hearts, so they are in Covenant with him outwardly by the Confession of their Mouths, and other External Acts of Religion, whereby they declare their professed Subjection to him, and to his Laws. Hence we find in Scripture, that not only Faith is required in order to Salvation, but Confession also; and that Confession is not only with the Mouth, but by External Works of the Body, proceeding from a living Principle of Faith in the Heart, among which Works are the External Practices of outward *Baptism*, and the *Supper*, where they can be duly had, whereby they declare their Subjection to the positive Laws and Institutions of *Christ*, and thereby distinguish themselves from either *Jews* or *Pagans*, who may be Moral Men, and Profess Faith and Religion towards *God*, as a Creator, and yet be professed Enemies to the Christian Faith, such as many *Jews* and *Heathens* were in the Apostles Days, and are in our Days. And therefore the outward *Baptism*, and the *Supper* have been not unfitly called and esteemed *Badges of Christianity*, peculiarly distinguishing Christians from *Jews* and *Pagans*; though not the only Badges, but when they are accompanied with a good Conversation of Sobriety, Justice, and Piety, they do make the distinction betwixt true Christians, and *Jews*, and *Heathens*, much more apparent; for if these External Practices, Instituted by *Christ*, be laid aside, whereby shall it outwardly appear that Men and Women are Christians? If it be said, by the Sobriety, Justice, and Piety of their Conversation; But these are no positive distinguishing Marks of Christianity, because Men and Women that are no Christians, may have as much of the out-side of Sobriety, Justice, and Piety towards *God*, as many true Christians have. If it be again said, their frequent Prayer to *God*, in the Name of *Christ*, and calling on the Name of the *Lord Jesus Christ* in Prayer, is a Badge of their Christianity. I answer in part it is so, but not in full, or in the whole; for he that not only Prayeth to *God* in the Name of *Christ*, and confesseth him in Words, but also sheweth his Obedience and Subjection to all the Commands of *Christ*, the least as well as the greatest, whereof the outward *Baptism*, and the *Supper* are some, is the most Accomplished Christian, and beareth the most compleat Badge of Christianity. And though Men's Ignorance in their not knowing them, or not being persuaded concerning them, that they are the Commands of *Christ*, being darkned by the Prejudice of Education, or fasly persuaded by Seducers and false Teachers, doth in part excuse them, or

at least where Sincerity is, as to the main gives ground of Hope, that God will forgive them the Omission of these Practices; yet where Obedience is not given to every Command of *Christ*, even the least as well as the greatest, though the Omission be through Ignorance, or false Persuasion, yet it is a Sin, and renders the Persons found in that Omission defective and incomplete Christians.

S E C T. VIII.

THE 4th. Reason is this, These outward practices of *Baptism* and the *Supper*, are not only visible Signs and Pledges of our being in Covenant with God thro' *Christ*, and that as he is our God, so we are his People; but they are also the visible Signs and Pledges that we are in the Unity and Communion of the Church, as Children of one Family, begot of one Father, having one Faith and Hope, one Lord, and being Members of one Body. And though the Communion of Believers consists chiefly in the Spirit, and the inward Graces thereof; yet, as they are a visible Body and Society, they are to have some outward and visible Signs and Pledges of the same, that carry some distinguishing Character, to distinguish them, not only from professed Infidels, but also from loose and scandalous Persons, professing the Christian Faith with them: Therefore as in the *Jewish* Church, God had appointed, that whoever did not obey the *Mosaical* Precepts, were to be excluded the Congregation, and debarred from the external Privileges that they had as a Church, even so *Christ* has appointed, that whosoever professing him in Words, deny him in Works, and walk disorderly and offensively, as well as who err concerning the Faith, so as not to hold the Head, that they ought to be rejected and disowned; in token whereof, they are to be debarred from the external Signs of the Saints Communion with God and *Christ*, and one with another. Otherwise, what can be meant by *rejecting*, *casting out*, and *purging out*, in the Scriptures of the New Testament? Also by the word *separating*, and *withdrawing*, so as to have no Fellowship with them? Surely it was more than a verbal denial of them, or giving forth a Paper against them. Doth not *Paul* tell us what it was, when he saith 1 Cor. 5. 11. *If any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, &c, with such an one no not to eat.* This *not to eat* cannot be meant the common Eating, but such as that 1 Cor. 10. 21. to wit, *at the Lord's Table.* And therefore the Lord did see it meet, that as
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the Outward *Baptism* should be a Sign declarative of the Persons Baptized taking or putting on the Profession of a Christian, so the Eating at the *Lord's Table* should be a Sign, that they did remain Faithful under that Profession, and did continue in the Unity and Communion of the Church, as *Paul's* words declare, *we being many are one bread, and are all made partakers of that one bread, &c.* Even as under the Law, the receiving of Circumcision was the Sign or Badge of their being Members of the *Jewish Church*, and their Eating of the Passover, and of the Sacrifices, (such as were allowed to them to Eat) was a Sign of their being still owned as such, and if any by their offensiveness and disobedience did occasion the Church to debar them from the external Privileges of that Church, when upon their Repentance and Reconciliation, they were again received, they needed no second Circumcision; so nor do professed Christians, having committed any thing that occasion their casting out, being again received by Repentance, need a second Baptism. Now if *Baptism* had been the alone obligating token of the Covenant, and Badge of Christian Communion, how should Persons be received into Communion, without a new *Baptism*? but to have a new *Baptism*, is as improper as for a Woman after some just offence against her Husband, that he has put her from him, if upon her Repentance he receive her again, to need a second Marriage with the same Husband; but tho' she need no second Marriage, yet that her Husband give her some token and pledge of his Favour, and Acceptance is very suitable. And now seeing these external Practices have so many necessary uses in the Church, so that the Church cannot, in all respects, be duly constituted, and have all things in order without them, it is evident, that as long as the Church was to continue on Earth, in its due Constitution, so long should these external Practices remain; and seeing *Christ* enjoyed this of breaking Bread to remain to his coming, it is evident, that it is his last outward coming.

The Fifth Reason is, that *Christ's* Inward coming was then in and among the Disciples when he did InSTITUTE these Outward Practices. The Church was never without the Inward Presence of *Christ*, and of *God*, and of the *Holy Spirit*: It is true, that *Christ* promised his Inward Presence to be with them and in them; but this was not so to be understood, as if the Faithful had him not present formerly, in all Ages, as well before, as after his Outward coming; for without the Inward Presence of *God*, and *Christ*, and the *Holy Spirit*,

Spirit, there can be no true Faith nor Holiness. We find that the Faithful are called Saints, as well in the Old Testament, as in the New, and therefore they had as true Inward enjoyments of *God* then as since, the difference at most is but in degree, betwixt the Divine Enjoyments of the Faithful, before *Christ* came in the Flesh, and since as to the general. And if it be said, that though *Christ* was Inwardly come to some, yet not to all in the Apostles times, so as to Answer to the full extent of the fulfilling of the Promise of his Inward coming; It may be answered, nor is he so come now; for as *Christ* said, the Poor ye have always with you; so until the end of the World there will be in the Church Babes and little Children as well as young Men, and Fathers; and therefore on the account of such by *R. B.*'s Confession, that are weak, as some of the *Corinthians* were, that needed those Outward things to put them in Remembrance of *Christ*'s Death, they are still to be continued, even to *Christ*'s last Outward coming; but there are too many among the Quakers that think there is no need to Remember *Christ*'s Death, as he dyed at *Jerusalem*, abusing and perverting *Paul*'s words, *henceforth we know Christ no more after the flesh*, and so there is no need or use of Remembring *Christ*'s Death; that they say is but History, but *Christ* within is the Mystery, whereas *Christ* within is not the whole Mystery, but in part, and the lesser part too; the whole Mystery of *Christ* is *Christ* both Outwardly come in the Flesh, and Inwardly come by his Spirit into the Hearts of the Faithful.

The Sixth Reason is, that to understand by the coming of *Christ* in these words — *untill he come*, 1 Cor. 11. His Inward coming, and not his coming Without us at the day of Judgment, by the same pretext and method of Interpretation, All the other Scriptures every where that mention his coming throughout the whole Bible, and especially throughout the New Testament, shall be understood only of his Inward coming: And thus we shall have not one proof left us in all the Bible, to prove that there is any other coming of *Christ* to be expected, than his Inward coming in Mens Hearts. And accordingly indeed we find, that too many of the Quakers have by this manner of perverting this place of Scripture, been led to understand all these other places of Scripture in the New Testament that mention his coming since he came in the Flesh, to be only understood of his Inward coming in Mens Hearts, and on this account have denied any other coming of *Christ* to be expected, but only his Inward coming

coming, being persuaded into this False and Antichristian Belief, by some of their great Teachers, witness what *William Baily*, a great Teacher among them, hath plainly declared in this matter, p. 306. of the Collection published by the 2d. days Meeting of the People called Quakers, at *Grace-Church-Street*. *I never read in all the Scripture*; saith he, (as I can remember) of a 3d. coming of Christ, personally in his own single person, or of a personal Reign besides what shall be in his Saints. But I have read of his coming the 2d. time, without Sin unto Salvation, &c. which the Apostles in their days did witness. Witness also *Rich. Hubberthorn*, another great Teacher, in his Collection published after his death also by the 2d. days Meeting, p. 56. in answer to his Opponent: — How many Souls hast thou led into that Pit of Darkness and Blindness, as to believe that Christ is yet to come in Person? Now the Scripture which thou bringest proves no such thing, *Matth. 24. 27.* And a 3d. witness is *G. whitehead* in his *Nature of Christianity* against *R. Gordon*, who p. 29. saith, *Dost thou look for Christ, as the Son of Mary, to appear Outwardly in a bodily Existence to save thee, according to thy words, p. 30. If thou dost, thou may'st look until thy Eyes drop out before thou wilt see such an Appearance of him. And p. 41. (Where doth the Scripture say, he is Outwardly and Bodily Glorified at God's right Hand? Do these words express the Glory he had with the Father before the World began, in which he is now Glorified?) This and the two foregoing Quotations are to be found more large in my Two Narratives of the Proceedings at Turners-Hall; all which sufficiently prove that they believed no Outward coming of Christ, as a thing to come; therefore it is no wonder that they meant only Christ's coming Inwardly into Mens Hearts by these words, ye shew forth the Lord's death until he come; for from the same Unbelief they have construed all the other places that mention Christ's coming after his Resurrection, of his Inward coming, and all this in prejudice of his Outward coming, which these Men did not believe, which places of Scripture are many, as *Matth. 24. 27.* This very place *G. W.* denyeth to be meant of his Outward coming at the Day of Judgment, as also *1 Theff. 4. 15.* In his Book called *Light and Life*, in Answer to *W. Burnet*; and *Heb. 9. 28.* Now by the same Method whereby they deny any of these four places now mentioned, to be understood of any other coming of Christ than his Inward coming, they must deny all other places that mention his coming after his Resurrection, to be meant of his Outward coming in the true Nature of Man, because they have de-*

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clared they own no such thing, as *Christ's* being in Heaven without us in a Personal and Bodily Existence; and that which is not in Being, they cannot believe will come.

But no such Error I charge as this on *R. B.* who I know did own that *Christ* had the true Being and Nature of Man in Heaven, and that he would come and appear without us in that Nature to judge the World in Righteousness. But to prosecute the Argument, that by the words --- *until he come* must be understood his Outward coming; it has the more force against *R. B.* because he believed that *Christ* was Outwardly to come, and that there were sufficient proofs of Scripture for it, as indeed many there are besides those already named, as *Acts* 1. 11. *1 Cor.* 4. 5. *Joh.* 14. 3. *Mark* 8. 38. *Luke* 12. 37, 43. *1 Cor.* 15. 23, 24. *Jude* 14. *Rev.* 17. *1 Cor.* 1. 7. *1 Thess.* 2. 19. *1 Thess.* 3. 13. *1 Thess.* 5. 23. *2 Thess.* 2. 1. *2 Pet.* 3. 12. *1 Pet.* 5. 4. *1 Joh.* 2. 28. *1 Joh.* 3. 2. Now seeing *R. B.* did believe that all, or Many of these places were to be understood of his Outward coming, how could he have convinced his unbelieving Brethren, that any of these places were to be understood of his Outward coming more than that, *1 Cor.* 11. 26. --- *till he come*, seeing from the reasons above given, as much evidence appeareth, that by his coming, *1 Cor.* 11. 26. is meant his Outward coming, as from any other places above cited, or any that can be brought, his Outward coming can be proved? And so indiscreetly Zealous have some of their great Teachers been for *Christ's* Inward coming (which is a Truth very great and necessary to be believed rightly and duly understood, but ought not to be proved by perversions of Scripture that mean not so, whereas sufficient proofs can be brought for it, without all such perversions,) that divers of the Prophecies of the Old Testament, concerning *Christ's* coming in the Flesh, they have turned to *Christ's* Birth within them, as that in *Isaiah*; — *Unto us a Child is born, a Son is given:* And that in *Isaiah* 53. concerning his Death and Burial without us in his real Body of Flesh, *He made his grave with the wicked,* &c. *Rich. Hubberthorn* turns it to *Christ's* being buried in the wicked, contrary both to the true translation, as well as to the true sense of that place. And thus by this presumptuous Liberty they take, to expound the Scriptures falsely, contrary to all reason and common Sense, they seek to disarm the Christians from bringing proofs out of the Old Testament against the *Jews*, to prove that the promised Messiah is already come in the Flesh, or that he hath suffered in the Flesh. And though I was so far blinded by them, that

I did understand 1 Cor. 11. 26. — *till he come*, of his Inward coming; yet I had always a firm Belief, both of *Christ's* being in Heaven in the glorified Nature of Man, and that he would come in that glorified Nature of Man to judge the World. And now I plainly see, that his coming, 1 Cor. 11. 26. is as really his Outward coming, as any where else in all the Scripture; and I hope I have sufficiently proved it to all impartial and intelligent Persons, who shall read my Reasons I have brought to prove the same.

Page 113. His Quotation of the Syriack translation doth no ways favour his Sense, as that the Eating 1 Cor. 11. 26. was only by Indulgence, and not by Command. The Quotation is this. *In that concerning which I am about to Command you (or Instruct you) I Commend you not, because ye have not gone forward, but are descended into that, which is less, or of less Consequente.* From this he infers, that Paul judg'd the Bread and Wine to be beggerly Elements: But the Syriack translation saith no such thing; he might well have blamed them, that they were not gone forward in the Life of Christianity, but rather backward, because of the corrupt and irregular manner of their practising that Institution, that some were drunk; surely this was to go back, but this is no proof against the regular Practice it self. And what he further quotes of the same Syriack Version, is as improper and invalid to his purpose, v. 20. *When then ye meet together, ye do not do it, as it is just ye should do in the day of the Lord, ye eat and drink;* thereby shewing to them, to meet together to Eat and Drink outward Bread and Wine, was not the Labour and Work of that Day of the Lord. But nothing appeareth from this, that he blamed the regular Practice of it, but their undue and corrupt manner of doing it; so that their doing of it, as they did it, was not the Work of the Day: And therefore he might well say, as it is v. 20. of 1 Cor. 11. *when ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's Supper, because they had turned it into a prophanation;* But R. B.'s observation on these Words, p. 109. is of no force at all to prove his purpose: *He saith not, this is not the right manner to eat, but this is not to eat the Lord's Supper,* because (saith he) the Supper of the Lord is Spiritual, and a Mystery. *Ans.* But the right manner of a thing in many cases is so essential to the thing, that the want of the right manner destroys the thing it self. As the right manner of a Circle is to have all the straight Lines drawn from the Center to the Circumference equal, and if this be wanting, the Figure is not a Circle. Yea, If the right man-

manner of Prayer be wanting, so that it be directed to *God*, yet not in true words, it is not true Prayer, and if not in truth and sincerity of Heart, it is not true Prayer. His other Arguments from *Rom. 14. 7. Coloss. 2. 16. Heb. 9. 10.* are all answered above sufficiently, Part I. Sect. 6.

S E C T. IX.

PAge 121. *His last Argument is general against both the Outward Baptism, and the Supper. It remains (saith he) for our Adversaries to shew us how they come by Power and Authority to Administer them. — Their Power must be derived from the Apostles, either mediately, or immediately; but they have no mediate Power, because of the Interruption made by the Apostacy: And for an immediate Power or Command by the Sprit of God to Administer these things, none of our Adversaries pretend to it.*

Ans. 1. The Argument is unduly worded in the former part of it; for Men may have a Power that is neither from the Apostles mediately nor immediately; not mediately, as he thinks he has proved, nor yet immediately from the Apostles, because not their immediate Successors. But, why may they not have a Power mediately from *Christ*, after some true manner, and yet in some sort immediate also? If we consider the several significations of the Words mediate and immediate, none of which are Scripture words, any more, or scarce so much, as other words they reject, because not Scripture words; and because of the ambiguous and doubtful signification of the Words mediate and immediate, they may be omitted, and other Words used to as good, or better effect. But if we may be allowed to use the words mediate and immediate; one Sense of the word *immediate* is a Call from *Christ's* Person, speaking with an audible Voice to the outward Ear; such as the twelve Apostles had, and *Paul* also. This I know none now pretends to. Another Sense of the word *immediate* is, a Call by the Holy Spirit in the Hearts of them who are so Called, in the same way and manner, as the Prophets were both taught their Prophecies, and called to deliver them, and commit them to Writing, which was by a Prophetick Spirit that did Infallibly guide them, in every Sentence and Word of their Message, without the least possibility of Error or Mistake; and as so Taught and Called, without the need or use of any outward means whatsoever. If some of the Teachers among the Quakers have pretended to any such Inward Teaching or Calling, as

it can be easily proved they have, it can be as easily proved, that they have not been so taught nor called, because in too many things, wherein they have pretended to such Teaching and Calling, they have Bewrayed themselves miserably, and laid themselves open to the Judgment of the weaker sort of Sincere Christians, who have been able to prove, that in too many things they have delivered as Divine Revelations, they have contradicted the Holy Scriptures, and so have grossly Erred. A Third sort of immediate Teaching and Calling, is by taking the Etymologie of the Word immediate, to signifie not without all Means, but in and with the Means; as when it is generally acknowledged, that there is an immediate Supernatural Divine Concurrence of the Spirit of *God*, that assisteth the Faithful in all truly holy Actions; yea, in all holy Thoughts and Desires, Words and Works; yet not without the use of outward Means, but in the due and frequent use of them; as in Reading, Hearing, and Meditating upon what hath been Read, or Heard. Now this sort of inward Teaching and Calling by the Spirit, as it is not without means altogether; so is it not without all possibility of Erring, or Mistake; for though no Error can proceed from the Spirit of *God*, nor can the Spirit Err; yet a Man that has the Spirit of *God* working in his Heart, both to illuminate his Understanding, and move and incline his Will to good Things, may through Humane Weakness and Inadvertency, or by some Prejudice of Education, or wrong Information of his Teachers, misapply, and misunderstand the Spirits inward Illuminations and Motions, which he is the more likely to do, if he do not duly and diligently apply his Mind, as to the Spirits inward Illumination, so to the Directions and Instructions, given to us in the Holy Scriptures, to examine and find the agreement of the inward with the outward; for certainly if the Persuasions that any Man hath, contradict the plain Directions and Institutions given in the Holy Scriptures, they are not of the Spirit of *God*, whatever appearance they may seem to have of Power or Evidence; the joynt concurrence of the Spirit of Truth within, and the instrumental and subordinate help of the Scripture without, given us to help our weakness, may be compared to the natural Light of the Sun, or Candle that we read with (in some sort) though this, and all other Similitudes fall short of a full Illustration; for as we cannot Read without the Light, though the Book lie open before us; so when the Light Shines, yet it will not teach

teach us what is in the Book, unless we look on it, and also be taught to Read in it. Even so the Light of the Holy Spirit, shining upon the Ideas, and Perceptions of our Minds, as conveyed to us by what we have heard or read out of the Holy Scriptures, opens to us the true hidden Sense and Truth of them, with Life and Power, and great inward Clearness and Evidence, Joy and Satisfaction; and thus if we find that the Spirits Illumination, worketh in our Hearts and Minds an Assent to the Truth of what is Recorded in the Holy Scriptures; we can with all readiness receive it. But if what we suppose to be a Divine Illumination, discord from the Truth of the Scriptures; we ought to reject it, and by no means to receive it, for it is not Divine, but Humane; or which is worse, Diabolical. Now according to this last Sense of the Word immediate, *i. e.* inward Teaching, and Call of the Spirit, in the use of outward Means and Helps, and especially the Holy Scriptures, I see not, but it may be granted that Men may be found, and are to be found, that have a true immediate Call from the Spirit of *Christ* in their Hearts, both to Preach, and Administer these Divine Institutions of the outward *Baptism* and *Supper*; and all this well consisting with the mediate orderly Call, where there is a Constitute Church, though not every way so rightly and duly Constitute, as was in the Apostles Days, and in the purest Times succeeding the Apostles. There is ground to believe, that *God* raised up many such in the beginning of the Reformation from Popery; and though since that beginning, too many Particulars have rather gone backward than forward; yet the Success of the Ministry, and excellent Books that have come forth, time after time, of many Worthy Persons, however in some things mistaken, and the truly Christian Lives and Conversations of many, through all the Protestant Churches, though in comparison of the great multitude that are Prophane and Scandalous, they are but a few, may be a good Ground of Evidence, that *God* is truly among them, and doth own the Remnant that are Sincere, and their Ministry; to whom an Allusion may be made of what was said to the Church of *Sardis*, (the *Greek* Word *Sardis*, is in the Plural Number) thou hast a few Names in *Sardis*, who have not Defiled their Garments; they shall walk with me in White, for they are Worthy. I know there are some, who do more than make an Allusion in the Case, and think that by the Church of *Sardis*, is really meant the collective Body of the Protestant Churches, throughout the several Parts of the World, which I will not here be positive, either to affirm, or deny, but either

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by way of Allusion, or by Hypothesis, let us conceive that the Collective Body of the Protestant Churches, answers to *Sardis*, and not this or that particular spot or part of the Earth, or this or that particular Country, Province, or City, but the Collective Body of the whole, that by the Harmony of their Confessions already extant, may be allowed to hold the Fundamentals of the Christian Faith, however many are under great mistakes in other things. Now we do not find this Church of *Sardis* blamed for Idolatry or suffering it, as some of the other Seven Churches we find so blamed, and particularly that of *Pergamus* and *Thyatira*, that may allude to the Dark and Idolatrous Times of Popery, for divers Ages foregoing. The great things of the *Sardis* Church that are blamed are, that her Works were not perfect before *God*; that she had more a Name of Life, than the possession of it, which seems to point out to the Life, the Collective Body of the Protestant Churches, who yet have a few Names, who have not defiled their Garments, and who are worthy; which few Names are not confined to this or that particular Denomination, but scattered and dispersed through the whole, as so many Grains of pure Silver or Gold thro' a great mass or Lump of Oar, where is much more Dross and Refuse.

And because things receive their denomination from the better part frequently, therefore I judge that the Protestant Churches are, with a respect to, and on the account of these few Names that have kept their Garments clean, to be reckoned a true Church, and is so reputed of *God*. And therefore it were very advisable, that all that sincerely Believe in *God*, and in *Christ*, and love *God* and *Christ*, and agree in Fundamentals, as they generally do, that they would Love one another, and Repute one another as Brethren, walk together, and worship *God* together in Spirit and in Truth; the Stronger condescending to the Weaker, and becoming all things to all Men, and in every thing that is not manifestly sinful, yielding one to another, endeavouring to be of one Heart and Soul in true Christian Love and Affection, however differing in some lesser matters, both as to Judgment and Practice. This I hope *God* in his own time will bring to pass; and for this, as many (I believe) sincerely pray, so do I cordially joyn my earnest Supplications with them. And let this suffice at present for an Answer to that last Argument, about the Call, as whether mediate or immediate.

S E C T. X.

IT is not to be doubted, but many in the Protestant Churches can give as great evidence, and far greater, of their true Inward Call to the work of the Ministry, than many, or most of the Teachers among the People call'd Quakers; and that not only by the conformity of their Doctrine and Conversation to the Holy Scriptures, but the real success and good effect of their Ministry by the Blessing of *God* upon their Labours: And if the noise of boldly claiming to themselves the only Privilege of being the Church of *Christ*, and their Teachers and Ministers the only Ministers of *Christ*, having only the Inward Call, and furnishing of the Spirit, be laid aside, and the Question fairly and calmly stated, it will not bear great Dispute to make it appear which of the two sorts have the best Marks of the true Church and Ministry. Would the Quakers less value themselves, for some singular things, which at best are but as the Cummin and the Mint, and some of them not so much, they might easily find themselves equalled, and far excelled in great part by many others in the greater things of true Divine Knowledge, Piety and Virtue. Only, for a Conclusion, let this be added; that suppose present Administrators could not be readily found, so qualified, as to silence all the scrupulosities of Objectors, this will not prove that *Baptism* and the *Supper* are not the Institutions of *Christ*, as it will not prove that Preaching the Gospel is not a Divine Institution, because in many parts of the World true Preaching has been wanting, and yet is; yea, according to the Quakers narrow and scanty Charity, true Preaching was generally lost in the World, untill the Quakers were raised up about the year 1648. Doth it therefore follow, that it was no Institution of *Christ* to the Apostles, and their Successors to Preach the Gospel? And here let it be noticed, that I put a distinction betwixt a Power given to a Man to use the Gifts that *God* has given him, in teaching others less knowing, and a Pastoral Gift, of not only Teaching, but Administring these Divine Institutions of *Baptism* and the *Supper*, and doing divers other things relating to the Discipline, Order, and Government of the People, over whom, by *God's* appointment, and the Peoples consent, he is set to be their Pastor and Watchman.

Here Note Reader, that what is said in this small Treatise, in Answer to the Arguments of the principal Teachers of the Quakers a-

above named, will also serve for an Answer to *w. Dell's* Book, against *Water-Baptism*; for there is nothing Material in his Book, but what is in their Books, upon that Subject, though they borrowed his Arguments, and have so great a liking to his Book, that they have Printed it often, again, and again; and indeed, as they borrowed from him, so the most of his Arguments he seems to have borrowed from *Socinus*, who hath used the same Arguments for the most part, long before *w. Dell*, or the *Quakers* appeared in the World. Only please Reader to take notice of that great piece of Ignorance in *w. Dell*, to affirm so bold an Untruth; that *Zacharias*, *John* the Baptist's Father was High Priest. The more particular Questions about *Baptism*, relating either to the proper Subjects of it, or manner of it, are not needful to be handled here, the design of this Treatise being to Convince such of the *Quakers* as are willing to read it, that *Baptism*, and the *Supper* are Divine Institutions; till they own this, it would be Preposterous to persuade them about those other. Were the People, called *Quakers*, convinced of this great Truth; that the outward *Baptism* by *water*, and the *Supper*, are Divine Institutions, and ought to be practised by them, as becoming true Christians, there are some thousands of them who are at Age, and have Children at Age, who never had any manner of outward *Baptism*; if these have true Faith in *Jesus Christ*, and can sincerely say, as the Eunuch did, *Acts* 8. 37. *I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and do renounce all those Errors that are contrary to the true Faith in the Fundamental Doctrins thereof*; there is no question but they may be *Baptized*, they are proper enough Subjects of it; and when they are thus well Prepared and Qualified to Receive it, it may be hoped that they will be Directed and Guided by the *Lord*, where, and how to find the Persons that may be fit to Administer it unto them. Such among them who scruple, or question the manner of *Baptism* by Sprinkling, may receive it by Dipping; for all *Christendom* own that that Form may be used Lawfully; and that Adult. Persons having Faith in the *Lord Jesus*, after their giving the Confession of the same, may, and ought to be *Baptized*. And such among them who might scruple to receive it from Persons of another Denomination, might find some of their own Way to Administer it unto them. For it were strange, to suppose, that among so many hundreds of Men, professing to have an immediate, or inward Call to that part of the Ministry by Preaching, and Prayer, there should not be some found among them, who might

might apprehend that they are as immediately call'd to the other part of the Ministry, of *Baptism*, and the *Supper*, after they are truly convinced that they are Gospel Institutions. There is some Ground of Hope, that many among them will be brought to some good Consideration, and better Understanding, so as to see the great hurt and loss that it has been unto them, to reject those things, and also to come to that good and solid Discretion and Judgment of the great Profit and Advantage it would be to them, to receive the Practice of them among them, for their Spiritual Good and Honour of their Christian Profession (thereby declaring, as well as by their Christian Lives and Conversations, that they are the Disciples of *Christ*, by this Testimony of their Love to him; that they keep these his Commandments, as well as the others that he has enjoyed; remembering that he that breaketh the least of his Commandments, and teacheth Men to do so, shall be least in the Kingdom of Heaven) and also for the removing the great Scandal and Offence of many Tender People, who are greatly stumbled at their Way, in not only omitting, but speaking Reproachfully against those Sacred Institutions. It will be no occasion of Dishonour to them, nor Argument of their declining, or going backward from the Truth, to own and receive the Practice of these things, that they have needlessly, and for want of due Consideration, dropt, and lost; more than it would be to a Man that had dropt some piece of Money, or Jewel, to return, and stoop to take it up again. That which addeth to my Ground of Hope in this thing, is, that some among them have privately acknowledged, that they are sensible of the Hurt and Disadvantage that they have been at, as a Body of People, for laying those Practices aside.

S E C T. XI.

HAVING finished my Answers to the Arguments of the four Persons, above named, against the outward *Baptism*, and the *Supper*, I think fit to take notice of the Arguments of *George Fox*, (the greatest Person among the *Quakers*, when living, and whose Words are still as Oracles unto them) against these Divine Institutions; to which indeed little more Answer is needful, than what is given to those other, for his Arguments are Included in theirs, and so may the Answers be in the Answers to them. His Argument against the outward *Baptism*, I find to be but one, in a Book of his, called, *Something in Answer to the Old Common-Prayer-Book*, Printed at London, 1560

p. 18. *And doth not that in Matth. 28. say, Baptize into the Name; and is not that more than in the Name?* This the Reader will find Answered above, in Reply to some of their Arguments; *but to Baptize into the Name*, Acts 8. they grant not to be the inward *Baptism*; and therefore, nor is that *Matth. 28.* the Particles *in*, and *into*, being frequently the same in Signification, both in *English*. and *Greek*, yea, and in *Hebrew* also, and *Latin*, and generally in other Languages.

His Arguments against the outward *Supper*, are as followeth, p. 26. *They that received the Bread and wine in remembrance of Christ, shewing his Death till he come, which the Apostle had received of the Lord, and delivered to the Corinthians, which they were to examine, and Eat, and Drink in remembrance of Christ's Death, till he come.* This was in, 1 Cor. Then he wrote again to the Corinthians, and bids them examine themselves, and prove their own selves; knew they not that Christ was in them, except they were *Reprobates*? So they may see that this was not a standing Form; but as often as they did it, they did it in remembrance of Christ, till he come; and then examine your selves, prove your selves, If Christ be not in you, except ye be *Reprobates*; so if you have him within, what need you have that which puts in remembrance of him? And so if ye be risen with Christ; seek those things that are above; for now Bread and wine is below, which is the remembrance of his Death, so that part dies with him; which must have a Sign to put in remembrance of him. For the Apostles forgot, who said, that they thought that that Man should deliver Israel.

Ans. The substance of this is replied unto above; only I thought fit to take notice, how impertinent and idle his Argument is, from his comparing the first Epistle to the *Corinthians*, with a passage in his second Epistle to them; as if in his first Epistle Paul had delivered the Command or Practice of it unto them, because Christ was not then come in them; but when he wrote again, he was come in them. Which reasoning of *G. F.* is built on a most false Foundation; for Paul did believe that Christ was as truly come in the *Corinthians*, at his first writing, as at his second; for as he said unto them in his second Epistle, know ye not that Jesus Christ is in you, &c. 2 Cor. 13. 5. So he said in his first Epistle, 1 Cor. 6. 19. Know ye not that your body is the Temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God, &c. And surely, when they had the Holy Ghost in them, they had Christ in them; from which it appears, that this Argument of *G. F.* is exceeding impertinent, and built on a gross and manifest untruth. But it

was the way of *G. F.* What he neither did nor could prove from Scripture, he would boldly persuade by his Authority and Stamp, with saying, *This is the word of the Lord unto you*, and then it was no more to be questioned; and if any did, they were reckoned bad Spirits, like *Corah*, &c. Also his saying, Bread and Wine is from below, and they who have *Christ* in them need not the Sign; all this is answered above; and had he not been very weak in his understanding and inconsiderate, he might have easily observed, that this way of his Reasoning was equally against all Outward Ministry, Words, and Writings, which are not *Christ*, more than Bread and Wine. And are not his many Papers, about Orders, and Womens Dresses, from below, seeing they are visible things, and therefore by his Argument, they should be rejected?

There is yet one Argument behind, which I have found in a Manuscript having *Humphry Norton's* Name to it, a Preacher of great Name formerly among the Quakers, and in extraordinary repute with *Edward Burrough*, and *Francis Howgil*, as appeareth by their Epistles of Recommendation concerning him, they both sent with him to Friends in *Ireland*, contained in the said Manuscript; unto you all (saith *Edward Burrough*) I do him recommend, as a faithful Labourer, to be received by you in the Name of him that sends him, in tender pity for you all, and the Blessing of the *Lord* upon his Faithfulness I doubt not, &c. Dated *London* 19. 3d. mo. 1656. And saith *Fr. Howgil*, receive *Humphry Norton* in the *Lord*, whom the *Lord* hath moved to come unto you, who is a Brother, and Faithful in the *Lord's* Work, and be Subject unto him in the *Lord*, all unto him; for I much desired that he might come unto you, and so the *Lord* hath ordered it; and as you receive him, you receive me, *F. Howgil*.

This Man, *Humphry Norton*, after his Arrival in *Ireland*, in the year 1656, writ, and spread about several Papers among the People, call'd Baptists, and others; of which I have seen divers contained in a Manuscript, all Writ by one Hand, and having his Name to them.

His Argument against *Baptism*, is in the following Words. *Q. 15.* And now ye Baptists, seeing that *Christ* is come, and hath *Baptized* us, and all Men come unto him, tell me, whether there be any *Baptism but one*; seeing the Apostle saith, *one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism*, Eph. 4.5,6. And whether *Baptism* be not a Doctrine, yea, or nay? If you say an Ordinance, whether it be not Abolished; yea, or nay; seeing the Scripture saith, *having abolished in his Flesh the Enmity*,

even the Law of Commandments contained in Ordinances; for to make in himself of Twain, one new Man; so making Peace, Eph. 2. 15.

Ans. That concerning one *Baptism*, is fully Answered above: To the latter concerning Ordinances, the Word in the Greek *ἐν δόγμασι* is not properly Translated Ordinances, but rather Opinions, or Persuasions. But let it be Translated Ordinances; how doth this prove, that therefore *water-Baptism* is Abolished, unless the Argument be built upon this Supposition; that all Ordinances are Abolished, and consequently *Baptism* with *water*, and at the same rate, Preaching and Prayer must be Abolished, which are no less Ordinances.

And in the same Parcel of Queries, the fifth Querie is; now Answer in plain Words; From whence must this *Christ* ye wait for come, and in what Generation, and of what Family, and out of what Country, and of whom must he be Born? that they may no longer be deceived by you, who have kept them gazing after a false *Christ*; well may it be called Gazing; but leave it, and mind these in white Apparel, which Reproves you for it, *Acts* 1. 10, 11.

This *Humphry Norton*, after some Years went into New England, and after his Return, Prints a Book at *London* (which I find Quoted in another Printed Book) having the like, or the same Queries for Substance; the Words are these. *Is not Christ God, and is not God a Spirit? you look for a Christ without you; from what Coast or Country shall he come? what Country-man is he? You stand Gazing up in the Clouds after a Man, but we stand by in white chiding of you.* Reader, are not these dreadful Words, enough to make all Christian Ears to tingle? it is no wonder that they have so generally Construed these Words; *ye shew forth his Death until he come*, to be only his inward coming; when the chiefest Teachers among them had no Faith of his outward coming to Judge the World. And it is but too likely, that *E. Burroughs*, and *F. Howgil*, were as great Unbelievers as he in that great Fundamental Article of the Christian Religion; and if they were not, they were miserably deceived, and did miserably deceive themselves by their supposed Gift of Discerning; to give such high Recommendations and Praises of a Man, that deserved not to be numbred among the lowest Rank of Christians, who hath dared thus openly, like one of the *Heathen* Opposers, to Scoff at our Blessed *Lord's* coming without us to Judgment; but never any Christian gave him occasion for such a Scoffing manner of Questioning, it being universally believed by all Christians, that our *Lord* will come from Heaven in the same Body wherein he Ascended,

ed, and is not to be Born again of a Woman. Again, In another Paper that hath his Name to it, there are these Words; *and whereas he Accused us for denying Christ's Merits; I say, that which can be Merited, is of Self; and that which is of Christ is freely given. But such a word is not in Scripture, as Christ's Merits, but is fetch'd from the whore at Rome by them.* Behold the Man; whom *E. Burrough's* called a Faithful Labourer, and *F. Howgil* called a Brother Faithful in the Lord's Work, to whom he would have all the *Quakers* in Ireland to be Subject! How can they who follow such blind Guides, but fall into the Ditch with them? Is there any greater, or so great Blindness to be found in the Blindest, and most Ignorant of the Papists?

In a Book of mine, called, *Truth's Defence*, p. 140. I find an other Argument I have used against the *Supper*, the Effect of which is contained in these following Words; *what Christ did at that time, and bid his Disciples do until he come, is no Gospel Ordinance, because it was done in the Night, or Evening of the old Covenant Dispensation, and consequently was to come to an end with it.* *Ans.* I freely acknowledge this Argument is Weak and Unsound, and the way to Answer it, is by denying the Consequence to be True and Just; for mostly what *Christ* Taught was in the Evening, or latter part of the old Covenant; but it doth not therefore follow that it was to end with it. As also where I have said in my Book, called, *Presbyterian and Independent Churches*, &c. P. 185. *That which ye now use is neither Substantial Dinner nor Supper, being only a Crumb of Bread*, &c. I acknowledge, was unadvisedly said, and as weakly Argued; for the end of that outward Institution, was not any outward Substantial *Dinner* or *Supper*, as neither was that of the Paschal Lamb. And also where, p. 184. of the same, I have argued, that the use of the outward Signs of *Baptism* and the *Supper*, did suit most with the Ages and State of Children, for they suit well enough with the most grown Christians, while remaining in the Mortal Body.

S E C T. XII.

AND thus I have Answered to all the Arguments brought against the outward *Baptism* and the *Supper*, by their several Writers, and chief Teachers that I have found in their Books; not omitting any to my best Remembrance, of any Note; where though I have brought in *G. Fox* among the last, because I had not found the particular Book
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where his Arguments were, until I had finished my Answer to the other four preceding; yet he was the first among the *Quakers*, that led them; as into divers other great Errors, so into this of rejecting the outward *Baptism*, and the *Supper*, grounding all upon a pretended Divine Inspiration; and as by that Pretence he did throw down the Institutions of *Christ*, leading many thousands into the Ditch with him; So by the same pretended Authority, he set up outward Orders and Ordinances of his own, particularly that of Women's Meetings, giving them Rule and Government in the Church, and appointing all Marriages to come before the Women's Meetings, before they could pass, or be allowed by the Community; which hath no Footstep, or Warrant from the Holy Scripture. And when it could not be proved from Scripture, though Essayed by him and others, miserably straining the Scriptures, contrary to their true Sense; the Result was, that it was commanded by *G. Fox*, and whoever did not Obey, were judged by him and his Followers, Apostates, and Enemies to Truth.

In the next place, I shall bring some clear Proofs from Scripture; shewing that outward *Baptism* and the *Supper*, are the Institutions of *Christ* under the Gospel. And first, as to *Baptism* with *water*. That is an Institution of *Christ*, which he did command his Apostles, and their Successors, to Practise to the end of the World.

But he commanded them to Practise *Baptism* with *water*, &c. Therefore,

That he commanded them to Practise *Baptism* with *water*, is proved from *Matth.* 28. 19. And from what is above Discourfed in Answer to their Objections, it is apparent that *Water-Baptism* is there meant.

And that the Apostles, and all the Churches of *Christ* did understand that *water-Baptism* was an Institution of *Christ*, is clear from the universal Practise of Believers in the Apostles Days; so that it cannot be instanced where any came under the Profession of Faith in *Christ*; but they received *Baptism* with *water*, either by the Apostles, or other Ministers of *Christ*.

Again, That which is declared in Scripture to be a means of Grace and Salvation, and which hath Gospel Promises annexed to it, is a Divine Institution.

But so is *Baptism* with *water*, as the following Scriptures prove, *Mark* 16. 16. *Acts* 2. 38. *Acts* 22. 16. *Rom.* 6. 3. *Gal.* 3. 27. *Col.* 2. 12. *1 Pet.* 3. 21. And though these *Quakers* will not allow that the
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Scriptures above-mentioned, are to be understood of *Baptism* with *water*; yet by what is above Discours'd, in Answer to their Objections; it is evident, that they are to be understood of *Baptism* with *water*, the Sign being accompanied with the thing signified, in all that duly received it.

Again, That which is made a Ground of Unity among the Faithful, together with Faith and Hope, and Calling, is a Divine Institution; but one *Baptism*, as well as one Faith, one Hope, one Calling, is made a Ground of Unity among the Faithful, *Eph. 4. 5.*

And that the *one Baptism* there, is the *Baptism* with *water* (the thing signified going along with the Sign) is above proved in the Answer to the foregoing Objections. And thus much briefly, for Proof of *water-Baptism*, its being an Institution of *Christ* under the Gospel, to continue to the end of the World; because he promised to be with his Ministers to the end of the World, in their doing what he commanded them.

Next, That the *Supper* by breaking of *Bread*, and the use of the *Cup* is an Institution of *Christ*, until his last coming, is proved by the like Arguments, that *water-Baptism* is proved to be an Institution of *Christ*; for first it was commanded by *Christ*; *Do this in remembrance of me; as oft as you Eat this Bread, and Drink this Cup, ye shew forth the Lord's Death till he come.* And that this is his outward coming to Judge the World, is above proved.

Secondly, it is a Means of Grace; *the Bread which we break is it not the Communion of the Lord's Body? The Cup which we bless is it not the Communion of his Blood?* That is, are they not, both Signs and Means exhibiting to us the Communion of his Body and Blood, and the Spiritual Blessings that come to Believers thereby? For indeed all the Signs that ever *God* appointed to his People, were Means of Grace, and not bare Signs or Symbols.

Thirdly, the *Bread* and *wine* in the *Supper*, is made a ground of Unity among the Faithful, as well as *Baptism*; *we being many are one Bread, and all are made partakers of that one Bread.* The Objections made against the Sense of these and the like Scriptures, are above fully Answered; so that I see no occasion to say any more at present, by way of Argument on this Subject.

An APPENDIX.

Containing some Observations upon some Passages, in a Book of *W. Penn*, call'd, *A Caveat against Popery*; and on some Passages of a Book of *John Pennington*, call'd, *The Fig-Leaf Covering Discovered*.

IN a Book of *W. Penn*, called, *A Seasonable Caveat against Popery*, Printed in the Year 1670. I find the following Passage, p. 18. *But if there be some Virtue signified by the Wine, more than by the Bread, it is horrid Sacrilege to Rob the Sign, much more the thing signified. It is a Supper, and at Supper there should be to Drink, as well as to Eat; there can be no Body without Blood, and the Drinking of his Blood, shews a Shedding of his Blood for the world, and a Participation of it. Besides the Sign is incomplete, and the end of that Sacrament, or Sign, not fully Answered, but plainly maimed, and what God hath put together, they have put asunder; so that the Falseness and Inscriptural Practice of these Men are very manifest.*

Obs. Reader: Wouldest thou not think by these Words, that *W. Penn* was in good earnest, Pleading for the Sacrament (as he calls it) or Sign of the Supper? And hadst thou not known that *W. Penn* was the Author of that Book; wouldest thou not have concluded, whoever was the Author was rightly Princip'd for the *Supper*, compleatly Administred under both Signs, by the Arguments he brings for it? as first, If there be some Virtue signified by the *wine*, more than by the *Bread*, it is horrid Sacrilege to Rob the Sign, &c. The Antecedent is true, by *W. Penn*, otherwise his Argument is vain; and therefore the Consequence must be true, which is this; It is horrid Sacrilege to Rob the Sign. Now if it be horrid Sacrilege in the Popish Priests and Teachers, to Rob the Sign of *wine* in the *Supper*; is it not as horrid, or rather more horrid Sacrilege in *W. Penn*, and the rest of the Teachers of the *Quakers* to have Robb'd both the Signs, the *Bread*, as well as the *wine*? and under the Guilt of this Robbery and Sacrilege they still continue, I wish they may Repent of it, that they may find Mercy and Forgiveness. His second Argument is this. *It is a Supper, and at Supper there should be to Drink, as well as to Eat.* But how is it a *Supper*, when there

is neither to Eat nor to Drink: If the Popish Teachers have maimed the *Supper*, which he blames them for; how much more is he and his Brethren Blameworthy, who have quite Abolished it? His third Argument for the Cup is, the Drinking of his Blood, shews a Shedding of his Blood; but how doth it shew it among the *Quakers*, who have totally Abolished the *Bread* as well as the *Cup*? His fourth Argument is, *the sign is incompleat, and the end of that Sacrament or Sign, not fully Answered.* But how is the end of that Sacrament, or Sign any wise Answered among the *Quakers*, who have Abolished both Signs? His fifth Argument is, *what God hath put together, they have put asunder*; so that the Falseness and Inscriptural Practice of these Men is very manifest. Now to Prosecute and Retort his Argument upon himself; If it be a heinous Sin to put a sunder what *God* hath put together; is it not as heinous, or rather more, to put away, or Abolish both things which *God* hath put together? If they do Evil that separate Man and Wife, whom *God* hath joyned, or put together; do not they worse who kill them both?

If it be said, *w. Penn's* Arguments are only on Supposition, and used against the Papists, *ad hominem.* I Answer, first, This doth not appear by his Words, which are Positive. Secondly, If here he only Argues on Supposition, and *ad hominem*; how shall we know when he Argueth Positively, and is in good earnest? Thirdly, His Arguments seem to me and; I think they will seem to many others, not only Positive, but more valid and strong, than any Arguments he hath brought against them.

Again, In the same Book, p. 20. concerning the Sacrifice of the Altar, he saith——notwithstanding the Scripture expressly tells us, *that we have our High Priest, that needs not Sacrifice once a year, but who hath offered one Sacrifice, and that by the will of God we are Sanctified, through the Offering of the Body of Jesus Christ, once for all, and that by one Offering he perfected them that are Sanctified,* Heb. 10. 10, 11, 14. *Yet do they daily Sacrifice him a fresh,* As if his first were insufficient, or their daily Sins required a new one.

Obs. Do not these Arguments of *w. Penn*, against *Christ*, his being daily Offered up a Sacrifice in the Mass, prove as effectually, *w. Penn*, and *G. Whitehead's* Doctrine to be false, in their Defence of *w. Smith*, who said, in p. 64. of his Primmer, second Part; *we believe that Christ in us doth offer up himself a living Sacrifice unto God for us, by which the Wrath and Justice of God is appeased towards us.* This *w. Penn* Confirms

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in his Rejoynder to J. Faldo, p. 285. saying, that *Christ* offers himself in his Children, in the nature of a Mediating Sacrifice; and that *Christ* is a Mediator, and an Attoner in the Consciences of his People, at what time they shall fall under any Miscarriage, if they unfeignedly Repent; according to 1 John 2. 1, 2. and *G. whitehead* is very large in the Defence and Confirmation of it, in his Book, called, *The Light and Life of Christ within*, p. 44. And Quotes at least seven several places of Scripture to prove it, viz. That *Christ* in them doth offer up himself a Sacrifice unto God for them, by which the wrath and Justice of God is appeased towards them. All which Scriptures, and many more, respecting the Sacrifice of *Christ* without us, and his Blood outwardly Shed, they have most grossly Perverted and Misapplied to a supposed Daily Offering of *Christ* by way of Sacrifice in them to Appease the Wrath and Justice of God. Now let *w. Penn* Answer to his own Arguments which he had used against the Sacrifice of *Christ* in the Mass; for any that are not wilfully blind may see, they are of equal force against his supposed and invented Sacrifice of *Christ*, daily offered in every *Quaker* when they Sin, to Appease the Wrath and Justice of God.

And here I think fit to repeat some Questions I Proposed to *w. Penn*, by way of Argument, against this false Notion of his, (and of *G. whitehead*, which they Originally received from *G. Fox*, and he it is very probable from Familists and Ranters, who had the same Notion, as I can easily prove) that *Christ* offers up himself in them, to Appease the Wrath and Justice of God, in the Nature of a Mediating Sacrifice. (Note Reader, these Words bespeak their Sense to be a Sacrifice, really and strictly so taken; yea, the Sacrifice within, to be the only real and strict Sacrifice; for the other without, of *Christ's* Body and Blood without the Gates of *Jerusalem*, was the Type, the History. The Lamb without, shews forth the Lamb within, said *w. Penn*, one outward thing cannot be the proper Figure, or Representation of another outward thing). These Questions are in my Book, called, *Gross Error and Hypocrisie Detected in G. whitehead*, and some of his Brethren, p. 20. And I have just cause to propose them again, to his and his Brethrens Consideration; because I have not to this Day received any Answer to them, either from *w. Penn*, or *George whitehead*, nor from *Tho. Elwood*, who hath Writ a pretended Answer to this very Book, called, *Gross Error*; &c. who hath passed by, not only these Queries containing so many Arguments as there are Queries; but the other chief things in that Book; and yet he and his Brethren Glory, how they have Answered.

swered all my Books, when in effect they have Answered none of them to purpose, and some of them not at all; as my second Narrative of the Proceedings of the Meeting at *Turner's-Hall*, that has been above a Year in Print; (as no more have they Answered to *Satan Disrob'd*; done by the Author of the *Snake in the Grass*; being a Reply to *The. Elwood's* pretended Answer to my first Narrative, which saved me the Labour of Replying to it.) And indeed, the Book, called, *Gross Error*, &c. has been in Print near three Years, and yet no Answer has been given to these Queries; which are as follow. 1. If Satisfaction be totally Excluded (as *w. Penn* hath Argued against the Satisfaction of the Man *Christ Jesus* without us; and by his Death and Sufferings on the Cross, *Reason against Railing*, p. 91. because a Sin, or Debt cannot be both Paid and Forgiven; what need is there of a Mediating Sacrifice of *Christ* within Men, more than without them? 2. Seeing it is the Nature of all Sacrifices for Sin, that they be Slain, and their Blood Shed; how is *Christ* Slain in his Children, and when? For we Read in Scripture, that *Christ* lived in the Faithful, as he did in *Paul*; but not that he is Slain in them. 3. If any Slay the Life of *Christ* in them by their Sins; doth not that hinder the Life to be a Sacrifice by *G. whitehead's* Argument; that the Killing of *Christ* outwardly, being the Act of Wicked Men, could be no Meritorious Act? 4. Where doth the Scripture say, *Christ* offers himself up in his Children a Sacrifice for Sin? 5. Is not this to make many Sacrifices, or at least to say, that *Christ* offers himself often, yea, Millions of times, contrary to Scripture, that saith, *Christ* offered up himself once? 6. Why could no Beast under the Law, that had a Blemish, be offered; but to signify that *Christ* was to offer up himself in no other Body, but that which was without all Sin? 7. Why was it Prophecied of *Christ*; a Body hast thou prepared me, why not Bodies many, if he offer up himself in the Bodies of all the Saints? 8. Is not this to make the Sacrifice of *Christ* of less Value and Efficacie in his own Body, than his Sacrifice in *w. Penn's* Body? because the Sacrifice of *Christ*, in that Body that was offered at *Jerusalem*, was the Type, this in *w. Penn's* Body, the Anti-type; That the History, This the Mystery. 9. Doth not this strengthen the Papists in their false Faith; that *Christ* is daily offered in the Mass, an unbloody Sacrifice? I desire that *w. Penn*, and *G. whitehead*, will give a positive Answer to these Queries; and shew, wherein my Arguments against their Notion of *Christ's* being offered a Sacrifice in Men, are not so strong against them, as *w. Penn's* Arguments

ments are against the Papist's Notion; that *Christ* is offered up daily in the Mass.

I. Note, Reader, Whereas my Adversaries, *Tho. Elwood*, and *F. Pennington*, in their Books against me, have brought several Quotations out of some of my former Books, particularly *The way cast up*, p. 99. and *The way to the City of God*, p. 125. on purpose to prove that I was of the same Mind and Persuasion with *W. Penn*, and *George whitehead*, concerning *Christ* being a real Sacrifice for Sin in Men, to Appease the Wrath and Justice of *God*; and his being the Seed of the Woman in them, having Flesh and Blood, &c. to be understood without any Metaphor, or Allegory, or other Figurative Speech, is what I altogether deny, can be inferred from my Words; for as I have shewed in my Book of *Immed. Revel.* p. 14. 15, 16. (which *John Pennington* hath perversly applyed in his Book, called, *The Figg-Leaf Covering*, p. 5. 4.) *The Spiritual Discerning of the Saints (in Scripture) is held forth under the Names of all the five Senses;—In like manner the things of God themselves, are held forth in Scripture, under the Names of sensible things, and which are most Taking, Pleasant and Refreshing unto the Senses; as Light, Fire, Water, Oyl, Wine, Oyntment, Honey, Marrow and Fatness, Bread, Manna, and many other such like Names, which I expressly grant are Metaphors; yet that hinders not (said I) but that the Spiritual Mysteries Represented under them, and signified by them, are real and substantial things; to wit, God's Power and Virtue, Spirit, Light, and Life, and the wondrous sweet and precious workings and Influences thereof (which I expressly mention, p. 14.) and indeed these outward things are but Figures of the Inward and Spiritual, which as far exceed and transcend them, in Life, Glory, Beauty, and Excellency, as a living Body doth the Shadow.* Now all this I still firmly hold and believe as much as formerly, when I Writ those Words; for indeed, because we have not proper Words, whereby to signifie Spiritual and Divine Enjoyments and Refreshments in the Souls of the Faithful; therefore Words are borrowed, and transferted from their common Signification, to a Metaphorical, and Allegorical; whereby to signifie the Spiritual Enjoyments and Refreshments of the Saints, from what they Witness and Experience of the Power, Vertue, Light, Life, and Love of *God* and *Christ* in them. So that I still say, the outward Light of Sun, Moon, Star, or Candle, is but a Shadow, or Figure, compared with the Divine Light of *God* and *Christ* within; the outward Bread, Wine, Flesh, though ever so excellent that the outward
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Man tastes of, is but a Figure and Shadow; being compared with that inward Bread of Life, inward Wine and Flesh, Oyl, and Honey, that is inwardly tasted and received by the inward Man. But behold the wretched perversion that my Prejudiced Adversary, *John Pennington*, puts upon my sound Words, and the wretched Conclusion that he draws from thence; as if therefore I did hold then, that the outward Death of *Christ* was but a Shadow, or Sign of the inward Death of *Christ* in Men, and his outward Sacrifice and Blood outwardly Shed, was but a Figure and Shadow of his being a Sacrifice within Men, and his Blood inwardly Shed; which as it hath no Shadow of Consequence from any Words, so it never came into my Thoughts, so to imagine; for in that place of my Book, of *Immed. Rev.* above quoted by him, I did not compare *Christ's* Death without, and his Death within, or his Blood without, to his Blood within; making That the Shadow and Figure, and This the Substance, as they do: But I was comparing the outward Meats and Drinks, as Bread, Flesh, Wine, Marrow and Fatness, with the Divine Enjoyments of the Saints, which borrow the Names of these outward things, and whereof they are but Figures and Shadows.

II. And when I said in some of my former Books, that *Christ* was the Seed of the Woman, that bruised the Serpents Head in the Faithful in all Ages; I did not mean that *Christ*, as he was born of the Virgin *Mary*, was a Figure, or Allegory of *Christ's* Birth, or Formation in the Saints. But on the contrary, *Christ* inwardly Formed, is the Allegory and Metaphor; yet so that *Christ* inwardly enjoyed in the Saints, is a real Divine Substantial Enjoyment and Participation of *Christ*, his Life, Grace and Virtue, in measure which they receive out of the Fulness of the Glorified Man *Christ Jesus* in Heaven; for though to Call *Christ* inwardly the Seed Born, or Crucified, is Metaphorical; yet the inward Life of *Christ* is Real and Substantial that the Saints Enjoy; and being a Measure out of the Fulness that is in the Glorified Man *Christ Jesus* in Heaven, it is of the same Nature therewith; and it is one and the same Mediatory Spirit, and Life of *Christ* in him; the Head dwelling in Fulness, and in them in Measure, as *Paul* said, *to every one of us is Grace given, according to the Measure of the Gift of Christ.*

And whereas he quotes me in his 55th p. saying, *This is the promised Seed which God promised to our Parents after the Fall, and actually gave unto them, even the Seed of the woman, that should bruise the Head of the*

Serpent. But doth this prove, that *Christ* being inwardly Formed in the Saints, was more properly (and without all Allegory Metaphor, or Synecdoche) the Seed of the Woman, than as he was Born of the Virgin? I say nay; though he would strain my Words to this, to bring me into the same Ditch with him and his Brethren; who make *Christ* without, the Type and History, and *Christ* within, the Substance and Mystery.

That the promised Seed was actually given to Believers, immediately after the Fall, hath this plain Orthodox sense. That the Power of *Christ's* Godhead or the Eternal Word that was in the beginning, and which was in the Fulness of Time, to take Flesh and Blood, like unto the Children, did actually break the Power of Sin and Satan in the Faithful; and this Power was the real Power of the Seed of the Woman that was Born of the Virgin *Mary*; and what that Power effected and wrought in the Faithful, in the Ages before *Christ* came into the Flesh, it was with Respect to his coming in the Flesh, and to what he was to do and suffer in his Body of Flesh for their Sins. And what I said, as Quoted by him, page 35. out of my Book, *way to the City of God*, page 125. *Even from the beginning, yea, upon Man's Fall, God was in Christ Reconciling the world to himself, and Christ was manifest in the Holy Seed inwardly, and stood in the way to ward off the wrath of God, from the Sinners and Unholy, that it might not come upon them to the uttermost, during the Day of their Visitation.* All this, or what ever else of that sort, I have said, in any of my Books, hath a safe and sound Sense, rightly understood; though this Prejudiced Adversary, seeks by his own Perversion to turn them to the contrary: The Word *Reconciling*, *Redeeming*, hath a two-fold Signification; the one is to satisfie Divine Justice, and pay the Debt of our Sins; this was only done by *Christ*, as he Suffered for us in the Flesh; the other is to Operate, and Work in us, in order to slay the Hatred and Enmity that is in us, while Unconverted; that being Converted, we may enjoy that inward Peace of *Christ*, that he hath Purchased for us by his Death and Sufferings, Now that the Light, Word, and Spirit, gently Operates and Works in Men, to turn and incline them to Love *God*, to Fear him, and Obey him, to Believe and Trust in him; that is, to Reconcile Men to *God*, and to ward, or keep off the Wrath of *God* from them: And thus, *God was in Christ, Reconciling the world to him in all Ages.* But this is not by way of Satisfaction to Divine Justice for Men's Sins; but by way of Application, and Operation; inwardly Inviting, Persuading, and as it were Intreating Men to be Reconciled unto

unto *God* ; that so the Wrath of *God* that hangs over their Heads, may not fall upon them ; for while *God* by *Christ*, thus inwardly visits the Souls of Men , inviting and persuading them to turn and live ; saying, *why will ye Dye ?* the Wrath is suspended, and delayed to be Executed upon them ; yet it is not removed, but abides upon them, until they Repent and Believe, as the Scripture testifieth ; *he that believeth not, the Wrath of God abideth on him.* And though this inward Appearance, and Operation in *Christ* in Men's Hearts, stayeth the Execution of Divine Wrath and Justice ; yet that inward Appearance, is not the Procuring and Meritorious Cause of Men's Reconciliation with *God* ; but the Means whereby, what *Christ* by his Death and Sufferings hath Purchased, is applyed ; for though *Christ* made Peace for us by his Blood outwardly Shed ; yet that Peace cannot be, nor is obtained, or received by any, but as the Soul is inwardly Changed and Converted, and so Reconciled unto *God*.

III. And the like twofold Signification, hath the Word to *Attone* ; for as it signifieth to Attone, or Reconcile *God* and us, that wholly is procured by *Christ's* Obedience unto Death, and Sacrifice that he offered up for Men on the Cross ; but as it signifieth the effectual Application of that great Attonement, made by *Christ* for Men at his Death ; that is wrought by his Spirit, and inward Appearance in their Hearts. And I might well say, at Man's Fall, *the Seed of the woman was given, not only to bruise the Serpent's Head, but also to be a Lamb or Sacrifice, to Attone and Pacify the Wrath of God towards Men* ; as he Quotes me in my Book, *way to the City*, p. 125. For taking *Attoning* in the first Sense, the Virtue, Merit, and Efficacy of *Christ's* Sacrifice on the Cross, did as really extend to the Faithful for Remission of Sin, and bringing into Reconciliation and Peace with *God*, from *Adam's* Fall, as it now doth ; which this Prejudiced Author seems wholly ignorant of, as well as his Brethren : Again taking it in the second Sense ; for the effectual Application of the Attonement made by *Christ's* Death, through his Meek and Lamb-like Appearance by his Spirit and Life in Men's Hearts, it has a Truth in it : And *Christ* may be said to be the Lamb of *God* that taketh away the Sins of the World ; both by his outward Appearance in the Flesh, as he Dyed for us, to Procure and Purchase the Pardon of our Sins, and our Justification before *God* ; and also by his inward Appearance, to Renew and Sanctifie us ; for as by our Justification the Guilt of Sin is taken away ; so by our Sanctification is the Filth of it removed : Both which is the Work of *Christ*, the Lamb

of God respecting both his outward and inward Appearance; in his outward, being a Sin-offering for us, and a Sacrifice in a strict Sense; in his inward Appearance of his Divine Life in us, being as a *Peace-offering*, and Sacrifice of sweet smelling Incense before God; not to Reconcile God and us, as is above said; but to apply effectually to us, the Reconciliation made for us by his Death on the Cross.

I V. And that I said (as he again Quotes me) the Seed hath been the same in all Ages, and hath had its Sufferings, under, by, and for the Sins of Men in them all, for the Removing and Abolishing them; This I still hold, that there is a tender Suffering Seed, or Principle in Men, that suffers by Men's Sins, and by its gentle Strivings, prevails and gains the Victory at last in all the Heirs of Salvation. But this suffering Seed, or Principle, I never held it to be God, nor was I ever of that Mind; that God did *really and properly Suffer by Men's Sins*; although I have known divers to hold such an absurd Opinion, as G. whitehead hath plainly declared to be his Opinion in his *Divinity of Christ*, p. 56. which is as really Repugnant, both to Scripture and sound Reason, as to hold that God hath *Bodily Parts and Members*; because the Scripture in many places, in condescension to our human Capacities, speaks of *God's Suffering, Repentance, being grieved*; as it doth of his *Face, Eyes, Ears, Hands and Feet*; all which ought not to be properly, but Allegorically understood. And though I hold that this tender Seed suffers in Men by their Sins, that so by its gentle Strivings with them, it may overcome them, and Slay and Crucifie the Body of Sin in them; Yet I hold not that Suffering to be the *Procuring and Meritorious Cause of our Justification, and Pardon of Sins before God*; nor do I remember any where that I have so said or writ; if any shall shew me where, I shall readily Correct and Retract it, or any thing in any of my Books that looks that way: And if any Query whether I hold that Seed to be *Christ*, that doth so suffer in Men by their Sins; I Answer, It is not the Fulness of *Christ*, but a Measure proceeding from the Fulness that was, and is lodged in the Man *Christ*; and because the Fulness is not in us, and never was, or shall be in any Man, but in the Man *Christ Jesus* alone, that was Born of the Virgin; therefore he, and he only, because of the Fulness of Grace and Truth that was and is in him, was Ordained and Appointed to be the *Great, and only, and alone Sacrifice* for the Sins of the World, being *the Head of the Body*, which is his Church, it was only proper that the Sufferings that should be in the Head only, should be that *compleat, only, and alone Satisfactory,*
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and Propitiatory Sacrifice for the Sins of Men ; As the Arguments above mentioned in my Queries to *G. whitehead*, and *W. Penn*, do plainly demonstrate : And though in *Christ* when he Suffered for the Sins of the World at his Death , his Godhead did not Suffer, yet all that was in him (the Godhead excepted) did Suffer.

Note again, Reader, That although I find no cause to give an Answer to the Book of *John Pennington*, above-mentioned, called, *The Fig-Leaf Covering*, &c. Because I had said in my second Narrative, p. 33. that very Book, (being a pretended Answer to my Book of *Explications and Retractions*) is such a plain and evident Discovery of his Unjust, and Unfair Proceedings against me (whereof the whole second Days Meeting, who hath approved his Book is Guilty) and of his Ignorance and Perverseness of Spirit, in Perverting my Words ; that I see no need to give any other Answer to him, or direct to any other Answer, (either to his *Fig-Leaf*, &c. or his Book *Keith against Keith*, or any other his Books) but his own very Book, and Books compared fairly with my Books, Quoted by him ; and particularly that of my *Explications and Retractions* ; yet because I find divers Passages in that Book of his, plainly prove him and his Brethren of the second Days Meeting extremely Erroneous in the great things of the Christian Doctrin, some of them being Fundamental ; therefore I shall take notice of the following Passages ; partly to give the Reader a taste of his Unfair Dealing towards me, and partly to shew his being still Erroneous in some great Fundamentals of the Christian Faith ; together with his Brethren of the second Days Meeting, who have approved his *Fig-Leaf*.

In his 19 and 20 Pages, he will needs fasten a Contradiction on me : That one time, *by the Flesh of Christ*, John 6. I mean an inward invisible Substance, and the Eating an inward invisible Eating. But now in my *Retractions*, I Assert, that to believe in *Christ*, as he gave his Body of Flesh outwardly to be broken for us, is the Eating of his Flesh, as well as the inward Enjoyment of his Life in us. And to confirm the Contradiction, he Quotes me, saying, *Immed. Revel. p. 258. This Body of Christ, of which we partake, is not that which he took up when he came in the Flesh outwardly, but that which he had from the beginning.* Ans. First, It is no Contradiction, to say, *the Eating of Christ's Flesh*, John 6. is to believe (not by a bare Historical Belief, but by a living sincere Faith Wrought in us by the Spirit of *Christ*) that *Christ gave his outward Body to be broken for us* ; and also that it is the inward

Enjoyment of his Life in us; as it is no Contradiction, to say, *Christ* is our Intire and compleat Saviour; both as he came outwardly in the Flesh, Dyed and Rose again, &c. And as he cometh inwardly by his Spirit into our Hearts, and dwelleth in us by Faith: And as concerning that Quotation, *Immed. Rev.* p. 258. by *this Body*, in that place; I did mean that which is only Allegorically called his Body, to wit, that *Middle of Communication*, above-mentioned; that is indeed a Spiritual and invisible Substance, owned by *R. B.* as well as by me, and many others. And I say still, this invisible Spiritual Substance in the Saints, is not that visible Body of *Christ* which he assumed when he came in the Flesh outwardly; yet this is not to make two Bodies of *Christ*; because the one is called his Body, only in a Metaphorical Sense.

Ans. 2. In my Book of *Retractions*, p. 25. I had plainly Retracted and Corrected that Passage, in p. 25. *Recor. Corr.* That by *Christ's Flesh and Blood*, John 6. 50, 51. He meaneth only Spirit and Life; acknowledging, that it was at most an Oversight in me; but how doth this prove me a Changling in an Article of Faith? As he infers very Injuringly: May not a Man change his Judgment concerning the Sense of a particular place of Scripture, without changing an Article of Faith? That such a Change may be, without a Change in an Article of Faith, is acknowledged by all Sobèr Writers and Expositors of Scripture. Yea, there are many places of Scripture, that some understand one way, and others not that way, but another, and others a third way; and yet all have one Faith in point of Doctrin.

Ans. 3. What a Man Retracts in one Book, or part of a Book, he ought to be understood to Retract the same Passage, where it can be found in another Part, or Book of his; nor ought he to be Charged with Contradiction, in what he hath Retracted. For as I have formerly said in Print, they are only Chargable with Contradictions that without Re ractation, holds Contradictory Assertions, *simul & semel*, i. e. both together.

Page 22. He will not permit me to use that Distinction, to say, I had not my Knowledge from them, (*viz.* The Scriptures) as being the efficient Cause, but I did not deny that I had my Knowledge by them Instrumentally; to wit, the Doctrinal Knowledge and Faith I had of Gospel Truths; he Quibbles upon the Word *from*, as if it could not signifie sometimes the efficient Cause, and sometimes the Instrumental; whereas a School Boy knoweth that it hath these several Significations, and more also. And seeing what I then Writ in my Book of *Immed. Rev.* was owned by the Quakers, it plainly followeth, That according to *J. P.* the Words of Scripture are not a Means so much as Instru-

Instrumentally to our Knowledge of the Truths of Christian Doctrin. But how will he Reconcile this to *W. Penn*; who doth acknowledge that the Scriptures are a Means to know *God, Christ* and our selves? See his *Rejoynder*, p. 115. where he expressly saith; *we never denied the Scriptures to be a means in God's Hand, to Convince, Instruct, or Confirm.* By *we*, its plain. *W. P.* meant all the Quakers; and consequently *G. K.* being then owned to be one of them.

Page 39. He will not allow, that what I have Quoted out of my *Immed. Revel.* p. 243. to p. 247. proves that I did then hold the *Man Christ* without us in Heaven, to be the *Object of our Faith*; though he grants my Words that I said, *The Man Christ who Suffered in the Flesh at Jerusalem, is the Spring out of which all the living Streams flow into our Souls*, and that he is to be Prayed unto, which he saith none of us deny. And yet with the same Breath as it were he denyeth it; for if the *Man Christ* is to be Prayed unto, being the Spring out of which all the living Streams flow unto our Souls; surely as such he is the *Object of our Faith*; for how can we Pray to an *Object* in whom we believe not? But seeing he will not allow me, that I then owned the *Man Christ* without us to be the *Object of Faith* (wherein he is most unjust unto me) and that I Writ then as a Quaker, and my Doctrin was the Quakers Doctrin; It is evident, that according to him, it was not the Quakers Doctrin, that the *Man Christ* without us, is in any Part or Respect the *Object of our Faith*; why then doth he, and many others Accuse me, that I Bely them, for saying they hold it not necessary to our Salvation, that we believe in the *Man Christ* without us? And it is either great Ignorance, or Insincerity in him, to say, that none of them deny that the *Man Christ* without us in Heaven, is to be Prayed unto; Seeing a Quaker of great Note among them, *William Shewen*, hath Printed it in his Book of *Thoughts*, p. 37. *Not to Jesus the Son of Abraham, David and Mary, Saint or Angel; but to God the Father, all worship, Honour and Glory is to be given, through Jesus Christ, &c.* This &c. cannot be *Jesus the Son of Abraham*, but some other *Jesus*; as suppose the Light within; otherwise there would be a Contradiction in his Words; so here he Asserts two *Jesus's* with a witness; what saith *J. Pennington* to this?

Page 41. In Opposition to my *Christian Assertion*, that the believing *Jews*, before *Christ* came in the *Flesh*, did believe in *Christ*, as he was to be Born, Suffer Death, Rise and Ascend; and so the *Man Christ*, even before he was Conceived, Born, &c. was the *Object of their Faith*;

Faith; He thus most Ignorantly and Erroneously Argueth.—*Could that be the Object of theirs, (viz. The believing Gentiles) or of the Jews Faith, which our Lord had not yet received of the Virgin, which was not Conceived, nor Born, much less Ascended? Ans. Yes, That can be an Object of Faith and Hope, which has not a present Existence, but is quid futurum, something to come, though nothing can be an Object of our Bodily Sight, or other Bodily Senses, but what is in Being, and hath a real Existence in the present Time. But so Stupid and Gross is he, that he cannot understand this, that the Faith of the Saints could have a future Object, in any Part or Respect; this is to make Faith as low and weak a thing as Bodily Sense. Is it not generally acknowledged through all Christendom, that the Saints of old, as Abraham, Moses, David believed in Christ, the Promised Seed as he was to come, and be Born, and Suffer Death for the Sins of the World, according to our Saviours Words, Abraham saw my Day and was glad; which is generally understood by Expositors, that as he saw Christ inwardly in Spirit, so he saw that he was to come outwardly, and be his Son according to the Flesh; and by what Eye did he see this, but by the Eye of Faith? And that Eye of Faith had Christ to come in the Flesh, to be Born, &c. for its Object as a thing to come.*

And in the same Page 41. He Quoteth me falsely, saying, *Immed. Rev. p. 132.* agreeing with both Papists and Protestants, *That God speaking in Men is the Formal Object of Faith.* This Quotation is False in Matter of Fact, as well as his Inference from it is False and Ignorant. I said in that p. 132. That both Papists and Protestants agree in this; *That the Formal Object of Faith is God speaking;* but quoth the Papist, it is the Speaking in the Church of Rome; no, quoth the Protestant; *God Speaking in the Scriptures, is the Formal Object of Faith.* Here I plainly shew the difference of Papists and Protestants, about the *Formal Object of Faith;* though they agree in one Part, that it is *God Speaking;* yet in the other Part they differ; the Papists making it, *God Speaking in the Church;* that is, not in every Believer, but in the Pope and his Counsel. And there in that, and some following Pages, I Plead for Internal Revelation of the Spirit, not only Subjectively, but Objectively Working in the Souls of Believers; to which Testimony I still Adhere. But what then? Doth this prove that *Christ* without us is no Object of our Faith? Will he muddle with *School Terms,* and yet understand them no more than a Fool? Doth neither he, nor his *quondam* Tutor, *T. Ellwood,* understand that the *res credende,*

i. e. The things to be believed, are Ingredients in the *Material Object* of Faith; as not only that *Christ* came in the *Flesh*, was Born of a *Virgin*; but all the *Doctrins*, and *Doctrinal Propositions* set forth in *Scripture*, concerning *God* and *Christ*, and all the *Articles of Faith*, are the *Material Object* of our Faith; but the *Formal Object* of Faith, is the inward *Testimony of the Spirit*, moving our *Understandings* and *Hearts* to believe and close with the *Truth* of them? All which are well consistent, and owned by me.

Page 43. He Rejects my Exposition of the Parable, concerning the lost piece of Money, in my late Retraction of my former Mistake, p. 15. Sect. 1. p. 10. That by the lost piece of Money, is to be understood the Souls of Men; as by the lost Sheep, and the lost Prodigal. To this he most Ignorantly and Falsly opposeth, by saying: First, The Lord can find the Soul without lighting a Candle in it. I Answer, By finding, here is meant Converting the Soul; thus the Father of the Prodigal found him, when he Converted him to himself; this my Son was lost, and is found, i. e. was departed from God, but now is Converted, Luke 15. 32. And ver. 6. I have found the Sheep that was lost. Now, can this be wrought; or doth God Work this Work of Conversion in a lost Soul, without his Lighting a Candle in it? Secondly, He saith, the very design of the Parable, was to set forth, not what God had lost, but what Man had lost; the Candle being used by Man who needed it, not by God and Christ who needed it not. How Ignorantly and Stupidly doth he here Argue? How can Man use the Candle, unless God light it in his Heart; and doth not God use it in order to bring, or Convert Man to himself? It's true, though there were no Candle lighted in Man's Heart, God seeth where the Soul is, even when it is involved in the greatest Darkness; but in order to the Souls Conversion, which is principally God's Act, it is God that lights the Candle in it, and causes his Light to Shine in it. And whereas I have said; they who Expound the lost Piece of Money, to be the Light within; will find difficulty to shew what the nine Pieces are, which are not lost.—His Answer to this is, as Similes seldom go on all four; so neither must Parables be pursued too far. I Answer, Though every Circumstance of a Parable is not to be pursued, yet every necessary part of it is; whoever Expounds the Parable, is bound to Expound what the nine Pieces are, as well as what the tenth was. But he thinks to pinch me with great Difficulties in my Exposition. As first, He demands whether there be no difficulty to find who the Woman is that had ten Souls,

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kept nine, and lost one. *Ans.* There is no difficulty in this, more than in finding who the ninety nine Sheep were that were not lost; and who the Elder Brother was in the other two Parables: And who they were, I had formerly shewn, but that his Prejudice blinds him, that he will not see: Many Angelical, Created, Rational Spirits did not Sin, so were not lost; but the Souls of Men did Sin, so were lost.

And the number nine in the one Parable, and ninety nine in the other, answer one to another; the Definite Numbers being put for Indefinite, as is ordinary in Scripture. But he thinks it a mighty difficulty according to my Exposition, to tell what the House was, which in effect has no difficulty at all; the House where the Soul is, as Buried under a great heap of Filth and Sin, is the Body wherein the Soul is Lodged; and the Animal and Natural Faculties, with which also the Soul is Defiled; so the House, to wit the Body, and Animal and Natural Faculties, being Swept and Cleanfed by him who hath his Fan in his Hand, purely to Purge his Floor, to wit, *Christ*, (signified here by the Woman) he finds the lost Soul; for as he said himself, *he came to seek and to save, (i. e.) that which was lost.* For *Christ* had not lost *Christ*, nor *God* had not lost *God*; but they had (in a Sense) lost the Souls that had Sinned, as the Souls had lost *God* and *Christ*.

Page 45. 46.) In Opposition to me; he will needs have all these Places, *1 Cor. 2. 2. Rom. 66. Gal. 2. 20. Heb. 6. 6.* To be understood of *Christ's* being Crucified in Men; else why doth he oppose me with his Queries? and at this rate we shall not find any place in the New Testament, where *Paul* Preached *Christ* Crucified without Men, but only within; for by the same Liberty he may Expound all other Places, only of *Christ* Crucified within. But there is no reason, why any of these places should be understood of *Christ's* Crucifixion in Men; the Crucifying the Old Man is so far from being joyned with the inward Crucifying of *Christ*, that it is rather a Sign and Effect of *Christ's* Power, Triumphant Victoriously in Man, than of his being Crucified in Man. The Crucifying *Christ* afresh, is not so much the Crucifying him within Men, as its Men Acting so Unworthily; as if they did Act over again the *Jews* Part, in Crucifying him outwardly.

Page 47. His bale Reviling me, for my Retracting some things in my Book of *Universal Grace*, used by way of Argument unduly by me; ing, *Thus in him is verified the saying of the Apostle, James 1. 8. A double minded Man is unstable in all his ways.* By this means he will al-

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low no Man to Amend or Correct his Faults, or Retract his Errors, however truly convinced of them; if he does, he is Condemned by *J. Pennington*, (and not by the *Apostle James*) to be a double minded Man. But what if perhaps *G. Whitehead*, or *W. Penn*, should find cause to Retract, or Correct some Passages in their Books, which formerly they thought Divine Openings; must they also be judged double Minded Men, &c. Is it not more an Evidence of Sincerity to Retract an Error, than to persist in it? Have not many good Men done it? Yea, have not the Quakers commended some for Retracting and Condemning some things, which formerly they reckoned to be Divine Openings? Must all that Retract from their Errors, be Reputed double Minded Men? Oh unfair Adversary, full of deep Prejudice and Spite! I pray *God* give him Repentance and Forgiveness.

Page 50. He is so Ignorant and Blind, as not to understand my distinction betwixt Essentials of true Religion Indefinitely, and Essentials of the true Christian Religion *in Specie*. *Cornelius's* Religion (being *Gentile* Religion) was true in its kind, before he had the Faith of *Christ* Crucified; but I say, the Faith of *Christ* Crucified, in some degree is Essential to the *Christian Religion*, and otherwise to Assert its plain *Deisme*; yet that Faith may be, where the knowledge of the Circumstances of Times, Places and Persons may be wanting.

Page 52. He blames my saying, upon Supposition that any such thing can be found in my Books, I Retract and Renounce it, (*viz. That any are saved without all Knowledge and Faith of Christ, Explicit or Implicit*) this he saith is Childish all over. And for a Proof he Querrieth; Can a Man Retract and Renounce a Passage upon Supposition, and not know what the Passage is?

But his Query is Impertinent, and hits not the Case; a Man may Retract a Saying upon Supposition, that he had said it; yet not knowing that ever he said it; as if he were accused, that he had said, *B. is a Dishonest Man*, and replyeth, I know not that ever I so said; but on Supposition that I so said, I Retract it. This is not Childish, but Manly and Christian; if he had no cause to say, *B. is a Dishonest Man*. It seems, *J. Pennington* never Repented of his Sins of Ignorance; he thinks that's Childish all over: I pity his Childishness.

Page 54. His blaming me for saying in my *Retractions*; *The breaking of the Union betwixt Soul and Body; is more properly a Death, than the breaking the Union betwixt the Life and Spirit of Christ, and the Soul of Man, is the Death of Christ in the Soul.* For of that I was Treat-

ing, and at this rate of his blaming me; when *Christ* Dyed upon the Cross; that was not so proper a Death, as when he is Crucified in Men by their Sins; and consequently his Death in Men is the only proper Sacrifice, for that Mans Sins. His Death without, being not so proper a Death, is not a proper Sacrifice, by his most Ignorant way of Reasoning. But my Reason for my Assertion holds good, and which he has not touched; for when a Man Dyeth, his Soul leaveth the Body, and ceaseth to Act in it, nor is the Body any more sensible; but *Christ* Acteth in a Dead Soul, and the Soul, though Dead, is oft made in some degree sensible of the Spirit of *Christ* Acting in it, in order to its being further quickned; as frequently comes to pass in Thousands and Millions of Souls. Besides, as I Argued; the Union of Soul and Body, is a Personal Union, whereby what the Body doth, is chargable upon the Soul; but the Union betwixt the Spirit of *Christ* and Men, is not a Personal Union; otherwise when those Men Sin, their Sin would be chargeable upon *Christ*.

Page 61. He Ignorantly thinks he hath caught me in a Contradiction, about owning a Condition in one Sense, in Reference to *God's* Willing all Men to be saved; *ex parte Objecti*, and denying a Conditional Election. But this is no Contradiction at all; because the Will of *God* is Conditional Objectively, or *ex parte Objecti*, *i. e.* Men that are the Object of *God's* Will; and yet not Conditional Subjectively, *i. e.* on *God's* Part; if he understand not this Distinction, I ought not to suffer for his Ignorance; he should not meddle with *School-Terms*, except he understand them; the distinction of Volition, *Conditional Objectively*, and not *Conditional Subjectively*; and yet the same Will is common and ordinary in all Authors that Treat on such Subjects.

Page 69. He is Guilty of great Injury against me, in Matter of Fact; by an Unfaithful Reciting of my Words, and thence taking occasion against me.—*In all places in the New Testament, where the word Gospel is used, it signifieth the Doctrine of Salvation by the promised Messiah, that was outwardly to come, and did come in the true Nature of Man, &c.* He quite leaves out my Words, and did come in the true Nature of Man, that were necessary to perfect the Sentence, and if he had brought them, would have taken away his occasion of his Quarelling with me so Unjustly; he saith, here he is out again; for the *New Testament* being written, not when *Christ* was outwardly come, but after he was outwardly come; the word *Gospel* there, when it signifieth the *Doctrine of Salvation by the promised Messiah*, must needs respect him, as already come, not as

to come. *Ans.* Where the New Testament saith, the Gospel was Preached to *Abraham*, and to the Children of *Israel* in the Wilderness; Gospel there signified the Doctrin of Salvation by the promised *Messiah* that was then to come, and not already come; but at other times it signifieth the Doctrin of Salvation, by *Christ* already come, as my Words Cautioned it; therefore he is Guilty of Abuse and Forgery, like his *quondam* Master, *Tho. Elwood*, as elsewhere.

Page 70. He most Impertinently opposeth my sound Assertion, by Quoting *Paul*, mentioning another Gospel, as *2 Cor. 11. 4.* and *Gal. 1. 6, 8, 9.* For by Gospel I understand the true Gospel of *Christ*, and not a false Gospel; as when I say, every Man is a Rational Creature; and *F. Pennington*, should Object, a Man Pictured on a Board or Wall, is not a Rational Creature. Is not this a rare Disputant!

But his following Opposition is the most observable, and is a new effectual Proof of my Charge against him and his Brethren of the 2d. Days Meeting, who have approved his Book, he saith by way of Opposition. *Also when the Everlasting Gospel was again to be Preached after the Apostacie (for it seems by the word again, it had been discontinued to be Preached; although the History of Christ's Birth, Death had not) doth that place, Rev. 14. 6, 7. mention any thing of the Doctrin of Salvation, by the promised Messiah? There is not a word of that said there; but saying with a loud voice, fear God, and give Glory to him, &c. (Being Preached with Commission from on high,) is called Preaching the everlasting Gospel. Did G. K. (saith he) in his diligent search overlook this? if not, how could he say in all places in the New Testament, where the word Gospel is used, it signifieth the Doctrin of Salvation by the promised Messiah; he adds to this two other places, as Rom. 1. 16. and Colof. 1. 23. in both which, he will not have the Gospel to signifie the Doctrin of Salvation by Christ Crucified, with respect to that clear and bright Dispensation the Apostles were under (which was the Sense I gave of the Gospel, in Col. 1. 23.) And he saith in Rom. 1. 16. That the Gospel cannot be said to be the Power of God unto Salvation, to the Believer, in any other Sense, than as it is a Powerful, Energetical inward Principle; for as it is barely Historical, the Ungodly have that Belief, though they want the Power. This I say effectually proves again my Charge against them, That they hold it not necessary, for us to believe that *Christ* Dyed and Rose again for our Salvation; why, the Gospel that *Paul* Preached, *Rom. 1. 16.* and *Col. 1. 23.* is not the Doctrin of Salvation by *Christ* Crucified, the promised *Messiah*, and when the everlasting Gospel was to be Preached, *Rev. 14. 6, 7.* (Which the Quakers think they have given them to Preach*

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(with Commission from on High) the Doctrin of Salvation by *Christ Crucified*, was not that Gospel; the Consequence is plain, that therefore the Faith of *Christ Crucified*, is not necessary to their Hearers for Salvation. It is not the Everlasting Gospel that is given them to Preach; If they Preach it, they go beyond their Commission, they do a needless Work. But saith *J. P.* Fear *God* and give Glory, to him is called Preaching the Everlasting Gospel. But is not that also a Doctrin? yes, surely; so then the Doctrin, Fear *God*, &c. being Preached, is a Preaching the Everlasting Gospel; but the Doctrin believe that *Christ* Died for our Sins, and Rose again, being Preached is not Preaching the Everlasting Gospel; according to *John Pennington*, and his Brethren of the Second Days Meeting.

This Sufficiently sheweth, that those Quakers are *semper idem*, always the same; they are the same still, as formerly; though many that hear them of late, say, their Way of Preaching is changed; they had wont formerly, before the Difference arose betwixt them and *G. K.* to Preach only the Light within, and Obedience to it; but now they Preach the Man *Christ*, and his Death and Sufferings without, and how beneficial they were to Mankind; and that the Faith of it is Beneficial. Yet by *J. P.* his Affirmation approved by the Second Days Meeting of the Friends of the Ministry, in and about *London*, whereof *G. W.* and *W. Penn* are Members, and where frequently they are present, The Doctrin of Salvation by *Christ Crucified*, is none of the Everlasting Gospel that is given them to Preach; but fear *God*, and give Glory to him, &c. But how comes it, that believe in the Light within, obey the Light within, and that shall suffice to your Salvation, is not mentioned in the Angels Commission to Preach the Everlasting Gospel, no more than believe in *Christ Crucified* without you? Perhaps *J. P.* will reply, though not mentioned or expressed; yet it is implied, and understood. But how prove they it is implied; that believing in the Light within alone, and obeying it, is sufficient to Salvation, without Faith in *Christ Crucified*? Is not the Blindness of these Men (for all they talk of Light within) exceeding Great, and the Darkness that's over them, like the Darkness of *Egypt* that might have been felt? *John* (*Rev. 14. 6, 7.*) did not say the Angel had nothing else to Preach, but fear *God*, and give Glory to him; that Doctrin being a general Doctrin, common both to Law and Gospel, and both to true Gentile Religion, as well as true Christian Religion. The Apostacie having been so great, that many called Christians were Degenerated below the Heathens, and their Religion scarce so good, as that of some Heathens that did fear *God*, and Worship him only; the Angel might Preach that

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that general Doctrin, as being very proper and necessary to call Apostate and Degenerate Professors of Christianity, from their Idolatry and Profanity, as a necessary Introduction to the Everlasting Gospel; as well as in one Sense it is a necessary part of it, but not the whole Doctrin of the Gospel; for Faith and Love are as necessary Doctrins of the Gospel, as Fear, though neither of them are expressly mentioned, yet implied, together with all the other Christian Virtues. But *J. P.* in his Words above Cited, will have it, *That the Gospel cannot be said to be the Power of God unto Salvation, to the Believer in any other Sense, than as it is a Powerful energetical inward Principle; for as it is barely Historical, the Ungodly have that Belief.* I Answer, How Foolishly doth he here Argue, and Impertinently? whoever said, that the bare Historical Relation, or Report of *Christ* Crucified, is the Power of God unto Salvation? Or if any have said it is the Gospel, I am sure I never said nor thought it. But what hath *J. P.* against this Sense of the Gospel, *Rom. 1. 16.* *That it is the Doctrin of Salvation, by the promised Messiah, accompanied with the Spirit of God and Christ inwardly Revealed, making it effectually to be Believed and Obeyed, in all that shall be Saved by it; and thus the Gospel that Paul and the other Apostles Preached, is not a bare Form of Doctrin without the Spirit and Power, nor the Spirit and Power without the Doctrin.* And how Non-sensical is he to Argue, *that as it is barely Historical, the Ungodly have that Belief?* But they have not the Saving Belief of the Doctrin of *Christ* Crucified; for that only is wrought in the Godly, by the Power and Spirit of *Christ*. And though the Ungodly may have the Gospel Preached unto them; yet while they remain Ungodly, they receive it not, neither do they truly believe it, nor obey it. A bare Historical Faith, is no more a True Faith, than the bare Picture of a Man, is a Man. Therefore he is Idle to Argue against the Saving Faith of *Christ* Crucified; because the Ungodly may have the bare Historical Belief of it; which differs as widely, as a Dead Body from a Living Man.

But it is not enough for *J. P.* to Pervert my Words; but he will be bold to Pervert the Words of the Scripture, and not only put a false Glos on them; but alledge that to be said in Scripture, which is not said, but is his own Addition. For as I have above Cited him, he saith, also when the Everlasting Gospel was again to be Preached; and he adds in Parenthesis; for it seems by the Word *again*, it had been discontinued to be Preached; although the History of *Christ's* Birth, Death had not. Now, Reader, open the Bible, and Read that place,

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Rev. 14. 6, 7. and thou wilt find the Word *again* is not there to be found; (but in *G. Fox's Some Principles*, p. 22. it is found) and yet he Grounds his Argument upon this Pillar, *again*; by which he inferreth, that to his seeming, the Everlasting Gospel had been discontinued to be Preached, although the History of *Christ's* Birth, Death had not. And this discontinuing of the Preaching the Everlasting Gospel, he and his Brethren think did remain, until *G. Fox* and the Quakers began to Preach it. For saith *G. Fox* and his Brethren, in the Book, called, *Some Principles of the Elect People of God*, Printed at London, 1671. In p. 48. *But many People speak after this manner; Have we not had the Gospel all this time till now? Ans. We say no, you have had the Sheeps Cloathing, while you are Alienated from the Spirit; and so not living in the Power, which is the Gospel, &c.* But as in Rev. 14. 6, 7. The Word *again* is not to be found, nor will the *Greek* bear it; so nor is it implied, that there was a discontinuing of the Preaching of it altogether; for had the Gospel ceased, the Church had ceased also, and Faith and Salvation had ceased. The most that can be inferred, is, that the Preaching of it was not so common and frequent, as formerly; it had met with a great Stoppage and Opposition in many parts of the World, even under a Christian Profession, because of the Apostacie; which had it not come, the Gospel would have spread much more than it yet hath done; but as the Apostacie goes out, the Everlasting Gospel, the same that the Apostles Preached, will be Preached to every Nation and Kindred, and Tongue, and People, *John* 14. 6. That is, universally; this doth not prove the discontinuing of it, as *J. P.* falsely Argueth; but that the more General, and indeed the Universal Spreading of it, hath not hitherto been as yet. His Argument, *That the Gospel that Paul Preached to the Colossians, was not the Doctrin of Salvation, by the promised Messiah, Christ Crucified; because the Gospel he was speaking of, was Preached to, or in every Creature under Heaven.* Therefore (saith he) it could not be meant of the Doctrin of Salvation, by *Christ* Crucified, — but of that Gospel which had been Preached to, or in every Creature under Heaven. I say this his Argument is Vain and False; but it is a good and effectual Proof to confirm my Charge against them. These Quakers Preach not any Gospel for Salvation, but that which is Preached to, or in every Creature under Heaven; but (saith *J. P.*) that is not the Doctrin of Salvation, by *Christ* Crucified; therefore that is none of the Gospel these Quakers Preach; what can be required more, *habemus Confitentem reum*; we have the Guilty

Guilty Confessing Matter of Fact. But surely the Gospel that Paul Preached to the *Colossians*, was the Doctrin of Salvation, by *Christ Crucified*, as appears plainly from *1 Col. v. 14.* to the end of the Chapter. And his Arguing from the Words *to, or in every Creature* (which sort of Argument hath deceived many) is no more valid to prove that the Gospel, either then, or formerly had been Preached to every Man and Woman, in the full and adequate Sense of the Word *every*, as it signifieth every individual; than that because Paul said, *v. 28.* of that same Chapter *whom we Preach, Warning every Man, and Teaching every Man* in all Wisdom, that we may present every Man Perfect in *Christ Jesus*, that Paul and his Brethren, then living, did Teach every Man, that ever lived, or is now living on Earth. If yea, then surely *John Pennington*, and all other Men now on Earth, were then living; and this will be the Doctrin of the *Revolution*, or *Transmigration* of Souls with a witness, (which he so frequently would cast upon me, though he has no just ground so to do, nor any other Man;) if nay, then he must quit his Post, and cease any more to Argue from his place of Scripture; that the Gospel that Paul Preached, was not the Doctrin of Salvation, by *Christ Crucified*; but the true Sense of that place, *Col. 1. 23.* I had formerly given, as he Quotes me, p. 71. *Saying, though it was not at the same time actually Preached to all Men, yet it was begun to be Preached, and after the Prophetical Stile, that which was to be done, is said to be done: He Quibbles against this, saying, where that Prophetical Phrase is, or how it is used, he Assigns not.* Indeed it was not necessary to shew to any but a little Skilled in the Letter and true Sense of Scripture, where that Prophetical Phrase is; for it is so general in Scripture Prophecies, that no Man that is not Brutish, but must be sensible of it, when he Reads them. When *Isaiah* Prophecied of *Christ's* Death and Sufferings, and Birth, yea, and Burial, it is all said *in præterito*; as if it had been, which yet was not some hundred Years after. And so it is almost in the whole Prophecie of the Book of the *Revelation*, and particularly that *14. Rev. 6. 7.* brought by him, which yet he applyeth, not to *John's* Time, but to his and his Brethrens Preaching (not the Doctrin of Salvation, by *Christ Crucified*; if we must believe *J. P.*) (behold your Patron, all Sober Persons among the Quakers) *but the Light in every Creature* under Heaven. And p. 22. *Some Principles of the Elect People.* And now saith *G. F.* the Gospel must be Preached again to all Nations; and this saith *J. P.* is not the Doctrin of Salvation, by *Christ Crucified*, but the Light or inward Principle in

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in every Creature, and his, and his Brethrens Argument is Weak; that because *Paul* called the Gospel the Power of God to Salvation; therefore it is nothing else but the inward Principle; for he called the Preaching of the Cross the Power of God, *1 Cor. 1. 18.* And yet that Preaching was an outward Preaching, and he called it the Power of God because it was made Effectual to many that heard it, by the Power of God that accompanied it.

Thus Reader, I have given thee a Taste of this Man's Ignorance and Anti-Christian Doctrin, which is the same with that of his Brethren of the Second Days Meeting, who have approved his Books against me. I shall not nauseate thee with his other many Impertinencies, and Extravagancies, as well as his Gross Errors in other Particulars of Doctrin; nor take notice of his Base and Scurrilous Revilings, that are equally Unjust and Malicious; As his calling me not Sincere, but a Belly-Convert, and his insinuating; If I be ditappointed among Protestants, I may seek a Living from the Papists, which is like his and his Brethrens other false Prophecies.

Note, Reader, That having some Years ago seen a Book of *Thomas Lawson*, a Quaker, against *Water-Baptism*; I have made search for it, but cannot find it any where, to have it; however, I suppose it hath nothing of Argument in it, but what in effect is contained in those above, Examined and Answered; and I do not think that any of their Books on that Subject, will be found to have any other Arguments in them against *Baptism* and the *Supper*, but what is in effect contained in those above-mentioned.

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Primitive Heresie

R E V I V E D,

IN *Ant. Johnson*

The Faith and Practice

Of the PEOPLE Called

QUAKERS:

Wherein is shewn, in *Seven* Particulars,
That the *Principal* and most *Characteristick* Errors of the
Quakers, were *Broached* and *Condemned*, in the Days of
the *Apostles*, and the first *150* Years after *Christ*.

To which is Added,

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upon Account of his *Primitive Christianity*, lately
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IN my Discourse of *Baptism*, I promis'd something upon this Subject, in hopes that the *Quakers*, seeing the *Original* of their *Errors*, may bethink themselves, and Return from whence they have Fallen.

And particularly, as to *Baptism*, that I might confirm my Expositions of the *H. Scriptures*, with the Concurrent Testimony of the *H. Fathers*, who were *Co-temporaries* with the *Apostles*, and learn'd the *Faith* from their mouths; and those who immediately followed them, to 150 Years after *Christ*. Though we have very little Remaining of the Writings of the *Fathers* in that early Age. Yet I would descend no lower (where I might have had *Clouds of Witnesses*) to avoid a *Groundless Caviel*, which the *Quakers* have learn'd from our Elder *Dissenters*, to Run down the *Primitive Church*, by whole-sale, because it was so Full of *Bishops*, and, in all the Pretences of their *Schism*, went so Directly contrary to them. But the *Fathers* of the *First Age*, that next to the *Apostles*, and of which the *Apostles* were a Part, tho' as much *Bishops*, and as much against them as those following, yet for *Decency* sake, they Pretend to *Reverence*, lest in throwing them off, they should seem to throw off the *Apostles* with them, from whom they could not be parted.

And because, even in this *first* Un-controverted Age, we have Proofs sufficient, I would avoid *Needless Disputes*, and Argue from *Topicks* that are allowed on all hands.

The Greatest Part of the following Discourse was wrote at the time with the *Discourse of Baptism*, and Intended to have been Annex'd to it, but being Prevented at that time, it has since been neglected. Till I was stirr'd up afresh by a Book lately Publish'd (though said to be Printed in 1696.) Intituled, [*Primitive Christianity Reviv'd in the Faith and Practice of the People called Quakers.*] This came Directly to my Subject, therefore I

have Examined it thorowly, and leave the Reader to Judge, whether the *Primitive Christianity* or *Heresie* does belong most to them : At least, whether it did, before the late *Representations* of *Quakerism*, which have given it quite another *Turn* and *Face* than it ever had before. Such a *Turn*, as has left nothing on their side, whereby to justify their *Schism*. And therefore we hope that their *Conversion* is nigh ; or if already *Converted*, their Full *Reconciliation* to the *Church*. That the Present *Quakers*, chiefly the Valuable Mr. *Penn*, may have the Honour, and the Happiness to Heal up that *Breach*, which now for 48 Years has so Miserably *Torn* and *Divided* this once most *Christian* and Renowned *Church* of *England*.

In this following Discourse, I will not take up the Reader's time to Prove the several Positions which I name upon the *Quakers* ; only Briefly Recite them, and Refer to the Places in *The Snake in the Grass*, and *Satan Dis-Rob'd*, where they are prov'd at large. And to Repeat them Here, would swell this to an unreasonable Bulk. And this being intended in the Nature of a *Supplement* to these, it would be Needless. The proper Business of this, is, to Compare the *Quaker-Heresies* with those of the first 150 Years of *Christianity*.

Where I Quote *The Snake*, the Reader is desired to take notice, that it is the *Second Edition*.

And now to our Task. The *Seven* Particulars wherein the *Quakers* have, if not copy'd after, at least Jump'd with the Condemn'd *Hereticks* before mention'd.

I. The *First* is, as to their Denial of the *Incarnation* of *Christ*. They confess that *Christ* or *The Word* took *Flesh* ; that is, That He *Assum'd* or *Dwelt* in an *Human Body*, *i. e.* the *Body* of that Man *Jesus* ; who was therefore called *Christ*, because that *Christ* or the *Word* *Dwelt* in Him. And for the same Reason, they take the Name of *Christ* to themselves ; and say that it belongs to every one of the *Members* as well as unto the *Head*, *i. e.* as well as to that Man *Jesus*, who was Principally and Chiefly called *The Christ*, because that *Christ* *Dwelt* in Him, or did *Inspire* Him in a Greater *Measure* than other Men. But they *Utterly Deny* that the Man *Jesus* was Properly the *Son* of *God*. In a large Sense, every *Christian* may be call'd a *Son* of *God* ; and so, and no otherwise, they allow *Jesus* to be the *Son* of *God*. But that He

was Properly the Son of God, we utterly Deny, — says their *serious Apology*, p. 146. which was Printed 1671. See this Proved at large in *The Snake in the Grass*, Sect. x.

Now I Proceed to shew, That this *Herese* was Broach'd and Condemn'd in the Days of the *Apostles*. This is it which St. *John* Reprehends, 1 *Joh. iv. 3.* Every Spirit that confesseth not that *Jesus Christ is come in the Flesh*, &c. or as *Socrates* (*Hist. Eccl. l. 7. c. 32.*) tells us it was wrote in the Ancient Copys, Every Spirit which separateth *Jesus from God, is not of God.* And he observes that this Text, and other Parts of this *Epistle* were alter'd by those who would separate the *Divinity* of *Christ* from His *Humanity*. Tho' as it now stands in our Copys, it means the same thing; for he that denys *Christ* to have been made *Flesh*, only says that he took it upon Him for a *Cloak* or a *Veil*, as *Angels* assume *Bodys* when they appear in them: He denys *Christ's* coming in the *Flesh*, so as to become *Truly* and *Really* a *Man*; he takes away the *Humanity* of *Christ*, and so separates *Jesus* from *God*: Which, in the sense of this *Text*, is to Deny His coming in the *flesh*. St. *Polycarp*, in his *Epist.* to the *Philippians*, n. 7. Disputes against these *Anti-Christ*s, in the words of his *Master* St. *John*, whose *Disciple* he was, πᾶς ὃς (says he) ἐς ἄν μὴ ὁμολογῇ Ἰησοῦν Χριστὸν ἐν Σαρὶ ἐληλυθέναι, Ἀντίχριστός ἐστι. i. e. *Whosoever does not confess that Jesus Christ is come in the Flesh, is an Anti-Christ.*

II. The *Second* point is the *Quakers* Denial of the *Truth* and *Reality* of the *Death* and *Sufferings* of *Christ*. This is *Consequential* to the former *Herese*; for if *Christ* took not the *Body* of *Jesus* into his own *Person*, but only dwelt in the *Body* of another *Man*, as he dwells in his *Saints*; if *Christ* and *Jesus* are two *Persons*; if the *Body* of *Jesus* was only a *Veil* or *Garment* for *Christ* to throwd himself in, as the *Quakers* speak; then, tho' *Jesus* suffer'd, yet *Christ* could not; and the *Sufferings* of *Christ* were but in *Appearance* and shew, as if a *Man's Cloak* or *Garment* only were *Crucify'd*.

What are then those *Sufferings* of *Christ* which the *Quakers* do own as *Meritorious* in the sight of *God*, for the *Atonement* of our *sins*? Why, an *ALLEGORICAL Suffering*, *Death*, and *shedding* of the *Blood* of their *Light within*; which they call *Christ*; of which *Jesus*, or the outward *Christ*, they say was but a *Type*; and that his *Sufferings* were only an *Historical* Transaction of the

Greater *Mysterie* of the *Sufferings* and *Atonement* perform'd by their *Light within*, as I have fully shewn in *The Snake in the Grass*, Sect. x. p. 127. and *Satan Dis-Rob'd*, Sect. xii. p. 11.

But now I am to shew, That the *Devil* had *Broached* these *Here-sies*, against the *Truth* of the *Incarnation* of *Christ*, and consequently against the *Reality* of his *Death* and *Sufferings*, within the first 150 Years after *Christ*: and that they were then *Condemned* by the *Holy Fathers* of the *Church*.

Ignatius that *Glorious Martyr* of *Christ*, *Bishop* of *Antioch*, who flourish'd about the Year 70 after the *Birth* of *Christ*, and was *Disciple* to *St. John the Evangelist*, writes thus in his *Epistle* to the *Magnesians*, instructing their *Faith*, in what sort of *Sufferings* of *Christ* we were to *Believe* and *Trust*, not these *Imvard* in our *hearts*, but to distinguish most effectually from these, those that He suffered under *Pontius Pilate*. I

would have you *Preserved*, that you fall not into the *snare* of *vain Doctrin*; but that ye may abound, and be filled with the *knowledge* of the *Birth*, *Passion*, and *Resurrection*, which truly, and firmly were of *Jesus Christ* our *hope*, in the *time* of the *Government* of *Pontius Pilate*, from which let none of you be turned away.

Stop your ears therefore (says he in his *Epistle* to the *Tral-lians*) when any shall speak to you without *Jesus Christ*.

What *Christ* was this? the *Outward Man Jesus*, or the *Light within*? That *Jesus*, who was of the *stock* of *David*, who was of *Mary*, who was truly *Born*, did both *Eat* and *Drink*; was truly *Persecuted* under *Pontius Pilate*, was truly *Crucify'd* and *Dyed* — And who truly *Rose* from the *Dead*, his *Father Rai-*

Θέλω προσφύλασσεσθε ὑμᾶς, μὴ ἐμπεσεῖν εἰς τὰ ἄγχιπρα τ' κενοδοξίας, ἀλλὰ πεπωληροφείσεσθε ἐν τῇ γνησίᾳ, καὶ ᾧ πατρὶ, καὶ τῇ ἀναστάσει τῇ γενομένῃ ἐν καιρῷ τ' ἡγεμονίας Ποντίου Πιλάτου, παρεχθέντα ἀληθῶς καὶ βεβαίως ὑπὸ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ τ' ἐλπίδι ἡμῶν. ἥς ἐντραπωλώσῃ μηδενὶ ὑμῶν γνῶσι.

Κωλύθητε ἐν, ὅταν ὑμῖν χεῖρις Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ λαλήσῃ.

τὸ ἐκ γένος Δαβὶδ, καὶ ἐκ Μαρίας, ὡς ἀληθῶς ἐγενήθη, ἐραγῆτε καὶ ἔπιεν, ἀληθῶς ἐδιώχθη ὑπὸ ποντίου πιλάτου, ἀληθῶς ἐσαυρώθη, καὶ ἀπέθανεν — ὡς καὶ ἀληθῶς ἠγέρθη ἀπὸ νεκρῶν, ἐγένετο αὐτὸν ὁ Πατὴρ ἀπὸ αὐτοῦ, καὶ τὸ ὁμοίωμα, ὡς ἔστι ἡμᾶς
sing

sing of him; and his Father will, after the like fashion, Raise us up in Jesus Christ, who believe in him, without whom we cannot truly live.

But some *Athiests*, that is, *Infidels*, do say, That He only appear'd to be a Man, but took not a Body in Reality, and in appearance only seem'd to Suffer, and dye, &c.

And in the beginning of his Epistle to the *Smyrneans*, after having Describ'd that *Christ* who is the Object of our Faith, in the fullest manner, to obviate the Deceit of applying it to an *Inward Christ*, by calling Him the *Son of David*, Born of the *Virgin*, and Baptized of *John*, truly Crucified under *Pontius Pilate*, and *Herod the Tetrarch*; none of which can be apply'd to *The Light within*. He adds that we can only be saved by the Faith in this *OUTWARD Jesus*. By the *Fruits of whose Divinely Blessed Passion*, we are Saved — For he suffer'd all these things for us, that we might be saved.

And to Obviate the two *Heretical Pretences*, of making the *Meritorious Suffering of Christ*, to be His Suffering within us. And that His *outward Sufferings*, were not *Real*, but, in appearance only, as not being Really a Man, but only Residing in that Man *Jesus*, as in a *Veil* or *Garment*. *Ignatius* adds in the next words. And he truly suffered, and truly Raised himself; not, as some *Unbelievers* say, that he only appeared to suffer, they but appearing to Exist. And as they Believe, so shall it be unto them, when they come to be out of the Body, and in the state of *Spirits*; that is, they shall justly Forfeit the *True and Real*

τὸς πνεύοντας, αὐτῷ ἕτας ἐγερῆι δ
Πατρὸς αὐτῆ ἐν Χρυσῷ Ἰησοῦ. ἔ
χεις τὸ ἀληθινὸν ἔν ἐκ ἐχομεν.

Εἰ ὃ ἄσπερ πνὲς Ἀθεοὶ οὐτὲς,
Τουτέστιν Ἀπεισι, λέγουσι, ὅτι δοκῆ-
σι γενῆσθαι αὐτὸν Ἀνθρώπον, ἐκ
ἀληθῶς ἀνειληφέναι σῶμα, καὶ
δοκεῖν τεθνηκέναι, πεπουνθέναι ἔ
ἔντι, &c.

ἀφ' ἧ καρπῆ ἡμεῖς διὰ τῆ θεομακα-
ρίᾶς αὐτῆ πάθῃς —

ταῦτα γὰρ πάντα ἔπαθεν δι' ἡμᾶς
ἵνα σωθῶμεν.

Καὶ ἀληθῶς ἔπαθεν, οἷς ἔ ἀληθῶς
ἀνέπνευ ἐαυτὸν, ἐκ' ἄσπερ ἀπεισί
πνὲς λέγουσι τὸ δοκεῖν αὐτὸν πεπον-
θέναι, αὐτοὶ τὸ δοκεῖν ἔντι, καὶ καθῶς
Φρονῶσι καὶ συμπεθέου αὐτοῖς, ἔσιν
ἀσωμάτοις, καὶ δαίμονικοις.

Benefits Purchas'd for True Believers, by the death of Christ; since they will have it to be only in Appearance or False shew; and take the Merit from the Outward death of Christ, which he suffer'd upon the Cross, and place it in a Fancy'd Suffering of the Light, within them.

And as He asserts the Faith in Christ's outward Death, so does he, in His Resurrection; not the Inward Rising of Christ in our hearts, but in His Outward Resurrection, that which was proved by their Handling of Him, and Feeling of His Flesh, and His Eating and Drinking with them, after His Resurrection.

But, in the next Paragraph, he has a Prophetick Exhortation, which looks terribly upon the Quakers, among others. He tells the Smyrnæans, that he gives them these Admonitions, not that he thinks them Guilty of these Heresies. *But I Guard you before hand* (says he) *against Beasts in Human shape, whom you ought not only not to Receive; but if it be possible, not so much as to meet with them, only to pray for them, if they may at last Repent, which will be difficult.*

And again, says he, speaking of our Lord Jesus Christ, Whom some not knowing, do deny, or rather, are denied by him, being the Preachers of Death, rather than of Truth.

They abstain from the Eucharist, (that is, The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper) and from the Prayers (of the Church) because they do not confess that the Eucharist is the flesh of our Saviour Jesus Christ, which suffered for our sins; and which the Father in his Goodness Raised up. *But these speaking against this Gift of God, die in their Inquiries.*

And vain and Death must those Inquiries be, which, leaving the Gifts of God, the Sacraments of his own Institution, and to which

προσφυλάσω ἢ ὑμᾶς ἀπὸ τῆς
θρῶν τῆς ἀνθρωπομορφῶν, ἕς ἔ-
μνον δεῖ ὑμᾶς μὴ ἀπαδέχεσθαι,
ἀλλ' εἰδωαίον ὄσι μηδὲ σιωπᾶν,
μόνον δὲ προσεύχεσθαι ὑπὲρ αὐτῶν,
εἰάν πως μετανοήσωσιν, ἕπερ δύσκο-
λον.

Ὅν τινες ἀγνοῦντες ἀρῶν, μᾶλλον
δὲ ἠρήθησαν ὑπὸ αὐτῶ, ὄντες σωή-
ργοι τῷ Θανάτῳ μᾶλλον ἢ τῷ Ἀληθ-
είας.

Εὐχαριστίας ἢ προσφύχῃς ἀπέχ-
ου, διὰ τὸ μὴ ὁμολογεῖν τὴν Εὐχα-
ριστίαν σάρκα εἶναι τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν
Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, τὴν ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν ἡμῶν
παθῆσαι, ἣν τῆς χριστοσύνης, ὁ πατήρ
ἤγειρεν. οἱ οὖν ἀνὴλέγοντες τῆς δωρεᾶς
τῷ Θεῷ συζητούντες ἀποθνήσκουσι.

His *Promises* are Annex'd, seek for *Salvation* in ways and means of their own Devising.

But it was unavoidable, that they who had left the Body of Christ, as a forsaken *veil* or *garment*, to Rot for ever in the Grave; or are carelefs what is come of it, as a thing now of no Vertue or Consequence to us, should Reject the *Sacrament* of it, which is a continual Exhibition of its *vertues* and *efficacy* to us: Or that they who hope for no *Resurrection* of their *Bodies* out of the *Dust*, should continue the use of those *Sacraments* which were ordained as *signs*, and *pledges* of it.

But, if it please God that they ever Return to the *Faith*, it is to be hoped that they will then Re-assume these *Guards*, and *Confirmations*; which are the outward *vehicles*, and *assurance* of it.

III. The *Third* point is their Denial of the *Resurrection* and *Future Judgment*. For the Proof of this upon the *Quakers*, I Refer to *The Snake in the Grass*, Sect. xii. p. 152. and to *Satan Dis-Rob'd*, Sect. iii. and iv. beginning at p. 26. and p. 21. of the *Gleanings*.

Now we find full Proof, that this *Herese* was Broached in in the Days of the *Apostles*; and by them *Condemn'd*, as is plain from 1 *Cor.* xv. 12. &c. and 2 *Tim.* 2. 18. in which last *Text*, the very *Quaker-salvo* is expressly set down, by which they have Betray'd themselves into this Fatal *Herese*, viz. Saying that the *Resurrection* is *Past already*, that is, Perform'd Inwardly, to those who follow the *Light*, (see *Satan Dis-Rob'd*, p. 21. of the *Gleanings*) and Mr. Penn understands that Full and Elegant Description of the *Resurrection*, 1 *Cor.* xv. all of this *Inward* and *Allegorical Resurrection*; for in his Book, Intituled, *The Invalidity of John Faldo's Vindication*, &c. Printed 1673. repeating ver. 44. of this *Chapt.* viz. *It is sown a Natural Body, it is Raised a Spiritual Body*, he says p. 369. *I do utterly deny, that this Text is concern'd in the Resurrection of Man's carnal Body, at all.* And p. 370. *I say this doth not concern the Resurrection of carnal Bodys, but the two states of Men under the first and second Adam.* And though as he objects, the 47 and 49 verses seem to imply a Bodily Resurrection, But (says he) let the whole verse be considered, and we shall find no such thing.

To the Arguments of the *Apostles* against this *Herese*, let me add some Testimonys of others their *Co-temporary Fathers*,

or rather explain the Texts of the *Apostles* by their *Comments*, who learned this *Article* of the *Faith* from their mouths. The Texts above Quoted were wrote by *St. Paul*, who (*Phil. iv. 3.*) mentions *Clement* as his *Fellow Labourer*, and whose Name is in the book of *Life*: And he was as likely to know *St. Paul's* meaning, as *Mr. Penn*, whom I desire to read his 2d. *Epist.* to the *Corinthians*, where, *N. ix.* he will find these words.

Let none of you say, that this same flesh is not judged, nor shall rise again. Understand, in what have ye been saved; was it not while ye were in this flesh? therefore it becometh us to keep our flesh, as the temple of God. For as ye have been called in the flesh, so shall ye come in the flesh. Jesus Christ the Lord, who saveth us, was first a Spirit, and then made flesh, and so he called us. So shall we Receive our Reward, in this very flesh.

St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr, who flourished about the Year of *Christ*, 70. and was Disciple to *St. John* the Evangelist, in his Epistle to the *Philippians*, n. 7. says that *Whoever does not confess the Martyrdom or suffering of Christ upon the Cross, is of the Devil: And he that will wrest the Oracles of Christ to his own Lusts, and say that there is no Resurrection nor Judgment to come, he is the First-Born of Satan.*

And *Hegesippus*, who lived near to the Days of the *Apostles*, in his Fifth Book; as Quoted by *Eusebius* (*Hist. Eccl. l. 2. c. 23.*) speaking of these Ancient *Hereticks*, says, that they did not believe either the *Resurrection*, or the coming of *Christ* to render to every one according to his Works.

Καὶ μὴ λέγέτω τις ὑμῶν, ἐπὶ αὐτῇ ἢ Σάρξ ἢ κέλευε, ἔδδ' Ἐ' Ἀνίστασθαι. Ἐν τίνι ἐσώθητε, ἐν τίνι Ἀνεβλέψατε, εἰ μὴ ἐν τῇ Σαρκὶ ταύτῃ ὄντες. Δεῖ ἔν ἡμᾶς ὡς ναὸν Θεοῦ φυλάσσειν τὴν Σάρκα. ὄντοπον γὰρ ἐν τῇ Σαρκὶ ἐκλήθητε, καὶ ἐν τῇ Σαρκὶ ἐλεύσεσθε. Ὁ Ἰησοῦς Χριστὸς ὁ Κύριος ὁ σώσας ἡμᾶς, ἂν μὲν τὸ πρῶτον πνεῦμα, ἐγενήθη Σάρξ, ἕταρ ἡμᾶς ἐκάλεισεν. ἕταρ ἕ ἡμεῖς ἐν ταύτῃ τῇ Σαρκὶ ἀποληψόμεθα τὴν μισθόν.

Καὶ ὅς ἂν μὴ ὁμολογῇ τὸ Μαρτύριον τῆς Σταυροῦ, ἐκ τῆς Διαβολῆς ὄντι, ἕ ἕ ἂν μεθοδεύῃ τὰ λόγια τῆς Χρυσῆς πρὸς τὰς ἰδίας ἐπιθυμίας, καὶ λέγῃ μῆτε Ἀνάστασιν, μῆτε Κρίσιν ἔσθαι, ἕ τῆς πρῶτης ἑκείνου ὄντι τῆς Σατανᾶ.

αἱ ἣ Αἰρέσεις παρερημένας, ὡς ἑπίσθον ἕτε Ἀναστάσιν, ἕτε ἐρχόμενον ἀποδοῦναι ἐκάτω κατὰ τὰ ἔργα αὐτῶν.

IV. The Fourth Point, is their abstaining from the *Sacraments* and *Prayers* of the Church. And for this, I have before quoted *Ignatius* to the *Smyræans*, where he tells of those who Abstained from the *Prayers of the Church*, and the *Lord's Supper*, because they did not believe it to be the *Flesh of Christ*, which Suffered for our sins, and was Raised up, &c. For how could they who (as the *Quakers*) made no more of the *flesh of Christ*, than a *Garment* or a *Vail*, but no part of his *Person*, and consequently could never call the *Bodily Garment*, *Christ*: And thought their own *Flesh* and *Blood* to be the *Flesh* and *Blood of Christ*, as well as the *Flesh* and *Blood* of that Man *Jesus*, in whom they say that *Christ* or the *Light* dwelt, as in themselves (see *Satan Dis-Rob'd*, Sect. ii. n. 2. and 3. p. 2. and 3. of the *Gleanings*) and plac'd the *Meritorious Cause* of our *Redemption*, and *Justification*, not in the *Blood of Christ* outwardly shed; but in the *Allegorical* or *Inward Blood* of their *Light within*, *Inwardly* and *Invisibly* shed, &c. I say, How could these endure a *Sacrament* so contrary to their *Belief*? For the *Bread* cannot be called the *Flesh* of their *Light within*; but it was of His *Outward Flesh* that *Christ* spake, when he said, *This is my Body*, and His *Outward Blood* was said to be shed for *The Remission of Sins*.

And the *Eucharist* was such a visible *Representation* of this, as could not but shock these *Enthusiast Hereticks*.

And where the *Sacraments* are Practised, such mad *Enthusiasm* cannot take place. And we see, by woful Experience, that where these *Guards of the Truth* and *Importance* of *Christ's Outward Sufferings* are taken away, Men fall, from the *True Faith*, in them.

But the *Quakers* have not only thrown off the Use and Practise of the *Sacraments*, and left them as things *Indifferent*, or *Lawful* to be Practised by such as may be conscientiously concern'd for them, but Damn them as *Carnal*, and *Doctrines of Devils*. *G. Fox*, in his *News out of the North*, Printed 1655. p. 14. makes them the like *Witch-craft* as turn'd the *Galatians* to *Circumcision*. And their *Sacrament* (says he) as they call it, is carnal — And their *Communion* is carnal, a little *Bread and Wine* — Which is the *Table of Devils*, and *Cup of Devils*, which is in the *Generation of Serpents* in this *Great City Sodom and Gomorrah*, so dust is the *Serpents meat*, &c. And p. 39. You say that *Matthew*, *Mark*, *Luke*, and *John*, is the *Gospel*, which is carnal — You say, that *sprinkling Infants* is the *Baptism*, which *Baptizeth them into the faith*, and so into the *Church*,

which is carnal: And you tell People of a Sacrament, bringing them to Eat a little Bread and Wine, and say, that this is a Communion of Saints, which is carnal, and all this feeds the Carnal Mind, &c. And he Blasphemously says in his Title Page, that all this was Written from the mouth of the Lord.

Edward Burrough, p. 190. of his Works, Printed 1672. says, Their Doctrines are of the devil, who — say sprinkling Infants with water — is Baptism into the faith of Christ, this is the doctrine of the devil. And p. 191. These have filled the world with damnable Heresies, as holding forth, That sprinkling Infants with water is Baptism into the faith of Christ, &c. These are damnable Heresies, even to the denying the Lord that bought them. And p. 644. That it is not lawful for the Saints of God, to join themselves to your Ordinances.

This Hideous Blasphemy and Outrage against the Divine Institutions of our Lord, I hope will appear to be such to the well-disposed among the Quakers, who will be at the pains to Read my Discourse of Water-Baptism. It seems to have had some Effects already, even with George Whitehead himself. For in his Answer to The Snake (whereto he adds a chapter upon that Discourse of Baptism) he seems to come off that former Rigor of the Quakers, and says, p. 114. That as for those who are More conscientiously tender in the observation thereof, we are (says he) the more tender to these so as not to censure or condemn them meerly for Practising that which they believe is their duty, either in breaking of Bread, or Water-baptism.

So that, by this, he yields the Practice of the Sacraments to be at least Lawful, contrary to Burrough, Fox, and the Primitive Quakers; for, if it were not Lawful, I suppose he would not have that Tenderness for the Observation thereof, but would censure and condemn it, as those others have done. I pray God perfect his Conversion, and let him see the Necessity as well as Lawfulness of it. And I would desire him to consider that if it be Lawful, it must be Necessary: For if Christ has not commanded Water-Baptism, it cannot be less than Superstition to Practice that as a Sacrament, and consequently as a Means of Grace, which he has not Commanded: Even the Church of Rome does not pretend to a Power to Institute a Sacrament, that can be done by none but God alone: Therefore if Water-Baptism was not Instituted by Christ, it cannot be Lawful to Practice it: And if he did Institute it, it is not only Lawful, but Necessary, and a Duty. Now, in Aid of George Whitehead, and by

by way of *An Antidote against the venome of G. Fox, Burrough,* and other soure Quakers; and to pursue the Design of this present Paper, I will, to the Authoritys of H. Scripture, which I have Produc'd in *The Discourse of Baptism*, add in this place, as a sure Comment and Explanation of them, the Testimonys of some of those Fathers, whose Works we have Extant within the Compass of Years propos'd, that is, 150 Years after *Christ*, in witness to this *Divine Institution of Water-Baptism*, and to shew what *stresses* they laid upon it.

St. *Ignatius*, who was (as before-mentioned) bred under Saint *John* the Beloved Disciple, makes our *Baptism* not only the *Badge*, but the *Arms* and *Defence* of our *Faith*; and the quitting of it to be a *Deserting* of *Christ*.

Let no one of you (says he, in his *Epist.* to St. *Polycarp*) be found a *Deserter*, but let your *Baptism* remain as your *Armor*.

μή τις ὑμῶν δεσέτωρ εὑρεθῆ, τὸ βάπτισμα ὑμῶν μόνον ὡς ὄπλα.

And St. *Barnabas*, who was St. *Paul's* Fellow-*Traveller*, mentioned so often in the *Acts*, speaking, in his *Catholick Epistle*, *chapt.* xi. concerning *Water* and the *Cross*, says, that, *It is written concerning Water to the People of Israel, that they should not receive that Baptism which was sufficient to the Pardon of sins.* Which they did not under the *Mosaical Dispensation*. But they *Instituted a Baptism* to themselves, whereby to admit Men as *Profelites* to the *Law*: But that was not the *Baptism* which could take away *Sin*. No, nor the *Baptism* of *John*: That was the *Peculiar one* of the *Christian Baptism*.

ὡεὶ μὴ ἔῳδατ' ἡ γέγραπται ἐπὶ τῷ Ἰσραὴλ, πῶς τὸ βάπτισμα, τὸ φέρειν εἰς ἄρεσιν ἀμαρτιῶν, ἔμὴ προσδέξαντο· ἀλλ' ἑαυτοῖς οἰκοδομήσοσι.

A little after St. *Barnabas* says, that *God* had joyned the *Cross* (that is, the *Faith* in *CHRIST* Crucified) and the *Water* (that is, *Baptism*) together, *viz.* the *Inward Faith*, and the *Outward Profession* and *Seal* of it.

Consider (says he) how *He* (*God*) has appointed the *Cross* and the *Water* to the same end. For thus he saith, blessed are they who hoping in the *Cross*, have gone down into the *Water*.

ἀγαθέως πῶς τὸ ὕδωρ, καὶ τὸ σταυρὸν ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτὸ ἄρει. τὸ ἔργον γὰρ λέγει μακροί οἱ ἐπὶ τῷ σταυρὸν ἐλπίσαντες, κατέβησαν εἰς τὸ ὕδωρ.

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And again, pursuing the same Argument, he Magnifys the great Efficacy and Power of BAPTISM, when duly Received, a few lines after what is above quoted, saying,

For we go down into the Water full of sins and filthiness; and come up again bearing fruit in our hearts by the fear and hope which is in Jesus, which we have in the Spirit.

ἡμεῖς μὲν καταβαίνομεν εἰς τὸ ὕδωρ γίμοντες ἀμαρτιῶν ἔσπευ; ἔαναβαίνομεν καρποφόροντες ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ, διὰ τὸ φόβον καὶ τὴν ἐλπίδα εἰς τὸ Ἰησοῦν ἔχοντες ἐν ᾧ πνεύματι.

After the same manner, and in the like words speaks St. *Hermas* (whom St. *Paul* salutes *Rom.* 16. 14.) in that only Remaining Work of his, called *The Shepherd of St. Hermas*, there in the 3d. Book, and 9th. Similitude, he speaks thus :

Before a Man receives the Name of the Son of God, he is designed unto death: but when he receives that seal, he is delivered from death, and given up to life. Now that seal is Water, into which Men go down, lyable to death, but come up again, assigned over unto life.

Antequam enim accipiat homo nomen Filii Dei, morti destinatus est : at ubi accipit illud sigillum, liberatur a morte, & traditur vitæ. Illud autem sigillum Aqua est, in quam descendunt homines morti obligati, ascendunt vero vitæ assignati.

I have taken this out of the Ancient *Latin* Translation, according to the *Oxford* Edit. 1685. For the *Greek* was, in great part, lost, and came not down to us intire, as this old *Latin* Version did.

St. *Clement*, in his 2d. *Epist.* to the *Corinthians*, *Paragr.* 8. calls *Baptism* by the same name of our Seal, and applies to it that Text, *Isa.* lxvi. 24. which he renders thus. *They that have not kept their seal, their worm shall not die, &c.* Or, as he expresses it in the *Paragr.* before this, *Unless we keep our Baptism pure and undefiled, with what assurance can we enter the Kingdom of God?*

τῶν γὰρ μὴ τηρήσαντων τὴν σφραγίδα, ὁ σκόληξ αὐτῶν ἔτελευτήσεται, &c.

ἡμεῖς ἐὰν μὴ τηρήσωμεν τὸ βάπτισμα ἀγνὸν καὶ ἀμίαντον, ποῖα πεποιθήσεται εἰσελθεῖν εἰς τὸ βασίλειον τοῦ Θεοῦ

V. The Fifth Point is their forbidding to Marry, and Preaching up of fornication. I charge not *All* the *Quakers* with this; no, nor the *Greatest Number* of them. Only those called *New-Quakers* in *America*, of whom, and this their *Principle* and *Practice*, an Account

is given in *The Snake in the Grass* Sect. vi. n. x. Par. 11. p. 74. and Sect. xii. p. 160. But the *Quakers* are thus far answerable, That all this *Wild Extravagance* is a Natural Consequence of their *Common Principle and Notion* of *The Light within*, as such an *Absolute Rule and Judge*, that is not to be Controlled by Scripture, or any Law or Rule whatsoever: Which leaves every Man in such an *Un-limited Latitude*, that there is no *Restraint* to whatever the *Wildest Imagination* (so it be Strong enough) can suggest: Nor any Cure (upon their Foundation) but to bid him follow it still on. Listen to that *within* you. That is all their *Advice*, and all their *Rule*.

But besides, I would fain know what Answer the *Old Quakers* can give to the *New* ones, upon their Principle; for the *New* threw off their *Wives*, because they found it Written, That *the children of the Resurrection neither marry, nor are given in marriage*. Now, as shewn in *The Snake*, Sect. xii and before spoke to, the *Quakers* General Notion is that the *Resurrection* is Spiritual, and that every *Regenerate* Man has obtained it already. And some of the Chief and Oldest of them have declared, that they expect no other than what they have obtained already, or at least, shall attain before they leave this body. See *Satan Dis-Robed* p. 21. of the *Gleanings*.

Now let me ask the *Old Quakers*: Are they the *Children of the Resurrection*? They must answer *Tea*, or go against their own avowed *Principles*. And if *Tea*, then the Text is plain against their *Marrying*.

Let me ask again. Are they *the Children of this World*? They will all say, *Nay*, for that is the common Epithet by which they describe the *Wicked*; and is a Term that they put in opposition to *the Children of the light*, which they bestow upon *themselves*. Now it is written, That *the children of this world marry*. Therefore, say the *New Quakers*, Marriage is a *Wicked Thing*, and consequently of the Devil: And the *Old Quakers* have not yet answered their Arguments, that I can hear of. And the *New Quakers* do vouch themselves to be the only True and Genuine *Quakers*, who follow their Principles up to the height. Nor do they want *Antiquity* in all this: The *Gnostick Quakers*, who boasted in their Light beyond all other Men, and called themselves (as the *Quakers* do) the *Purest* and most *Perfect* of Christians; held these same Principles, and Practised them, in the very days of the *Apostles*. And they

they are Reprehended, and our Later *Hereticks*, who should follow their steps, Propheſied of 1 *Tim.* iv. 1, 2, 3.

VI. The Sixth Point is, *Their Contempt of Magistracy and Government.* This is ſhewn, as to the *Quakers*, in *The Snake.* p. 94. and in Sect. xviii. and xix. more largely. *George Fox* in his *Great Miſtery*, Printed 1659. p. 76. ſays, *The Power of God — strikes down Government of Men and Governours.* And p. 90. *And ſo* (ſays he) *for the Lord's ſake the Saints cannot be ſubject to that Power.* And he Argues (though very falſly) that, *The Jews of old time could not obey the Heathen Magiſtrates — Nor the Apoſtles could not bow to the Authority of the Jews — Nor that among the Gentiles, held up by the Magiſtrates.* I ſay all this is moſt Falſe; for the *Jews* did obey the *Heathen* Magiſtrates; and the *Apoſtles* both the *Jews* and *Gentiles*, and that, not only for *Wrath*, but alſo for *Conſcience* ſake. But it ſhew'd what *Fox* meant, *viz.* That the *Saints* are not under the Dominion of the *World's Rulers*, whom they think to have no other Authority than that of the *Devil*. Accordingly *Fox* ſays (*ibid.*) *For it was the Beasts Power hath ſet up your Tythes, Temples, and Colledges.* This will include all the *Governments* upon the *Earth*: For there is none but have ſome of theſe; hardly any but have them *All*. And then down go *All*, if the *Quakers* prevail.

But to come to our Point. This *Wicked Hereſie* was born into the *World* in the days of the *Apoſtles*, and ſet up by the then *Quakers*, That the Receiving of *Chriſtianity* did Exempt Men from the Service of *Un-believers*, whether *Masters* or *Magiſtrates*. Which occaſioned the many Repeated Exhortations in the *Epiſtles*, eſpecially of the *Apoſtle* of the *Gentiles*, to be ſubject both to *Masters* and *Magiſtrates*, though *Un-believers*. And there were thoſe *Jews* in our *Saviours* time, who, upon the ſame account, thought it not *Lawful* to give *Tribute* to *Cæſar*, being then an *Heathen*. They thought that the *Jews* were not to ſubmit to the Dominion of the *Heathen*. And *Judas* of *Galilee*, mentioned in *Act.* 5. 37. drew away much *People* after him, upon the ſame Pretence, of not paying *Taxes* to the *Romans*, *Joſeph.* (*de Bell. Jud.* l. 2. c. 7.) ſays, he Taught that no *Tribute* ſhould be paid to the *Romans*. But he went further (a thorow *Quaker*) for he would have had all *Magiſtrates* taken away, and *God* only to be *King*. I ſuppoſe (as the *Quakers*) he would have been Content that the Govern-

Government should have come into his own hand, and to some *Saints* under him, as *Deputys* from *God*! Such he made his *Gaulonites* or *Galileans* who followed him. For the meaning of those who find fault with the *Government* of others, is commonly to seize upon it for themselves, (and they seldom mend the matter) tho' their pretence is always to set up the *Kingdom of God* and His *Saints*.

Such *Gaulonites* or *Galileans* are the *Quakers*, who, in a *Declaration* to the *Present distracted Nation of England*, (Printed 1659. Penn'd by *Edw. Burrough*, and subscrib'd by *Fifteen* of the *Cheif* of the *Quakers*, in the name of all the rest) p. 8. do Proclaim that they have chosen a *King*, (*viz.* their own *Light within*, which they call the *Son of God*) and that it is *His only Right to Rule in Nations*, and their *Heirship* (as being only his Faithful Subjects) to possess the uttermost parts of the *Earth*: And that *He may command thousands and ten thousands of* (these) *his Saints*, at this day, to Fight — mark that, to *Fight*, even with the *Carnal Sword*, to Regain their *Right*. But in the Reprinting of *Burrough's Works*, 1672, it was thought convenient to leave out this Passage (p 603. of his works) tho' it was said to be given forth by the *Spirit of God*, and in *His Name*. It is set down more at large in *The Snake*, p. 209.

The same *Universal Monarchy* and *Heirship* of the *Quakers* is asserted by *Samuel Fisher*, in a Collection that he Printed of several *Messages* which he said he had, *By Commission from God*, to deliver to the then *Protector* and *Government*, 1656. The last of which bears this Title. *The Burden of the Message of the Lord it self*, there p. 32. speaking of the *Quakers* and their *King*, says, *He in them, and they in him shall Rule the Nations with a Rod of Iron, and break them to pieces as a Potters Vessel — And every tongue that riseth up in Judgment against them shall they condemn.* And p. 33. he brings in *God*, saying, *yea, I will never rest till I have made all their Foes their Foot-stool: And howbeit the Powers of the Earth are of me — I will utterly subvert and overturn them; and bring the Kingdoms and Dominions, and the Greatness of the Kingdom under the whole Heaven into the hands of the Holy Ones of the most High, and give unto my Son, and his Saints to Reign over all the Earth, and to take all the Rule and Authority, and Power that shall stand up against my Son in his Saints.* There is the *Mystery* couch'd in the last words. *In his Saints*, that is the *Light within* (which they call *Christ*) in the *Quakers*: And to which they ascribe all that is said of *Christ* in the *Scriptures*. Ed:*

Edw. Burrough writing from Dublin in Ireland to the Quakers in England, in the Year 1655. Directs thus, *To the Camp of the Lord in England.* This is p. 64. of his Works. And he was then for their beginning of their *War to Conquer the whole Earth.* He Exhorts them, p. 67. in their *Conquests* to be very severe and bloody, to spare none. *Give the great Whore* (says he, that is Rome) *double into her bosom; as she hath loved blood, so give her blood, and dash her Children against the stones.* This was for all the Popish Countrys, and those who partook of their Abominations, which in their Account were all the Protestants too, whom they, in contempt called *Professors*; and *All sects in these Nations*, whom Burrough includes in his Epist. to the Reader, p. 1. and declares *War* against them. But were the *Heathens* then to escape? No, their Conquest and Empire was to be *Universal*, their *Heirship* did extend to the uttermost parts of the Earth. For thus he goes on, (*Ut supra*) *Let none of the Heathen Nations, nor their Gods escape out of your hands — but lay waste the fenced Cities, and tread down the high walls, for we have proclaimed open War betwixt Michael our Prince and the Dragon — And cursed be every one that riseth not up, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Put on your Armour, and gird on your sword, and lay hold on the spear, and march into the Field, and prepare your selves to the Battle, for the Nations doth dese our God, and saith in their hearts, who is the God of the Quakers, that we should fear him, and obey his voice? — Our Enemies are whole Nations, and multitudes in number, of a Rebellious People that will not come under our Law* (a great Fault indeed!) *stand upon your feet, and Appear in your terror as an Army with Banners; and let the Nations know your power, and the stroke of your hand: Cut down on the right hand, and slay on the left; and let not your eye pity, nor your hand spare, &c.* And in his *Trumpet of the Lord sounded*, which he calls *An Alarum and Preparation for War against all Nations where Gog and Magog resideth*, Printed 1656. p. 32. he says to the Quakers, *your despised Government shall rule over Kingdoms, and your laws shall all the Nations of the earth become subject unto.* And p. 41. He expostulates with God, *When wilt thou appear to lay their honour in the dust of Confusion? Thy Host and Chosen waiteth for a Commission from thee to do thy will. And thy Camp waiteth to see the honour of Kings and Princes overthrown by thee, &c.* But it seems the Quakers would make use of the swords of the wicked, till their own were ready. Therefore in the

Year 1659. they had great Hopes in the *Rebel English Army*; who having Destroy'd the *King*, and the *Church* in these Kingdoms, *Burrough* Hoalloos them (in his *Epist.* to them, p. 537.) upon *Italy* and *Spain*, and all the *Popish* Countrys: *For what are these few poor Islands* (says he) *that you have run through? in comparison of the great Part of Christendom, in which Idolatry — do abound — wherefore, Hew down the Tops, strike at the Branches, make way, that the Ax may be laid to the root of the Tree, that your sword, and the sword of the Lord may neither leave Root nor Branch of Idolatry — to avenge the blood of the Guiltless thro' all the Dominions of the Pope, the blood of the Just it crys thro' Italy, and Spain — and it would be your honour to be made use of by the Lord, in any degree, in order to this matter.* They were to be made use of, in some degree, to clear the way for the *Quakers*, who were, at last, to have *All*. Now whether these have not out-stript their Fore-runner *Judas*, and his *Galileans*, I leave the Reader to judge. And Proceed to the next.

VII. The *Seventh* and last Point which I intend to speak of, is now come, and is so near of kin to the last, that I shall dispatch it quickly. It is, *Their stiffness in not taking off their Hats, or giving Men their Civil Titles.* Ther needs no Proof of this, as to the *Quakers*, for they All own it, it is their *Discriminating Character.*

And now to find a Precedent for them in *Antiquity*, the same *Judas Galileus* is ready at hand. *Josephus* tells (*Antiq. Jud.* l. 18. c. 2.) that he was the Head of a Fourth *Seēt* among the *Jews*, which he himself (like *George Fox*) Founded. And that as he acknowledg'd but one *Lord* and *Master*, that is, *God*; so as a consequence of this, he would pay honour to none other; and so *Obstinate* were his *Seēt* in this, That, as *Joseph.* tells in the *chapt.* last quoted, *they would rather expose themselves, their Children and Relations to the most cruel Torments, than call any mortal Man Lord or Master.* So that *George Fox* has not the *Honour* of this noble *Invention*, as he would make us believe in his *Journal*, p. 24. where he says, *When the Lord sent me forth into the world, He forbid me to put off my Hat to any — And I was required to Thee and Thou all men and women.* He would call none *Lord* or *Master* more than *Judas*. And their *Inspirations* came from the same *Author*; the *Spirit of Pride*, under the *Guise of Humility*; so that in this, and all the other Instances before mention'd, *George Fox* is depriv'd of the *Glory* of being an *Original*, and to be *No man's Copy*, as is Boasted of him, in the *Preface* to his *Journal*, p. 31. I do not sup-

pose that he knew a tittle of these *Ancient Precedents*, only *Good wits Jump'd*; and so exactly, as shews, That they were all *Taught* by the same Master.

The CONCLUSION.

1. What Application now needs to be made, from all that has been said, to the *Quakers*? The thing shews it self. Let them not call it *Malice* and *Envy* and what not, to oppose them. We oppose the *Primitive Heresies* in them. We cannot but *oppose* them: Unless we would *Condemn* the *Apostles* and *Primitive Fathers*, who have *Condemned* them. I charitably believe that the *Quakers*, at least, the *Generality* of them, do not know, nor, may be, have heard of these *Ancient Heresies*, or that they have so literally lick'd them up. But now they do know, let them consider, and see how they have put *Darkness* for *Light*, and *Light* for *Darkness*!

2. But if the *Quakers* say, as of late they have begun to do, That they are *Mis-represented*, that they do not hold these *Vile Heresies*, and *Errors* Charg'd against them, nor ever did hold them. Let the Reader judge of that by the *Quotations* which are produc'd out of their most Approved *Authors*, in *The Snake*, and *Satan Dis-Rob'd*; of all which *G. Whitehead*, in what is called his *Answer*, does not deny one: But pleads *Not Guilty*, without offering to *Disprove* the *Evidence* brought against them. However, That is not my Business now. I am willing they should *come off* as easily as they can: Provided they do *come off*, and mean not this to *Deceive* us.

3. Let it then be suppos'd, that the Modern Representations they have given of their *Notion* of *The light within*, and of other their *Doctrines* (since the *oppositions* they have lately met with) are the *True* and *Genuin* sense of what they held from the beginning: And, when truly explained and understood, the same, and no more than what the *Ch. of England*, and all sober *Christians* have always held.

If so, then they must begin again to give a new Account of their *Separation*, and so violent a *Separation* as they have made, not only from the *Ch. of England* but all the *Churches* in the World, as *Edw. Burrough*, p. 416. of his *Works*, *And so all you Churches and Sects, by what name soever you are known in the world, you are the seed of the great Whore*. And p. 17. of his *Epist. to the Reader* he tells him, *Thou mayst fully perceive we differ in Doctrines and Principles; and the one thou must justifie, and the other thou must condemn, as being one clean contrary to the other in our Principles*. And p. 1. he says, *We have sufficient cause*

to cry against them, and to deny their Ministry, their Church, their Worship, and their whole Religion. What shall we do now! Now we Agree in nothing! our *Whole Religion* is *Condemned*: And there is no *Compounding*: we must *Condemn* the *One*, and *Justify* the *other*. Here is *Foul-Play* on some side! By some *Modern Accounts*, it is hard to distinguish wherein the *Doctrines* of the *Ch. of England*, and those of the *Quakers*, do differ. Particularly in their *Fundamental Principle* of *The Light within*, on which all the Rest do Depend, as it is Explained by Mr. Penn in his late *Primitive Christianity*, and in *The Snake*, Sect. i. and Sect. xxii. except the Particular hereafter excepted, they are the same; and Mr. Penn asks no more (upon the Main) than what is not only *Allowed*, but *Practised*, and always has been, and that *Dayly*, in our *Common Prayers*, by the *Ch. of England*; yes, and by our *Dissenters* too; so that now we are very *Good Friends* again! And the *Difference* betwixt us, upon this Point, is no ways sufficient to *Justify* any *Separation*. And so of the other Points of *Doctrine*, as, of late Explained. And for the *Sacraments*, G. Whitehead allows them to be *Lawful*, and let such *Practice* them, as so think fit. Then there is no ground for their *Separation* from us, for our *Practice* of what themselves Allow to be *Lawful*. And for *Episcopacy*, that is a matter of *Government*, not of *Worship*, so that we might join in *Worship* for all that. And the *Bishops* Exercise no other *Power* than what is used amongst the *Quakers*, to *Disown* those who will not walk according to the *Rules* of the *Society*. And their *Power* herein is much *Curbed* by the *Laws*, and *Appeals* lye from their *Sentence* to the *Secular Courts*, which are not *Allowed* in the *Quaker-Discipline*.

Now, to bring this matter to an Issue, in a *Friendly* manner, without *Ripping* up or *Confronting* former *Testimonies*, it is desired, That Mr. Penn, or any other for him, would shew such Differences betwixt his Explanation of the *Light within*, and that in *The Snake*, as are so *Material*, to justify a *Separation*; and so of the other Points Treated of in his *Primitive Christianity*.

And herein let him and them Consider the *Grievousness* of the Sin of *Schism*; even as Enforced by them against their own *Separatists*; it is a *Tearing* the *Body of Christ* in pieces; and

turning the *Heaven of Christianity*, into a *Hell of Confusion*. Let us Act herein *Manfully*; for we Fight for our own *Souls*, the *Union and Joy of Christendom*, the *Honour of Religion*, and the *Glory of God*, who *knows our Hearts*, and will *Reward our Sincerity*. He, through whose *Holy Inspiration* only, we think those things that be *Rightful*, *Prevent* us, in all our *Doings*, with His most *Gracious Favour*; *Further* us with His *Continual Help*, and *Pardon* all our *Infirmities*; in the *Prosecution* of these *Glorious Ends*, through *Jesus Christ*, our *Lord*; who for these same *Ends*, *Dyed, Rose, Ascended*, and will come again, in that same *Body*, to *Reward* and to *Judge* every *Man* according to what he has been *Useful*, or *Prejudicial* to these *Ends*. To whom with the *Father*, and the *Eternal Spirit*, be *All Power, Honour, and Glory*, from *All Creatures, Converted Sinners* especially, now, and for ever. *Amen.*

A Friendly Expostulation with Mr. Penn; upon Account of his Primitive Christianity, lately Published.

I. I Have said before, how near Mr. Penn has brought the *Quaker Principles* (as he has, of late, Represented them) to the *Doctrine of the Ch. of England*, and the *Common Principles of Christianity*. But I would desire to Expostulate a little with him upon one Part of his Exposition of *The Light within*, p. 29. where he is not satisfied with what we allow, *viz.* that it does *Influence and Assist* our *Natural Light*; but he will not grant that we have any *Natural Light* at all, or any other than that *Divine Light of the Word*, which is *God*; which he says, *some, mistakenly, call Natural Light*. As G. Fox says, in his *Great Mystery*, p. 42. where he opposes this *Tenet*, *That no man by that Native Light inherent in him, had Power to Believe*, &c. G. F. Answers, *The Light that doth enlighten every man* (which is their description of the *Light within*) he calls it *Native and Inherent*: *The names he gives of Native and Inherent, are his own, out of the Truth*. Here he denys any *Natural Light*, and will have none other but the *Divine Light within*. But to go on with Mr. Penn, he says, p. 30. and 31. That the *Scripture* makes no distinction between *Natural and Spiritual Light*, and Provokes any to give so much as one *Text* to that Purpose; he makes it as *Absurd*, as to talk of a *Natural and Spiritual Darkness within*. He says, *There are not two Lights from God in man, that Regard Religion*. Not that *Reproves or Condemns a Man for Sin*.
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But how then does he Answer the *Objection*, which he puts against himself, of the many *False Religions* in the world? It was not the *True Light* which guided men into them. And if they have no other *Light*, how came they by them? He says; it was because they did not follow the *True Light*. But why did they not follow it? How could they help following of it, if they had nothing else to follow? What was it that Resisted It? Or, What could Resist It, if we have no *Natural Light* or *Understanding* to Refuse its Dictates? But suppose our *No Light* or *Understanding* could shut its eyes, and not follow this *light*; then it might lose the *True Religion*. But could *no-understanding* invent another *Religion*? For that is something *Positive*; and something must Guide and Direct Men to it. The *Absence of Light* is *Darkness*, not a *False-light*. But an *Ignis Fatuus*, or *Will 2th' Wisp*; is a *Light* that leads Men *wrong*. Men that are in *Error* follow a *Light*, but it is *False-light*, and they think themselves to be in the *Right*. Our *Understandings* have a *Natural*, which is a *Fallible-light*; and therefore often leads us *wrong*. What else is the meaning of *Prov.* 3. 5. *Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own Understanding*. It is true, that *Understanding* and the *Natural light* of it, was given us by God: And He made it *Right* and *True*; but *Fallible*, else it could never be mistaken. God has plac'd a *Natural light*, as a *Candle* in our *Hearts*; and His *Super-natural light* does *Influence* and *Direct* it, when we seek to Him for it, and serve Him according as He has commanded: *Solomon* says, *Prov.* xx. 27. *The Spirit of man is the Candle of the Lord, searching all the Inward Parts*. You will not call the *Spirit of Man* the *Eternal Light*, which is *GOD*. This was the *Mistake* which drove *George Fox* to make our *Soul* a *Part of God*, without *Beginning*, and *Infinite in it self*, &c., as shewn in *The Snake*, *Sect.* ii. and to make us even *Equal* with *God*, as shewn, *Sect.* iii. And *Mr. Penn*, p. 15. of this Book, (*Primit. Christian.*) allows no *Natural light* to the *Understanding*, For (says he) *Man can no more be a Light to his Mind than he is to his Body*: And thence infers, that as the *Eye* has no *Light* in it self, so neither the *Understanding*: He makes our *Nature* and *Minds* wholly *Dark* of themselves, only susceptible of *Super-natural light*, when sent into our *Understanding*: And
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that all the *Light* we have is thus *Super-natural*; and only called *Natural*, because, as he says, *It is Natural to Man to have a Super-natural light.* I will not take advantage of the *Philosophy* of this; for, I suppose his meaning to be, that it is *Natural* to the *Understanding* to Receive a *Light* that is infus'd into it, as for the *Eye* to see by an *Extraneous light*; that is, it is an *Organ* fitted to Receive *Light*, tho' it has none in it self; as the *Understanding* to *Apprehend*, tho' it has no *Reason* or *Light* in it self. Thus he expresses it, p. 50. *All Men have Reason*, (says he) *but all Men are not Reasonable*; which must be taken with the same grains of Allowance. For every Man is a *Reasonable Creature*, that is, the *Definition* of a *Man*. But according to his *Hypothesis*, tho' all men have *Reason*, yet not *Natural*, but *super-naturally* put into their *Understanding*: And so, tho' they have *Reason*, yet are they not *Reasonable*, because that *Reason* is none of their own, only as *Gifted*, that is, *Accidental*, but not *Natural* to them; and so they can no more be called *Rational*, than a *Bagg* can be called *Rich*, that has *Money* in it. For he says, p. 15. *That God, is the Light of our Nature, of our minds, and understandings.* If it were meant as an *Assistant*, *Guide* or *Director*, to the *Light* of our *Understanding*; ther were no difference betwixt us: But quite to put out the *Natural light* of our *understandings*, and make it but only *Passive*, that is, *succesptible* of another *light*, that is the point on which I would *Reason* now with Mr. Penn. It is said 1 Cor. 1. 21. *That the World by Wisdom knew not God.* What *Wisdom* was this? it could not be a *Divine light*; and if Man have no *Natural light*; it must be the *Quaker* third sort of *light*, that is, *No light at all*: But if by *Wisdom* here, you mean Mens *Natural light* or *Reason*, the *Text* is *Plain* and *Easie*.

It is Written, 1 Joh. 3. 20. *If our Heart Condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.* Now, by *Heart*, here must be meant the *Natural light*; because, if it means the *Light* which is *God*, *God* is not Greater than *Himself*. And it is supposed here that the *Heart* does not Know all Things: Therefore this must be meant of our *Natural Conscience*, and not of *God*. And now here is a *Natural light*, which does *Reprove of Evil*, which Mr. Penn supposes cannot be shewn, p. 30. Our *Saviour* says, Luk. xii. 57. *Yea, and why even of your selves*
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judge not what is Right? But why of your selves, if we have no Light at all of our selves whereby to Judge?

I find a great Light of the Quakers, Edw. Burrough, owning these Two Lights within, in his *Warning to Underbarrow*, 1654. p. 16. and 17. of his *Works* Re-printed 1672. where speaking of some of the Worlds People, whose Light (says he) is only Natural and Carnal, and doth only make manifest Carnal Transgressions, and who Judge by the Natural light, &c. This being Objected by John Stalham, in his *Reviler Rebuked*, p. 282. as a Contradiction to what other Quakers had said of the Light. Richard Hubberthorn (a Quaker of the First Rank) undertakes the Defence of Burrough, which you find in his *Works*, Re-printed 1663. p. 144. where he says that Burrough was Mis-represented, in that Stalham would have had him say, that the Light of Christ was Natural and Carnal, which he says Burrough did not mean; but the Light of Man (says he) by which Carnal Men do judge of Carnal Transgressions, is Natural — And Mans light, by which Carnal men do Judge of anything, is one thing, and the light of Jesus Christ, which is Spiritual mens Guide, is another thing. Here are Two Lights within most plainly, which Mr. Penn does so positively Oppose.

But which of these Lights guided Mr. Penn, and which Hubberthorn and Burrough? For it could not be the same Light that guided to Two Lights, and not to Two!

And now it will be time, to ask from Mr. Penn a Solution of the Difficulty which he Proposes p. 29. that is, *To assign us some certain Medium, or Way, whereby we may truly discern, and distinguish between the Manifestations and Reproofs of the Natural Light within, from those of the Divine Light within.* He proposed this as a Difficulty upon the Opinion of Two Lights within, a Natural, and a Divine. And presses it against those who held that the Natural Light could Reprove of Evil; if which were granted, he would yield that there must be Two Lights. But he supposes that nothing but the Divine Light could Reprove of Evil. The Contrary of which has been shewn from 1 Joh. 3. 20. and allowed both by Burrough and Hubberthorn, who both (in the places above Quoted) do assert that the Natural Light does Reprove of Carnal Transgressions: And therefore, if Carnal Transgressions be Evil, the Natural Light does Reprove of Evil.

But that which I would Improve from this, and for which I have been so long upon it, is, to Represent to Mr. Penn the Consequence of

of this Opinion of his. For if I think that my *Understanding* is a Perfect *Blank*, uncapable to *Judge* any thing of *it self*, that is, by the *Natural Light* which God has given it : But that every *Thought* of my *Heart*, concerning *Religion*, is *Super-natural*, Darted in there *Immediately* by God Himself, by the very *Life of the Word Eternal*, Then must I follow every such *Thought*, even without *Examination*, and Refuse to let it be *Over-Ruled*, either by the *Written Word* of the *Scriptures*, or by *All the Reason* or *Authority* of *Men* or *Angels*. And if such *Thought* be *Erroneous*, I am *Un-moveable* and *Irrecoverable* ! This is the most *Desperate Condition* of which Man is Capable in this world. Therefore this *stumbling Block* must be *Removed* before we can proceed any further. And this is that, which keeps the *Quakers* so Deaf to all Arguments, *Charm* we never so *wisely* !

It was this which Confirm'd *Gilpin*, *Tolderoy*, *Milner*, and other *Quakers*, that their *Diabolical Possessions* (owned now as such by all the *Quakers*) and the *Quaker-witches* who Attempted the lives of *Henry Winder* and his *Wife* (see the Story in *The Snake*, p. 300.) and tho' *Disproved*, *Confuted*, and *Confounded* many ways in all their *Accusations* against them, yet still to stick to it, and could never be brought to *Repentance*, or to own themselves *Mistaken*. Why ? Because they had this *Notion*, That what came into their minds, was the *Light of Christ*.

And so it must be, if ther be no other *Light* in the *mind* but that of *Christ*, except we allow of a *Diabolical*. And then ther are three sorts, *Natural*, *Divine*, and *Diabolical*.

Unless you will say, That a *False-light* (as the *Diabolical* is) ought not to be Reckon'd a *Light*. But that will not do. Because what *Guides*, or *Directs*, or *Perfwades*, that is called a *Light* : And you may as well say, That a *False-Guide* is no *Guide*, as that a *False-light* is no *Light* : Thus it is, that *Satan* Transforms himself into an *Angel of Light*. And, as our *Saviour* has fore-warned us, That the *Light* in some Men is *Darkness*. Not that *Light* is *Darkness*, but what Men take for *Light* ; and that is a *Light* or *Guide* to them, though a *False One*. And then how we shall know the one from the other ? That is a *Material Question* which you have ask'd, and which now Returns upon you.

What is that *Spirit* of the *Prophets*, that is Subject to the *Prophets* ?

phets? Is it the *Divine Light within*? is God Subject to the *Prophets*? Must you not then allow a *Natural Light*? *Cease from thine own Wisdom*, Prov. xxiii. 4. Can ther be *Wisdom without Light*? *Wisdom is Light*. Must I then *Cease from the Divine Light*? or is ther not *Another*? And how shall I know *mine own Light*, from the *Divine Light*?

We are Commanded not to *Believe every Spirit*, but to *Try the Spirits*, 1 *Joh. iv. 1*. How shall we *Try* them? By *Themselves*! Must I *Try the Spirit or Light* in my *Heart*, by it self? Ask it, whether it be a *True Light*, or not? It says it is. So do all *Deceivers* say, so does every *False-Spirit* say; then I must not take its word: But I must *Try* it. And I ask again, *How Try it*? Therefore it must be by something else than it self. And what is that? Now we are near the Truth. For, Mr. *Penn*, the Case stands thus.

God has given a *Natural Light* to our *Understanding*, but a *Fallible* one; therefore it needs *Help*, and our own *Endeavours*. The Principal *Help* is the *Influence and Light* of the *Holy-Spirit* of God, which works together with our *Light*, and Enables it to work. Besides this, God has given us a *Rule* to walk by. Plain *Directions in writing*, which we may *Study*, and have always Before us. That is, *The Holy Scriptures*; and His *Light*, will open, that is, *Help* our *Understanding* in the *Reading and Studying* of the *Scriptures*; but that Implys we must *Read and Study*; we must use our *Endeavours*, else He can not *Help* our *Endeavours*: We must not *Ly in the Ditch*, and cry *God Help us*; use no *Outward Helps*, which God has *Appointed*; but fold our *Arms*, and *sit still*, and *gape* for *Extraordinary Inspirations*, which is a *Tempting of God*, instead of *waiting upon Him*.

Then God has *Appointed* other *Helps* besides the *Scriptures*, He has *Constituted* a *Church*, and an *Order of Men* to *Teach* us, to *Help* us to *Understand* the *Scriptures*; and to *Administer* the *Sacraments* to us, which *Christ* has *Commanded*; and *Promised* the *Assistance* of His *H. Spirit* to those who shall *Reverently*, as He has *Appointed*, approach unto them.

We have likewise the *Helps of Historys*, and *Human-Learning*, to know former *Times*, to observe the *Rise and Growth* of *Heresies*, and to beware, lest we *Fall into* the like *Snares* of the *Devil*.

But if we will *Neglect* all these *Helps*; nay, *Vilifie* and *Despise* them, cry out upon them as *Low, Carnal*, and what not; and *Direct God* to work *Miracles* for us, while we *Refuse* to work, to send such an

Irresistable and Infallible Light into our *Hearts*, as may, without any Pains on our side, secure us *Absolutely*; and ther is an *End* on't! If we will thus *Alter* our own *Frame*, and the whole *Method* of *God's* *Dispensations*, it is but just with *God* to give us up to follow our own *Imaginations*, and let us feel the *Effect* of our *Folly*.

But now, on the other hand, if we will be *Content* to follow *God* in His way: To acknowledge what we *Feel* and *Know*, that we have a *Free-will* within us, and an *Understanding*, which has *Natural Powers*, to *Judge*, and *Discern*, and *Consider*; and will use the *Helps* *God* has given us; then, and not till then, are we in a *Capacity* to be *Reason'd* with; to *Judge* and *Try* our own *Spirits*, and other *Mens*, by the *Plain Rule* of *God's* *H. Word*; and if we find they speak not according to that, then to *Reject* them. Then may we *Expect* the *Affistance* of *God's* *B. Spirit* to *Inform* our *Understandings*, and lead us into *All Truth* necessary for us.

For, whatever the *Quakers* think, the *Ch. of England* has always *Acknowledg'd* the *Influences* and *Inward Operation* of the *B. Spirit of God* upon our *Hearts*, as the *Cause* of *All the Good* that is wrought in us; which is sufficiently shewn in *The Snake*, Sect. xxii.

And this has been all along the *Doctrin* of the *Catholick Church*, which I might *Prove* at length; but that is not the *Point* in which we are, at *Present*, engag'd: Yet for the *satisfaction* of the *Quakers* who may not know this, I will set down two *Canons* of the *Council of Carthage*, which was held in the year of our *Lord*, 419.

Can. 113. *Whoever says, That the grace of God, by which a man is Justify'd through Jesus Christ our Lord, avails only for the Remission of sins that are already past, but does not also give strength to resist sin for the future, Let him be Anathema. For the grace of God does not only give us the knowledge of what we ought to do, but also inspires us with love, whereby we may be enabled to Perform those things which we know to be our duty. Likewise*

Ὅτις δῆποτε εἶπι τὸ χάρις τῶ Θεῷ ἢ πινι δικαιοσύνην διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ τῶ Κυρίου ἡμῶν, πρὸς μόνον ἀφεσιν αἰματηρῶν ἰχθύων τῶ ἡδὴ πληρωμενημένων, ἔ μὴ παρέχειν ἐπι μὴν βοήθειαν πρὸς τὸ μὴ ἔτερεα πληρωμελεῖσθαι, Ἀνάθεμα ἐστίν. Ἐπι ἡ χάρις τῶ Θεῷ εἰ μόνον γινώσκον παρέχει, ὧν δεῖ πράττειν, ἀλλὰ ἔ Ἀγάπην ἐπι μὴν ἐμπνέει ἡμῖν, ἵνα ἔ ζῶν ἐπιγνωσώμεθα, καὶ πληρωσώμεθα ἰχθύων. ομοίως, ὅτις δῆ-
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whosoever shall say, that this grace of God, which is thro' Jesus Christ our Lord, does help us to avoid sin, only as the knowledge of sin is made manifest to us by it, whereby we know what we ought to seek after, & what to avoid; but that strength is not given us by it, that what we know we ought to do, we may also love it, and be enabled to perform it, Let him be Anathema.

Can. 114. Whosoever shall say that the grace of Justification was therefore given unto us, that what we could perform by our own free-will, we may do the more easily by grace; insomuch, that tho' grace had not been given, we might, tho' with difficulty, perform the divine Commandments without it, Let him be Anathema. For, concerning the fruits of the Commandments, The Lord did not say that without me, ye shall do them with difficulty; but He said, without me, ye can do nothing.

This Constant Doctrin of the Church, the Quaker Infallibility did not know that she had ever held; and therefore set it up as a New discovery of their own, and broke with the Church for it. And to Advance Divine Grace, they would extinguish Human Reason, which is a Divine Grace it self, and the Subject given unto us by God, whereupon His B. Spirit should work.

And to Divest us of it, is to make us cease to be Men, instead of being Saints.

It makes God the sole Author of all our Sin; for if we have no Natural-Light, we can have no Free-will; are only Passive in God's Hands, acted by Him, but do nothing of our selves; and therefore are not answerable for any thing that we do; more than a Sword or a Pen are Blame-worthy for whatever use is made of them.

ποτα εἶποι τιῷ αὐτῷ χάριν τῷ Θεῷ, τιῷ διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ἑκείνου ἡμῶν, εἰς τὸ μόνον ἡμῶν βοηθεῖν, πρὸς τὸ μὴ ἀμαρτάνειν, ὅτι διὰ ταύτης ἡμῶν ἀποκαλύπτει καὶ φανεροῦν ἢ γνώσις τῶν ἀμαρτημάτων, ὡς γνωσκέναι ἃ δεῖ ἐπιζητεῖν καὶ ἃ δεῖ ἐκκλίβειν, ἔτι μὴ δι' αὐτῆς ἡμῶν παρέχεσθαι, ἵνα ὅπερ γνωσθέντων, καὶ ποιήσῃ ἐπὶ μὴ ἀγαπήσωμεν καὶ ἰχθύσωμεν, Ἀνάθεμα εἶν.

Ὅστις δήποτε εἶποι, διὰ τὸ τὸ χάριν ἡμῶν τὴ δικαιοσύνης δεδόσθαι, ἵνα ὅπερ ποιῆν διὰ τὸ αὐτεξούσιον δυνάμεναι, ἐνχερτέρας πληρώσῃ διὰ τὸ χάριτος ὡσαύτῃ καὶ εἴη χάρις μὴ ἐδίδότο, ἐκ ἐνχερτέως μόνον, ἀλλ' ἕως ἐδυνάμεναι καὶ δίχα ἐκείνης ἐπι μὴ πληρῶσαι τὰς ἐπιτάγας Ἀνάθεμα εἶν. ὡς γὰρ τῶν καρπῶν τῶν ἐπιτάγων ὁ Κύριος ἐκ εἶπεν, χάρις ἐμὴ δυσχερῶς δύνασθε ποιῆν ἀλλ' εἶπεν, χάρις ἐμὴ ἐδυνάσθε ποιῆν.

This Arraigns the Wisdom of God, in all the *Institutions* and *Ordinances* that ever He gave to Men. For, what need of such Helps to the *Divine Light*! and Mr. Penn says we have no other. Why then does he Preach? To whom doth he Preach? To the *Divine Light* in Men? (as G. Fox, and the *Primitive Quakers* us'd to speak) Can he *Teach* that? Cannot that *guide* Men without his Preaching? If he says that he only Preaches to perswade Men to follow that *Light*. But cannot the *Light* Teach even that too? Or has it Forgot it? Does it need *Help* in that? Then why not in other things? then is it not *self-sufficient* without *something else*.

Nay, by this Principle, ther was no need of *Christ's* coming into the World, at least of His *dying* for us: For Men had the *Divine Light* before. And what could the Man *Jesus* add to that? Was it not *sufficient* without *Him*? If not, then you want something else besides your *Light within*: But if it was *sufficient* without *Him*, then could not His Coming be *Necessary*. I desire to know what you differ herein from the *Deists*? They hold a *Divine Light* Planted by *God* in the Heart of Man, which they call *Reason*: And that this is *sufficient*, without any thing else, to Teach a Man all that he ought to *Know* or *Do*. This *Divine Light* you call the *Light within*: So that you Differ from them but in *Words*: Both of you Reject the *Necessity* of any *Outward Revelation*, that is, of a *Christ without*. And so are the same with all the *Pagan* or *Gentile* World. For they too (and the latter *Mahometans*) allow *Jesus* to have been a Good Man; and to have had this *Divine Light* (which you call *Christ*) within Him, as all other Men have: But this does not make Him *Properly the Son of God*; which you also *utterly deny* Him to be, as said before, p. 3. This is Literally that *Anti-Christianism* which is Reprehended, 1 *Joh.* 2. 22. of Denying *Jesus* to be the *Christ*. For having of the *Light* in me, does not make me to be the *Light*: But *Jesus* not only had the *Light* in Him, but He was the *Light*, or *Christ*; which it is *Blasphemy* to say of any other. And yet, if Man have no other *Light* in him but the *Divine*, and that be made Part of his *Nature*, it must follow that he is *God*: For whoever does *Properly* partake of the *Divine Nature*, is so.

2. But now whatever Mr. Penn thinks of my *Reasoning*, (which by his own Principle, must be the Immediate Dictate of the *Holy Ghost*, if I have no *Natural Light* which taught it me) yet he can have no Reason to break Communion with us, upon this

this Account, more than with *Hubberthorn*, *Burrough*, or other *Quakers* who held the same, as *James Naylor*, and others I cou'd shew, if that were worth the while. And though *James Naylor* was Censur'd by the *Quakers* for other things, yet never for this; and he was Receiv'd again into Favour, and Liv'd and Dy'd in their *Communion*.

3. This hinders not, by Mr. *Penn's* own Acknowledgment, they and we being all of one *Religion*. For he says, p. 62. *I know not how properly they may be call'd of divers Religions, that assert the True God for the Object of Worship; The Lord Jesus Christ, for the only Saviour; and the Light or Spirit of Christ, for the Great Agent and Means of Mans Conversion and Eternal Felicity.*

Now all this, Mr. *Penn*, the *Church of England* does most sincerely and heartily *Believe*, and ever have *Profess'd* it: And therefore, if we be not of divers *Religions*, why of divers *Communions*!

4. Again, your Exposition of *Justification*, p. 79. That you acknowledge *Justification only for the sake of the Death and Sufferings of Christ; and nothing we can do, (say you) though by the Operation of the Holy Spirit, being able to Cancel old Debts, or wipe out old Scores: It is the Power and Efficacy of that Propitiatory offering, upon Faith and Repentance, that Justifies us from the sins that are past; and it is the Power of Christ's Spirit in our hearts, that Purifies, and makes us Acceptable before God.* All this is most *Sound* and *Orthodox*. And your whole *Ninth Chapter* concerning the *Inward and Spiritual Appearance of Christ in the Soul*, I not only *Approve*, but do very much *Congratulate* with you, that you have so *Christianly* and *Pathetically* *Press'd* it. I know you will not suspect me of *Flattery*: For, where ther is occasion, I speak *Plain* enough. This *Cause* Requires not *Dodging*. Let us *Contend* for the *Truth*, on whatever side it lys. It is for our own *Souls*. And we must give an *Account*.

How do you keep up a *Schism*, if you agree with us in these *Fundamentals of Religion*! *Small Matters*, you know, are not sufficient to excuse a *Schism*. *Great things* are to be *dove*, and *much* to be *Born* to *Compass* such *good of souls*.

Therefore let me consider *All your Objections*.

1. Chap. x. Sect. 1. You Insist much upon the *Spirituality* and *Life of Prayer*. In the name of God, carry that as High as you can, you shall find no opposition from us: For without this, *All Prayer*, in whatever words, whether *Ex-tempore*, or *Pre-meditated*, are but *Dead-Forms*. And an *Ex-tempore* Prayer, is only *Ex-tempore* as to the *Speaker*, if he has not thought of it before: But it is as much a *Form* to the *Hearers*, as if he had thought of it; if they join with him, they are ty'd to his words and *method*, and every thing else of his *Prayer*. So that the Question is ill stated, to call *Pre-meditated* Prayer a *Form*, and the other not. Both are *Forms*, and equally *Forms* to the *Hearers*: But the True State of the Question is this, whether an *Ex-tempore*, or a *Pre-meditated* FORM, is most Beneficial to the *Hearers*? Which can be freed from most *Defects*? And which best fitted to the Common Exigencies of the People?

If the Heart cannot be suppos'd to be *Spiritually* lifted up in the use of any *Form*, then must All *Publick* Prayer cease. Then was *The Lords Prayer* Un-fitting ever to be us'd; or the *Psalms* of *David*, which were daily Read in the *Temple*, and compos'd for that End.

But if the *soul* may be *spiritually* lifted up in the Use of a *Form*, then is it Great Un-Charitableness to *Censure* those who use it: And this can be no sufficient Cause for a *separation*.

Besides that it is Impossible for any of your *Hearers* to know whether they make use of (that is, join in) an *Ex-tempore*, or a *Pre-meditated Form*: For how do they know whether the *Speaker* has thought of it before? These are too slender Causes for a *Separation*.

But in our *Churches*, the *Ministers* are not ty'd to the *Common-prayer*, but take the same Liberty as yours, to Pray according to their own Conceptions before and after *Sermon*. So that herein you may join quite free from this Exception.

2. Your next *Exception*, Sect. 2, and 3. is concerning the *Ministry*, That they who undertake it, ought to be *Guided* and *Influenced* by the *Holy-Spirit*. Herein you differ not from us. We assert the same. And it is Demanded in the Examination of Persons to be *Ordain'd*, Whether they are perswaded that they are moved thereto by the *Holy Ghost*? If Men will be-ly their own Consciences, and thrust themselves Unworthily into the *Ministry*, that is not to be objected against the *Constitution*: And, Mr. *Penn*, you know that your *Communion* has Laboured under this Inconvenience as well as ours. I need not go to Instances. I know you will not put me to it. Therefore this is no Cause for *Separation*.

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3. Your 4. *Sect.* That *Ministers* are *Christ's* Witnesses, and applying to this 1 *Joh.* 1. 1, 3. That which we have heard, seen with our Eyes, and our hands have handled, &c. seems Strange; for this was spoken by *St. John* in relation to the *Person* of *Christ*, whom they had seen, felt, &c. And such sort of Witnesses I suppose you do not Pretend to be: You Pretend not to have seen our *Lord* in the *Flesh*. But if you take this *spiritually*, (as I perceive you do) then we Witness it as much as you. And here can be no Cause of *Separation*.

4. Your 5. *Sect.* against Mens offering money to be made *Ministers*. I would fain know what Caution you can advise against *Symony* that is not taken. But if you think it utterly unlawful for *Ministers* to Receive ought from the *People*, to whom they *Preach*, How got *G. Fox* so much Money? And I would desire to know how you answer 1 *Cor.* ix. 7, 11, 14. *Gal.* vi. 6. *Phil.* iv. 14. 16. However, here can be no Cause of *Separation*.

5. *Chap.* xii. *Sect.* 1. You say nothing against *Tythes*, but that you will not Support our *Ministry*: And that depending upon what is said before as to them, I dismiss it. Though you might Grudge them their *Tythes*, and yet not break *Communion*: For you are no less Lyable to them now, than if you were in our *Communion*. And, not now to enter upon the *Jus Divinum* of *Tythes*, (which I think is very Plain) yet till you can shew it to be a Sin for the *King* and *Parliament* to give *Allowances* or *Estates* to the *Clergy*, as well as to other Men, you can never countenance a *Separation* upon the account of *Tythes*. There are many in our *Communion* who are not yet persuaded of the *Divine Right* of *Tythes*.

6. As to your 2. *Sect.* against *Swearing*. You have obtained an *Act of Parliament* to Swear in your own *Form*. Therefore that *Objection* is taken out of the way. At least it can be made no Pretence for a *Separation*.

7. As to your 3. *Sect.* concerning *War*, you say no more of it, than that it ought to Cease among *Christians*. And who does not wish it? But that it may sometimes be *Necessary* and *Lawful* you have allow'd, in Engaging to the Government to maintain Souldiers in *Pensylvania*. But however you may keep that opinion, and yet not make a *Separation*. As you may, what you mention *Sect.* 4, 5, 6, and 7. That is, The *Salutations* of the Times. *Plainness* of *Speech*. Not to Marry from among your selves. *Plainness* in *Apparel*. And to Refrain *Sports* and *Pastimes*.

8. As to *Sect. 8.* against our Publick *Fasts* and *Feasts*, they are little enough observ'd amongst our selves. You'll not be much Quarrell'd for that. But your Reason against them, because they are of *Human* Institution, needs another Reason why that is one, which you do not Give us. All *Churches*, both before and since *Christ*, have done the same. And ther is no *Prohibition* against it. However, if you cannot comply with it, you may stay at home on those days. That is no Reason for a *General* Separation.

And these are all the *Causes* you have *Instanc'd* or *Hinted* at in your Book. And I hope, upon serious Consideration, you will not think that any or all of them are sufficient for a *Separation*.

Remember what you said to your own *Separatists* of *Harp-Lane*, when they desired to put up past *Quarrels*; you bid them then to *Return from their* Separation. Take the *Good Advice* you have given. Sure the *Cause* is more Important. And our *Church* can Plead more *Authority* over you, than you could over them.

And if you think that she has *Errors* and *Defects*, (wherein I will join with you) yet Consider, that no *Errors* can justify a Breach of *Communion*, but those which are Impos'd as Conditions of *Communion*.

We shall have many things to *Bear* with, to *Bemoan*, to *Amend*, to *Struggle* with, while we are upon this Earth.

And he that will make a *Separation* for every *Error*, will fall into much greater *Error* and *Sin* than that which he would seek to *Cure*. It is like tearing *Christ's* seamless *Coat*, because we like not the *colour*, or to mend the *Fashion* of a *Sleeve*.

God Direct you, and us all. To His Grace I commend you, and the *Influences* of His *Blessed* Spirit, to shew you what Great things it is in your Power to do for Him and His Church; and give you a Heart to do them, that it be not laid to your Charge.

A D V E R T I S E M E N T.

I Would not have the *Reader* or the *Quakers* think, because I have instanced but in *Seven* Particulars, wherein the *Quakers* have Copy'd after the *Ancient Hereticks* within the first 150 Years of *Christianity*, that therefore ther are no more. But I would not swell this matter to too great a bulk. I have shewn in *The Snake*, *Sect. ix.* how *George Fox* falls in with the *Patripassians*, who Deny'd any Distinction of *Persons* in the *God-head*; and consequently held that it was *God the Father* who was Born of the *B. Virgin*, and *Dyed* for us. And whoever will compare the Tenets of the *Quakers* with the Account which *Epiphanius* and others later, have given of the *Gnosticks*, and other *Hereticks* of those times, will find many other Particulars wherein they agree. But because the *Quakers*, and others of our *Dissenters*, have (for no cause but their own *Guilt*) excepted against the Account of former *Hereses*, given by those of After Ages, I have, to take away all Umbrage, fetched my Authoritys from those who were *Co-temporaries* with those *Hereticks* which they mention.

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A *Ant. Johnson.*

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Wherein the Cause of

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Is briefly Treated.

By the Author

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P R E F A C E.

THIS *Discourse* was Promis'd in that which I formerly Publish'd, proving the *Divine Institution of Water-Baptism*; And was intended to have been Annex'd to that; but some Delays prevented it. I can give no good Reason why it has stay'd thus long, having made but little Addition to what was then done: But other things Interven'd, and, as it is usual in Delays, the first in Design proves the last in Fact.

The Subject of this has led me directly upon the larger Theme of *Episcopacy*; which having been so *Elaborately* and so *Often* treated of, I intend not in this to Branch out into so wide a Field; but in a short compendious Method, to lay before the *Quakers*, and others of our *Dissenters*,

The Preface.

ters from *Episcopacy*, the Heart of the Cause, so far particularly as it concerns our present Subject, the *Right of Admimistring* the *Sacraments of Christ*.

And to avoid the length of Quotations, when brought into the Discourse, and Dilated upon, I have, at the end, Annex'd a small *Index* of Quotations out of the *Primitive Fathers* and *Councils* of the first 450 Years after *Christ*, to which the Reader may Recur, as ther is occasion. And having them all in one view, may consider them more Intirely, and Remember them the better.

I have Translated them for the sake of the *English* Reader, but have put the *Originals* in another *Column*, to justify the Translation; and for their sakes who may not have the Books at hand.

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S E C T. I.

*The Necessity of an Outward Commission to the Ministers
of the Gospel.*

Some *Quakers* having perus'd my *Discourse of Baptism*, think the *Quaker Arguments* against it sufficiently Answered: And they have but one Difficulty remaining, that is, who they are (among the various Pretenders) that are duly Qualify'd to Administer it.

And if satisfaction can be given to them herein, they promise a perfect Compliance to that *Holy Institution*.

The Chief thing they seem to stand upon is the *Personal Holiness* of the *Administrator*; thinking that the *spiritual Effects* of *Baptism* cannot be convey'd by the means of an *Unsanctify'd Instrument*.

But yet they Confess, that there is something else Necessary, besides the *Personal Holiness* of the *Administrator*: Otherwise, they wou'd think themselves as much *Qualify'd to Administer*, it as any others; because, I presume, they suppose themselves to have as great a Measure of the *spirit* as other Men.

This *Requisit* which they want, is that of *Lawful Ordination*.

But the *Presbyterians*, *Independents*, and *Baptists* do pretend to this. Therefore their *Title* to it is to be Examined.

And, that we may proceed the more clearly in this Matter, with Respect still to that Difficulty upon which the *Quakers* lay the stress; we will Inquire concerning those *Qualifications* which are Requisite in any Person that shall take upon him to *Administer* the *Sacraments* of *Christ's* Institution. And,

These *Qualifications* are of two sorts, *Personal* or *Sacerdotal*.

I. *Personal*. The *Holiness* of the *Administrator*. And, though this is a great *Qualification* to *Fit* and *Prepare* a Man for such an Holy Administration, yet this *Alone* does not sufficiently *Qualifie* any Man to take upon him such an Administration.

II. But there is moreover requir'd, 2ly, A *Sacerdotal* *Qualification*, that is, an *Outward Commission*, to Authorize a Man to execute any *Sacerdotal* or *Ministerial* Act of Religion. For, *This Honour no Man taketh unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron; so also Christ glorify'd*
 Heb. v. 4. *not himself to be made an High-Priest; But he that said unto him, thou art my Son—— Thou art a Priest, &c.*

Accordingly we find that *Christ* did not take upon Him the Office of a *Preacher*, till after that *Outward Commission* given to Him by a *Voice* from *Heaven*, at His *Baptism*; for it is written, *Matth. iv. 17. From that time Jesus began to Preach: Then He Began; and He was then about Thirty Years of Age, Luke iii. 23.* Now no Man can doubt of *Christ's* *Qualifications*, before that time, as to *Holiness*, *Sufficiency*, and all *Personal* Endowments. And if all these were not sufficient to *Christ* Himself, without an *Outward Commission*, what other Man can pretend to it upon the Account of any *Personal* Excellencies in Himself, without an *outward Commission*?

III. And as *Christ* was outwardly Commissionated by His *Father*, so did not He leave it to His Disciples, every ones Opinion of his own sufficiency, to thrust himself into the *Vineyard*, but Chose Twelve *Apostles* by Name; and after them, Seventy others of an Inferior Order, whom He sent to *Preach*.

IV. And as *Christ* gave *outward Commissions*, while He was upon the Earth, so we find that His *Apostles* did Proceed in the same Method, after His *Ascension*. *They ordained them Elders in every Church.*
 Act. xiv. 23.

V. But had they, who were thus Ordained by the *Apostles*, Power

Power to Ordain others: Yes, For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest — Ordain Elders in every City. Lay hands suddenly on no Man, &c. St. Clement, in his first Epistle to the Corinthians, writing concerning the Schism which was then risen up amongst them, says, Parag. 44. That the Apostles fore-knowing there would be Contests concerning the Episcopal Name (or Office) did themselves appoint the Persons: And not only so, left that might be said to be of force, only during their time. But that they afterwards established an Order how, when those whom they had Ordained shou'd Die; others, fit and approved Men, shou'd succeed them in their Ministry. Par. 43. that they who were intrusted with this work, by God, in Christ, did Constitute these Officers.

Tit. 1. 5
1 Tim. V.
22.

Και οι Ἀπόστολοι ἡμῶν ἐγνωσθεὶς διὰ
 τῆς Κυρίας Ἰουδῆς Χριστῆ, ὅτι ἐρεῖς
 ἕταιροι ἐπὶ τῆς ὀνόματι τῆς Ἐπισκο-
 πῆς. διὰ τούτων ἐν τῷ ὄντιαν παρ-
 ὄντων εὐλαβήτως τελείαν, κατέστη
 τὸς παρορισμένους, ἑ. μετὰ τούτου, ἐπι-
 νομιῶν δὲ δόξαν, ὅπως ἐὰν κομι-
 θῶσιν, διαδέξων) ἔπειτα δεδοκι-
 μασμένοι ἄνδρες, τῷ λειτουργίαν
 αὐτῶν. — οἱ ἐν Χριστῷ πιστώθεν-
 τες ὡς ὅτι Θεὸς ἔργον τοῦτο, κατέ-
 στη τὸς παρορισμένους.

But this Matter depends not upon the Testimony of him, or many more that might be produced. It is such a Publick Matter of Fact; That I might as well go about to quote particular Authors, to prove that there were Emperors in Rome, as that the Ministers of the Church of Christ were Ordained to succeed one another; and that they did so succeed.

S E C T. II.

The Deduction of this Commission is continu'd in the Succession of Bishops and not of Presbyters.

BUT here is a Dispute, whether this Succession was preserv'd in the Order of Bishops or Presbyters? or whether both are not the same?

I. *Ansiv.* 1. This is the Contest betwixt the Presbyterians and us: But either way it operates against the Quakers, who allow of no Succession deriv'd by outward Ordination.

II. *Answ. 2.* But because the Design of this *Discourse* is to shew the *Succession* from the *Apostles*, I answer that this *Succession* is preserv'd and deriv'd only in the *Bishops*: As the continuance of any *Society*, is deduc'd in the *Succession* of the *Chief Governors* of the *Society*, not of the *Inferior Officers*. Thus in *Kingdoms*, we reckon by the *Succession* of the *Kings*, not of *Sheriffs* or *Constables*; and in *Corporations* by the *Succession* of the *Mayors* or other *Chief Officers*; not of the *Inferiour Bailiffs* or *Serjeants*: So the *Succession* of the *Churches* is Computed in the *Succession* of the *Bishops*, who are the *Chief Governours* of the *Churches*; and not of *Presbyters*, who are but *Inferiour Officers* under the *Bishops*.

III. And, in this, the Matter of Fact is as Clear and Evident as the *Succession* of any *Kings* or *Corporations* in the World.

To begin with the *Apostles*, we find not only that they Constituted *Timothy* Bishop of *Ephesus*, and *Titus* of *Crete*, as in the Subscriptions of *St. Paul's* Epistles to them: But, in *Eusebius* and other *Ecclesiastical Historians*, you have the *Bishops* Nam'd who were Constituted by the *Apostles* themselves, over the then famous *Churches* of *Jerusalem*, *Antioch*, *Rome*, and *Alexandria*, and many other *Churches*; and the *Succession* of them down all along.

St. Polycarp, Bishop of *Smyrna*, was Disciple to *St. John* the *Apostle*; and *St. Irenæus*, who was Disciple to *St. Polycarp*, was Constituted Bishop of *Lyons* in *France*.

I mention this, because it is so near us; for, in all other *Churches*, throughout the whole World, where-ever *Christianity* was Planted, *Episcopacy* was every where Establish'd, without one Exception, as is Evident from all their Records.

And so it was with us in *England*; whither it is generally suppos'd, and with very good Grounds, that *St. Paul* first brought the *Christian Faith*. *Clemens Romanus*, in his *First Epist.* to the *Corinthians*, Paragr. 5. Says, that *St. Paul* went Preaching the Gospel to the farthest bounds of the west; *Ἰν τὴν ἄκρην τῆς Δύσεως*. by which Term *Britain* was then Understood. And *Theodoret* expressly Names the *Britains* among the Nations Converted by the *Apostles*. (To. 4. serm. 9. p. 610.) And *Eusebius* in his *Evangelical Demonstration*, (l. 3. c. 7. p. 113.) Names likewise the *Britains*, as then Converted.

But whether *St. Paul*, or, as some Conjecture, *Joseph of Arimathea*, or any other *Apostolical* Person was the first who Preach'd *Christ* in *England*, it matters not, as to our Present Purpose; who Enquire only concerning *Episcopacy*; And it is Certain by all our Histories, that as far up as they give us any Account of *Christianity* in this *Island*; they tell us likewise of *Bishops*; and the Succession of this *Church of England* has been Deduc'd in the Succession of *Bishops*, and not of *Presbyters*. And particularly in the *Dioeses* of *London*, which was the first *Archi-Episcopal See*, before *Augustin* the *Monk* came hither, after which it was Establish'd in *Canterbury*. And the *Saxon* Writers have Transmitted the Succession of their *Bishops* in *Canterbury*; *Rocheſter*, *London*, &c:

And in Countries so Remote and Barbarous as *Iceland* it self we find the same care taken; *Ara* or *Aras* an *Icelandish* Priest Surnam'd *Hinfrode* the *Learned*, who flourish'd in the *Eleventh* Century, and was 25 Years Old when *Christianity* was brought thither; in his Book of that Country written in *Icelandish*, has Transmitted to Posterity, not only the Succession but the Genealogies of the *Bishops* of *Skalholt* and *Hola* (the two *Episcopal Sees* of *Iceland*) as they Succeeded one another in his Time. I mention this of *Iceland*; to shew that *Episcopacy* has Extended it self Equally with *Christianity*, which was carry'd by it, into the Remotest Corners of the Earth; upon which account the *Bishops* of *Skalholt* and *Hola*, and their Succession, are as Remarkable Proofs of *Episcopacy*, tho' not so Famous as the *Bishops* of *Canterbury* and *London*.

IV. If the *Presbyterians* will say (because they have nothing left to say) that all *London* (for Example) was but one *Parish*; and that the *Presbyter* of every other *Parish* was as much a *Bishop* as the *Bishop* of *London*; because the words *Ἐπίσκοπος* and *Πρεσβύτερος* *Bishop* and *Presbyter*, are sometimes us'd in the same sense; They may as well prove that *Christ* was but a *Deacon*, because He is so call'd, *Rom. xv. 8.* *Διάκονος*; which we rightly Translate a *Minister*. And *Bishop* signifies an *Overseer*, and *Presbyter* an *Ancient Man*; or *Elder Man*; whence our Term of *Aldermen*. And this is as good a Foundation to Prove that the *Apostles* were *Aldermen*, in the *City* acceptation of the Word; or that our *Aldermen* are all *Bishops* and *Apostles*, as to Prove that *Pres-*
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bishops and *Bishops* are all one, from the Childish *Gingle* of the Words.

It wou'd be the same thing, if one shou'd undertake to Confront all Antiquity, and Prove against all the Histories, that the *Emperors of Rome* were no more than *Generals of Armies*, and that every Roman *General* was *Emperor of Rome*; because he cou'd find the word *Imperator* sometimes apply'd to the *General* of an *Army*.

Or as if a *Common-wealth-man* shou'd get up, and say, that our former *Kings* were no more than our *Dukes* are now; because the *Stile of Grace*, which is now given to *Dukes*, was then given to *Kings*.

And suppose that any one were put under the Pennance of Answering to such Ridiculous Arguments, what Method wou'd he take, but to shew that the *Emperors of Rome*, and former *Kings of England*, had *Generals of Armies* and *Dukes* under them, and Exercis'd Authority over them?

Therefore when we find it given in Charge to *Timothy*, the first *Bishop of Ephesus*, how he was to Proceed against his *Presbyters*, when they Transgressed; to Sit in Judgment upon them, Examine *Witnesses* against them, and pass *Censures* upon them, it is a most Impertinent *Logomachy* to argue from the *Etymology* of the Words; that notwithstanding of all this, a *Bishop* and a *Presbyter* are the same thing. Therefore that one Text, i *Tim.* v. 19. is sufficient to silence this Pitiful Clamour of the *Presbyterians*; our *English* reads it, against an *Elder*, which is the *Literal* Translation of the word *Presbyter*, *κατὰ πρεσβυτέρου*, against a *Presbyter* receive not an *Accusation*, but before two or three *Witnesses*; and, them that sin Rebuke before all; that others also may fear. Now, upon the *Presbyterian* Hypothesis, we must say that *Timothy* had no *Authority* or *Jurisdiction* over that *Presbyter*, against whom he had Power to Receive *Accusations*, Examine *Witnesses*, and pass *Censures* upon him: And that such a *Presbyter* had the same *Authority* over *Timothy*— which is so Extravagant and against *Common Sense*, that I will not stay longer to Confute it; and think this enough to have said concerning the *Presbyterian* Argument from the *Etymology* of the words *Bishop* and *Presbyter*.

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And this likewise *Confutes* their other *Pretence*, which I have mention'd, that the Ancient *Bishopricks* were only *Single* and *Independent Congregations*, or *Parishes*. This is a *Topick* they have taken up but of late (being Beaten from all their other Holds) and Launched by Mr. *David Clarkson*, in a Book which he Entitules *Primitive Episcopacy*; which has given occasion to an Excellent Answer, by Dr. *Hen. Maurice*, call'd *A Defence of Diocesan Episcopacy*, Printed 1691. which, I suppose, has ended that Controversie, and hindred the World from being more troubl'd upon that Head. And their other little Shift, and as Groundless, that the *Primitive Bishops* were no other than their *Moderators*, advanced more lately by *Gilb. Rule* late *Moderator* of the *General Assembly* in *Scotland*, has been as *Learnedly*, and with great *Clearness of Reason*, *Confuted* by the *Worthy J. S.* in his *Principles of the Cyprianick Age*, Printed 1695.

But, as I said, that Text, *1 Tim. v. 19.* has made all these *Pre- tences* wholly useless to the *Presbyterians*: For supposing their most Notorious false supposition, as if the *Bishopricks* of *Jerusalem*, *Rome*, *Alexandria*, or *London*, consisted but of one single Congregation, and that such *Bishops* had no *Presbyters* under them; but that all *Presbyters* were Equally *Bishops*; I say, supposing this, then it must follow from what we Read of *Timothy*, that one *Bishop* or *Presbyter* had *Jurisdiction* over other *Bishops* or *Presbyters*, which will Destroy the *Presbyterian* Claim of *Parity*, as much as their Confession to the *Truth*, and plain *Matter of Fact*, that *Bishops* had *Presbyters* under their *Jurisdiction*; and that they were *Distinct Orders*: Notwithstanding that a *Bishop* may be call'd *Διάκονος* a *Deacon*, or *Minister of Christ*; and likewise *πρεσβυτερος*, an *Elder* or *Grave Man*, which is a Term of *Magistracy* and *Dignity*, and not ty'd to *Age*. And a *Presbyter* may likewise, in a sound Sense, be call'd a *Bishop*, that is, an *Overseer* or *Shepherd*, which he truly is over his *Particular Flock*; without denying at all his *Dependance* upon his *Bishop* and *Overseer*:

V. As under the Term of *Priest*, the *High-Priest* was Included, without Destroying his *Supremacy*, over the other *Priests*: Against which *Korah* and his *Presbyters*, or *Inferiour Priests* arose. And if the *Presbyterians* will take his word, whom, of all the *Fathers*, they most *Admire*, and *Quote* often on their side, that is, *St. Jerom*, he will tell them, in that very *E-*
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pistle (ad *Evagr.*) which they Boast favours them so much, That what *Aaron*, and his *Sons*, and the *Levites* were in the *Temple*, that same are *Bishop*, *Presbyter*, and *Deacon* in the *Church*.

And long before him, *Clemens Romanus* in his 1 *Epist.* to the *Corinthians*, makes frequent Allusion to the *Episcopacy* of the *Levitical Priesthood*, and argues from thence to that of the *Christian Church*. Thus Paragraph 40. Τῷ γὰρ Ἀρχιερεὶ ἰδίαι λειτουργίαι δε-
 To the *High-Priest* (says he) were
 allotted his proper Offices; to the
 Priests, their proper place was af-
 signed; and to the *Levites* their
 services were appointed; and the *Lay-men* were Restrain'd within the
 precepts to *Lay-men*. And Paragraph 42. he applies that Scripture, *Ma. LX. 17.* to the Officers of the *Christian Church*, and renders it thus; *I will Constitute their Bishops in Righteousness, and their Deacons in Faith.* The *Greek Translation* of the *LXX* has it thus. *I will give thee Rulers (or Princes) δώσω τὰς ἀρχοντας σε ἐν εἰρήνῃ, καὶ ἐν εἰρήνῃ; and thy Bishops in Righteousness. τὰς Ἐπισκόπους σε ἐν δικαιοσύνῃ.*

It was the frequent Method of these *Primitive Fathers* to Reason thus from the Parallel 'twixt the *Law* and the *Gospel*, the one being an *Exact Type* of the other, and therefore being fulfill'd in the other. And in this they follow'd the Example of *Christ*, and the *Apostles*, who argu'd in the same manner, as you may see *Matth. v.* *I Cor. x.* the whole *Epistle* to the *Hebrews*, and many other Places of the *New Testament*.

VI. Now the *Presbyterians* are desir'd to shew any one Disparity betwixt their Case and that of *Korah*; who was a *Priest* of the *second Order*, that is, a *Presbyter*; and withdrew his Obedience from the *High-Priest* with other *Mutinous Levites*: For, there was no matter of *Doctrine* or *Worship* betwixt them and *Aaron*; nor any other Dispute but that of *Church-Government*. And, by the Parallel betwixt the *Old Testament* and the *New*, *Korah* was a *Presbyterian*, who Rose up against the *Episcopacy* of *Aaron*. But this Case is brought yet nearer home; for, we are told (*Jude xi.*) of those under the *Gospel*, who perish in the gain-saying of *Korah*: And in the *Epist.* of *Clem. Rom.* to the *Corinthians*, before Quoted, Paragraph 43. He plainly applies this Case of *Korah*, to the state of the *Christian Church*; shewing at large, that as *Moses*, by the
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Command of God, Determin'd the Pretensions of the Twelve Tribes to the *Glory* of the Priesthood, by the Miraculous Budding of *Aaron's Rod*, which was after the *Schism* and Punishment of *Korah* and his Company. So likewise, he says, the *Apostles* foreknowing, by *Christ*, that Dissentions wou'd arise also in the *Christian Church*, by various Pretenders to the *Evangelical Priesthood*, did Settle and Establish, not only the Persons themselves; But gave *Rules* and *Orders* for continuing the *Succession* after their Deaths, as I have before Quoted his Words. So that it is plain from hence, That the *Evangelical Priesthood*, is as Positively, and Certainly Establish'd, and Determin'd, in the *Succession* of Ecclesiastical Ordination, as the *Levitical* was, in the *Succession* of *Aaron*. And consequently, that the *Rebellion* of *Presbyters* from under the Government of their *Bishops*, is the same Case as the *Rebellion* (for so it is call'd, *Numb. xvii. 10.*) of *Korah* and his *Levites*, against *Aaron*; who had as good a Pretence against him from the word *Levite*, which was Common to the whole *Tribe*; as the *Presbyterians* have against *Bishops*, from the Name *Bishop* and *Presbyter*, being us'd sometimes promiscuously, and apply'd to the *Clergy* in General; which is a Term that Includes all the *Orders* of the *Church*, as *Levite* did among the *Jews*.

VII. But, to leave the fruitless Contest about words, let this Matter be Determin'd, as other Matters of Fact are.

If I pretend to succeed any Man in an *Honour* or *Estate*, I must name him who had such an *Estate* or *Honour* before me; and the Man who had it before him; and who had it before him; and so up all the way to him who first had it; and from whom all the rest do derive; and how it was lawfully deduc'd from one to another.

This the *Bishops* have done, as I have shewn; and can name all the way backward, as far as History goes, from the Present *Bishop* of *London*, (for example) to the first Plantation of *Christianity* in this Kingdom: So, from the present *Bishop* of *Lyons* up to *Irenaeus* the Disciple of *St. Polycarp*, as before is told. The Records are yet more certain in the Great *Bishopricks* of *Rome*, *Antioch*, *Alexandria*, and others, while they lasted in the World. And tho' the Records may not be Extant of every small *Bishoprick*, which was less taken notice of; as the Names of many *Kings* are lost, in obscure Nations; of many *Mayors* or *Sheriffs*, who, notwithstanding have as cer-

tainly Succeeded one another, as where the Records are Preserv'd. I say, tho' every *Bishop* in the World cannot tell the Names of all his *Predecessors* up to the *Apostles*, yet their *Succession* is certain: And in most Christian Nations there are *Bishops* who can do it; which is a sufficient Proof for the rest, all standing upon the same Bottom, and being Deriv'd in the same Manner.

Now, to Ballance this, it is Desir'd, that the *Presbyterians* wou'd shew the *Succession* of any one *Presbyter* in the World, who was not likewise a *Bishop*, in our acceptation of [the Word], in the like manner, from the *Apostles*.

Till when, their small *Criticisms* upon the *Etymology* of the Words, *Bishop* or *Presbyter*, is as poor a Plea, as if I shou'd pretend to be Heir to an Estate, from the likeness of my Name to somebody who once had it.

And here I cannot choose but apply the Complaint of our *Saviour*, *John v. 43*. If any come, in the Name of *Christ*, that is, by a Commission from Him, deriv'd down all the way, by Regular *Ordination*, him ye will not Receive: Nay, tho' he be otherwise a Man without Exception, either as to his *Life* and *Conversation*, or as to his *Gifts* and *Sufficiency* for the *Ministry*; you make this his *Commission* an *Objection* against him: For that Reason alone, you will not accept him. But, if another come in *his own Name*, that is, with no *Commission*; but what he has from himself; his *own Opinion* of his *own Worthiness*; giving out that *himself is some Great One*, (*Act. viii. 9.*) him ye will Receive, and Follow and Admire him; *Heaping to your selves Teachers, having Itching Ears*, as it was Prophecy'd of these most degenerate Times, *2 Tim. iv. 3.*

But as to those well-dispos'd *Quakers*, for whose Information Chiefly I have wrote this *Discourse*, I must suppose that their Inquiry is wholly concerning the several *Titles* of *Bishops*, *Presbyterians*, *Independents*, &c. to the true *Succession* from the *Apostles*: That it may thereby be known, to which of all these they ought to go for *Baptism*.

This I have shewn, in behalf of *Episcopacy*; and put the *Presbyterians* to prove their *Succession*, in the Form of *Presbytery*, which they can never do: Because, as I have said before, the *Chronology* of the *Church* does not Compute from the *Succession* of the *Presbyters*,

Presbyters, but only of the *Bishops*, as being the *Chief Governors* of the *Church*. And therefore, tho' in many *Bishopricks*, the *Roll* of their *Bishops* is preserv'd from the *Apostles* to this Day; yet there is not one bare *Presbyter*, that is, the *Minister* of a *Parish*, and no more, no not in all the *World*, who can give a *Roll* of his *Predecessors*, in that *Parish*, half way to the *Apostles*, or near it: For, from the first *Plantation* of *Christianity*, the *Church* was *Divided* into *Bishopricks*; this was necessary for the *Government* of the *Church*: But it was not so early *Sub-divided* into *Parishes*. The *Presbyters*, at first, attending upon the *Bishop*, were sent out by him, to such *Places*, and for such *Time* as he thought fit; and *Returning*, gave *Account* of their *Stewardships*, or were *Visited*, and *Changed* by him, as he saw *Cause*: And therefore, tho' one might come after another, in the *Place* where he had *Ministred* before; yet they cou'd not *Properly* be said to *Succeed* one another; as (to speak *Intelligibly* to the *Quakers*) many of them do *Preach* after *G. Fox*, yet none of them are said to *Succeed* him.

I have been thus long upon the *Presbyterians*, because they only, of all our *Dissenters*, have any *Pretence* to *Succession*. And what I have said, as to them, must *Operate* more strongly against the later *Independent*, *Baptist*, &c. who have not the *Face* to *Pretend* to *Succession*, but set up merely upon their own pretended *Gifts*.

VIII. But what are these *Gifts*, which they so *Highly Boast*?

1. An *Inward*, and more than *Ordinary* *Participation* of the *Graces* of the *Holy Spirit*.

2. A *Fluency* and *Powerfulness* in *Preaching* and *Praying*.

I know of no other *Gifts* that any of our *Dissenters* pretend to; unless they will set up for *Miracles*, as *G. Fox*, &c. And other *Dissenters* did likewise pretend to the same, at their first setting out; to amuse the *People*; but (as the *Quakers*) have let it drop afterwards, to stop any further *Examination* of it; having already serv'd their *Turn* by it.

But, as to these pretended *Gifts*, if we may trust to our *Saviour's* *Rule*, of knowing the *Tree* by its *Fruits*, we cannot think it the *Holy Spirit* of which these Men did partake, who fill'd these *three Nations* with *Blood* and *Slaughter*; and whose *Religion* was never (otherwise *Introduc'd*, than by *Rebellion*, in any *Country* whither-soever it has yet come.

And as to that *Volubility* of *Tongue*, which they Boast, as the main *Proof* of their *Mission*, we have found it by Experience, that a little *Confidence* and *Custom*, will Improve very slender *Judgments*, to great *Readiness* in that sort of *Talent*.

And the *Powerfulness* which is found in it by some, who are affected with a *Dismal Tone*, *Wray Faces*, and *Antick Gestures*, is not more but less, if there be either *Method* or *Sense* in the *Discourse*: Which shews their *Passion* to proceed not from *Reason*, but *Imagination*.

The *Scots Presbyterian-Eloquence* affords us *Monstrous Proofs* of this; but not so many, as you may have from *Eye* and *Ear-Witnesses*.

Such *Course*, *Rude*, and *Nasty Treatment* of *God*, as they call *Devotion*; as in it self, it is the highest *Affront* to The *Divine Majesty*; so has it *Contributed*, in a very great Measure, to that wild *Atheism*, which has always attended these sort of *Inspirations*: It seeming to many, more Reasonable to Worship no *God* at all, than to let upon, on purpose to *Ridicule* Him.

But this sort of *Enthusiasm* presumes upon a *Familiarity* with *God*, which breeds *Contempt*, and *Despises* the *Sobriety* of *Religion*, as a low *Dispensation*. I Recommend to the Reader that Excellent *Sermon*, upon this Subject, of *Dr. Hicks*, call'd *The Spirit of Enthusiasm Exorcis'd*. And I desire those to consider, who are most taken with these seeming Extraordinary Gifts of *Volubility* and *Nimbleness* in *Prayer*, that the most *wicked Men* are capable of this Perfection; none more than *Oliver Cromwell*, especially when he was about some *Nefarious Wickedness*: He continu'd most *Fluently* in this *Exercise*, all the time that his *Cut-throats* were *Murdering* of his *Royal Master*. And his *Gift* of *Prayer* was greatly *Admir'd*. *Major weir* of *Edinburgh*, was another great Instance, who was strangely *Ador'd* for his *Gifts*, especially of *Prayer*, by the *Presbyterians* in *Scotland*; while, at the same time, he was wallowing in the most *Unnatural* and *Monstrous Sins*. See his *Stupendous Story* in *Ravillac Redivivus*.

There are many Examples of this Nature, which shew that this *Gift* is attainable by *Art*. *Dr. wilkins* (the Father of the *Latitudinarians*) has given us the *Receipt*, in his *Gift of Prayer*.

Yet none of the Performances of these *Gifted men* are any ways *Comparable* (as to the wonderful *Readiness* in which they Boast)

to the *Extempore Verses* of *Westminster School*, which *Isaac Vossius* cou'd not believe to be *Extempore*, till he gave the *Boys* a *Theme*, which was *senes bis Pueri*, and he had no sooner spoke the Words, but he was immediately *Pelted* with *Ingenious Epigrams* from four or five *Boys*.

So that this *Volubility* in *Prayer*, which is the *Gift* our *Dissenters* do most *Glory* in, may be *deduc'd* from an *Original* far short of *Divine Inspiration*.

But suppose that they had really those wonderful *Gifts* which they pretend to, yet were this no ground at all to *Countenance* or *Warrant* their making a *Schism*, upon that Account.

This Case has been *Rul'd* in a *Famous* and most *Remarkable* Instance of it, which *God* was pleas'd to permit, (for the future *Instruction* of His *Church*) at the first *seating* out of the *Gospel*, in the very *Days* of the *Apostles*.

Then it was that *Christ*, having *Ascended up on High*, gave many and *miraculous Gifts* unto *Men*; which was necessary towards the first *Propagation* of His *Gospel*, in *Opposition* to all the *Established Religions* and *Governments* then in the *World*; and under their *Persecution*.

But these *Gifts* of *Miracles* did not always secure the *Possessors* from *Vanity*, and an high *Opinion* of themselves, to the *disparagement* of others; and even to break the *Order* and *Peace* of the *Church*, by *advancing* themselves above their *Superiors*; or *thinking* none *Superior* to themselves.

The *Great Apostle* of the *Gentiles* was not free'd from the *Temptation* of this; whom the *Messenger of Satan* was sent to *buffet*, least he shou'd be *Exalted* above *measure*, thro' the *Abundance* of the *Revelations* which were given to him; 2 *Cor.* xii. 7. Nay more, our *Blessed Saviour* tells of those who had *miraculous Gifts* bestow'd upon them, and yet shou'd be finally *Rejected*, *Matth.* vii. 22, 23. Therefore He *Instructs* His *Disciples* not to *Rejoyce* in those *Miraculous Gifts* which he bestow'd upon them, but rather that their *Names* were *written in Heaven*, *Luke* x. 20. which supposes, that they might have such *Gifts*, and yet their *Names* not be *written in Heaven*.

And when He taught them how to *Pray*, He added no *Petition* for such *Gifts*, but only for the *Remission* of their *Sins*, and the *Sanctifying Graces* of the *Holy Spirit*; which are, as most *Profitable* to *Us*, so most *Precious* in the *sight* of *God*.

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Now some who had these *Miraculous Gifts* made ill use of them, and occasion'd a great *Schism* (the first in the *Christian Church*) at *Corinth*. They were *Exalted* above *Measure*, in their own *Gifts*; and therefore Refus'd to submit themselves to those who were their *Superiors* in the *Church* (who, perhaps, had not such *Gifts* as they had) but set up for themselves, and drew *Parties* after them, who were Charm'd with their *Extraordinary Gifts*; thinking that the *Participation* of the *saving Graces* of the *Holy Spirit* must there Chiefly be *Communicated*, where God had bestow'd such *wonderful Gifts*. And they laid more stress upon the *Personal Qualifications* of these *Ministers* of God, than upon the observance of that *Order* and *Constitution* which He had *Commanded*; which was, in *Effect*, preferring *Men* to *God*, and trusting to the *Instruments* rather than to the *Author* of their *Religion*; as if thro' the *Power* and *Holiness* of the *Administrators* of God's *Institutions*, and not from *Him* alone, the *Graces* which were *Promis'd* to the due *Observance* of them, were convey'd. *Act. iii. 12.*

And this, as it turn'd *Men* from *God*, to *Trust* in *Man*, so, as a necessary *Consequence* of it, it begot great *Emulations* among the *People* for one *Teacher* against another, even (sometimes) when it was not the *Fault* of the *Teachers*. For *People* being once let loose from *Government* and *Order*, to follow the *Imaginations* of their own *Brain*, will run farther than their first *Seducers* did *Intend*; and will *Carve* for themselves.

Thus, in the *Schism* of the *Church* at *Corinth*, one was for *Paul*, another for *Apollos*, another for *Cephas*, &c. much against the *Minds* of these good *Apostles*; but having been once unsettl'd by the *Pride* and *Ambition* of *Seducers*, they *Heaped* to themselves *Teachers*, having *itching Ears*; and made *Divisions* among themselves, Pretendingly in behalf of *Christ* and His *Apostles*, but in *Effect*, tending to *Divide Christ* and His *Apostles*, as all *Schisms* do.

Against these *St. Paul* *Disputes* with wonderful force of *Reason* and *Eloquence*; particularly in the *xii Chap.* of his first *Epistle* to these same *Corinthians*; wherein, from the *Parallel* of the *Unity* of *Members* in the same *Body*, he admirably *Illustrates*, That the many *Different* and *Miraculous Gifts* which were then *Dispensed* all from the same *Spirit*, cou'd be no more an *Argument* for any to *Advance* himself beyond his own *Station* in the *Church*, than for one *Member* of the *Body*, tho' an *Eye* or a *Hand*, the most *Useful* or *Beautiful*,

to Glory it self against the *inferior Members* (who are all Actuated by the same *Soul*) or not to be Content with its *Office* and *Station* in the *Body*, and due *Subordination* to the *Head*. Thence the *Apostle* goes on, and makes the Application in the *xiiith Chap.* That the most Exalted *Spiritual* or even *Miraculous Gifts* cou'd not only not Excuse any *Schism* to be made in the *Body*, that is, the *Church*; But that if any who had such *Gifts*, did not employ them for the Preservation of the *Unity* of the *Church*, which is very properly Express'd by *Charity*, i. e. *Love* for the whole *Body*, such *Gifts* wou'd Profit him *Nothing*, loose all their *Vertue* and *Efficacy*, as to the *Possessor*, and be rather an *Aggravation* against him, than any *Excuse* for him, to withdraw his *Obedience* from his lawful *Superiors*, and *Uturp* the *Office* of the *Head*; and so make a *Schism* in the *Body*, upon the account of his *Gifts*; which tho' they were as great as to speak with the *Tongues* of *Men* and *Angels*; to understand all *Mysteries*, and all *Knowledge*; to have all *Faith*, even to Remove *Mountains*; and such a *Zeal* as to give all his *Goods* to the *Poor*, and his very *Body* to be *Burned*, yet, if it be done in *Schism*, out of that *Love* and *Charity* which is due to the *Body*, and to its *Unity*, all is *Nothing*, will profit him nothing at all.

And no wonder, when all that *Heavenly Glory* in which *Lucifer* was Created, cou'd avail him nothing, when he kept not his first *Principality*, but Aspir'd Higher, and made a *Schism* in the *Hierarchy* of *Heaven*. Jude 6.

How then shall they who have (as *St. Jude* expresses it) left their own *Habitation*, or *Station* in the *Church*, and advanc'd themselves above their *Bishops*, their lawful *Superiors*, the *Heads* and *Principles* of *Unity*, next and immediately under *Christ*, in their *Respective Churches*, upon pretence of their own *Personal Gifts* and *Qualifications*, and thereby make a *Schism* in the *Terrestrial Hierarchy* of the *Church*; which is the *Body* of *Christ*, the *Fulness* of him who Filleth all in all: How shall they be Excus'd for this, whose pretended *Gifts* are in nothing *Extraordinary*, except in a *Furious Zeal* without *Knowledge*, and a *Volubility* of *Tongue*, which proceeds from a *Habit* of *speaking* without *Thinking*; and an *Affurance* that is never out of *Countenance* for Ten Thousand *Blunders*, which wou'd *Dast* and *Confound* any *Man* of *sense* or *Modesty*, or that consider'd the *Presence* of *God*, in which he spoke? Eph. 1. 23.

If those truly *Miraculous Gifts*, which were made a Pretence for the *Schism* at *Corinth*, were not sufficient to justify that *Schism*: How *Ridiculous* and much more *wicked* is the Pretence of our Modern *Gifted-men*, who have pleaded their *Delicate Gifts* as a sufficient Ground for all that *Schism* and *Rebellion* which they have Rais'd up amongst us?

If the real *Gifts* and *Inspirations* of the Holy Spirit were *Stinted* and *Limited* by the *Governors* of the *Church*, to avoid *Schism* and *Confusion* in the *Church*: If the *Prophets* were *Confin'd* as to their
1 Cor. xiv.
from v. 26. *Number*, to *Two*, or at the most *Three* at a time; some ordered to *hold their Peace*, to give place to others; others to *keep silence* for want of an *Interpreter*; and the *women* (tho'
1 Tim. ii. 12. *Gifted* or *Inspir'd* as many then were) totally *silenc'd* in the *Church*, or *Publick Assemblies*: What Spirit has Possess'd our *Modern Pretenders* to *Gifts*, that will not be subject to the *Prophets*, nor to the *Church*, nor to any *Institutions* whether *Divine* or *Humane*! But if their *Superiors* pretend to *Direct* them in any thing, they cry out, what! will you *stint* the *Spirit*! And think this a sufficient Cause to break quite loose from their *Authority*, and set up an open *Schism* against them, upon Pretence of their wonderful *Gifts* forsooth!

That first *Schism* in the *Church* of these *Corinthians* was vigorously oppos'd by the *Apostles* and *Bishops* of the *Church*, at that time. They, like good *watch-men*, wou'd not give way to it, knowing the fatal Consequences of it.

This produc'd *Two Epistles* from St. *Paul* to the *Corinthians*, and *Two* to them from St. *Clement*, then *Bishop* of *Rome*, which are preserv'd, and handed down to us. It was this same occasion of *Schism*, which so early began to Corrupt the *Church*, that led the Holy *Ignatius* (who flourish'd in that same Age) to press so Earnestly in all his *Epistles* to the several *Churches* to whom he wrote, the Indispensable obligation of a strict *Obedience* to their Respective *Bishops*. That the *Laity* shou'd submit themselves to the *Presbyters* and *Deacons*, as to the *Apostolical College* under *Christ*; and that the *Presbyters* and *Deacons*, as well as the *Laity*, shou'd Obey their *Bishop*, as *Christ* Himself, whose Person he did Represent: That therefore whoever kept not *Outward Communion* with his *Bishop*, did forfeit his *Inward Communion* with *Christ*: That no *Sacraments* were *Valid*, or *Acceptable* to *God*, which were not celebrated

brated in Communion with the *Bishop*. That nothing in the *Church* shou'd be done, nor any *Marriage* Contracted without the *Bishop's* Consent, &c. As you will see hereafter.

These clear Testimonies forc'd the *Presbyterians* (because they were not in a Temper to be Convinc'd) to deny these *Epistles* of *St. Ignatius* to be Genuine. But they have been so fully Vindicated, particularly by the most Learned *Bishop of Chester*, *Dr. Pearson*, as to silence that Cavil, and leave no Pretence remaining against *Episcopacy* in that *Primitive* and *Apostolical* Age.

S E C T. III.

Objection from the Times of Popery in this Kingdom; as if that did Un-Church, and consequently break the Succession of our Bishops.

I must now Account for an Objection, which with some, seems a mighty one, even enough to overthrow all that I have said concerning the *Succession* of our *Bishops*: And that is, the long *Mid-night* of *Popery*, which has, in old Time, Darken'd these Nations.

Well. The *Succession*, of which I have been speaking, was no Part of that *Darkness*; and we have, by God's Blessing, recover'd our selves, in a great Measure, from that *Darkness*. But that *Darkness* was such, as, with some, to Destroy the *Episcopal Succession*; because, as they say, such *great Errors*, especially that of *Idolatry*, does quite *Un-church* a People; and consequently must break their *Succession*.

I. This, by the way, is a *Popish* Argument, tho' they that now make it, are not aware of it. For the *Church of Rome* argues thus, That *Idolatry* does *Un-church*; and therefore, if she was *Idolatrous*, for so long a time as we charge upon her, it will follow that, for so many Ages, there was no *Visible Church*, at least, in these *western* Parts of the World. And *Arianism* (which is *Idolatry*) having broke in several times upon the *Church*; if *Idolatry* did quite *Un-church*, and Break the *Succession*, ther wou'd not be a *Christian Church* hardly left in the World. The Consequence

of which wou'd be as fatal to the *Church of Rome*, as to us: Therefore let her look to that Position, which she has advanced against us, that *Idolatry* does *Un-church*.

II. But that it does not *Un-church*, I have this to offer against those *Papists*, *Quakers*, and *Others* who make the Objection.

I. If it does quite *Un-church*, then cou'd no *Christian* be an *Idolater*; because, by that, he wou'd, *ipso facto*, cease to be a Member of the *Christian Church*: But the *Scripture* does suppose that a *Christian* may be an *Idolater*: Therefore *Idolatry* does not *Un-church*. The *Minor* is prov'd, *1 Cor. v. 11.* *If any Man that is called a Brother* (that is, a *Christian*) *be a Fornicator, or Covetous, or an Idolater*—Nay, *Eph. v. 5.* *a covetous man is call'd an Idolater*; and *Col. iii. 5.* *Covetousness is Idolatry*. So that, by this Argument, *Covetousness* does *Un-church*. If it be said, that *Covetousness* is call'd *Idolatry*, only by *Allusion*, but that it is not *Formal Idolatry*: I know no Ground for that Distinction. The *Scripture* calls it *Idolatry*, and makes no Distinction. But,

2dly, In the first Text quoted, *1 Cor. v. 11.* both *Covetousness* and *Idolatry* are Nam'd; so that, you have both *Material* and *Formal*, or what other sort of *Idolatry* you please to fantasie.

I grant, that, in one sense, *Idolatry* does *Un-church*; that is, while we continue in it, it renders us *Obnoxious* to the *wrath of God*; and forfeits our Title to the *Promises* which are made to the *Church* in the *Gospel*: But, so does *Fornication*, *Covetousness*, and every other *Sin*, till we *Repent*, and *Return* from it. But none of these *Sins* do so *Un-church* us, as to *Exclude* our *Returning* to the *Fold*, by sincere *Repentance*; or to need a second *Baptism*, or *Admission* into the *Church*: Neither does *Idolatry*. Do I then put *Idolatry* upon the level with other common *Sins*? No, far from it. Every *Scab* is not a *Leprosie*; yet a *Leper* is a *Man*, and may *Recover* his *Health*. *Idolatry* is a fearful *Leprosie*; but it does not therefore quite *Un-church*, nor throw us out of the *Covenant*. For, if it did; then wou'd not *Repentance* heal it; because *Repentance* is a great Part of the *Covenant*. And therefore, since none deny *Repentance* to an *Idolater*; it follows that he is not yet quite out of the *Covenant*: Some of the *Ancients* have deny'd *Repentance* to *Apostacy*, yet granted it to *Idolatry*; which shews that they did not look upon *Idolatry* to be an absolute *Apostacy*; for every *Sin* is an *Apostacy*, in a Limited sense.

2. Let us, in this Disquisition, follow the Example before mention'd, of the *Apostles* and *most Primitive Fathers*, to measure the *Christian Church* with its exact *Type*, the Church under the *Law*; which are not *Two Churches*, but *Two States* of the same *Church*, for it is the same *Christian Church*, from the first Promise of *Christ*, *Gen. iii. 15.* to the End of the World. And therefore it is said, *Heb. iv. 2.* That the *Gospel* was Preached unto *Them*, as well as unto *Us*. And these two *States* of the Church, *before* and *after* *Christ*, do Answer, like a pair of *Indexes* to one another; the one being, to an *Iota* fulfilled in the other. *Math. v. 18.*

Now we find frequent Lapses to *Idolatry* in the *Church* of the *Jews*: Yet did not this *Un-church* them; no, nor deprive them of a competent measure of God's Holy Spirit; as it is written, *Neh. ix. 18, 20.* *Yea, when they had made them a molten calf, and said, this is thy God—yet thou, in thy manifold Mercies, forsookest them not—Thou gavest thy good Spirit to instruct them, &c.*

And let it be here observ'd, That tho' God sent many *Prophets* to Reprove the great *wickedness* and *Idolatry*, as well of their *Priests* as *People*; yet none of these *Holy Prophets* did separate *Communion* from the *wicked Priests*: They wou'd not joyn in their *Idolatrous* *Worship*; but in all other *Parts*, they joyn'd with them; and set up no opposit *Priesthood* to them. So little did the *Prophets* think that their *Idolatry* had either *Un-church'd* them, or broke the *Succession* of their *Priests*; or that it was *Lawful* for any, how *Holy* soever, to usurp upon their *Priesthood*, and supply the *Deficiencies* of it to the *People*. And apply to this, what I have before shewn, in the words of *St. Clement*, whose *Name* is written in the *Book of Life*, That the *Evangelical Priesthood*, is as surely fixed, in the *Bishops* of the *Church*, and its *Succession* continu'd in those *Ordain'd* by them, as the *Levitical Priesthood* was confirm'd by the *Budding* of *Aaron's Rod*, and to be continu'd in that *Tribe*.

III. And here let our *Korahites*, of several sizes, take a view of the *Heinousness* of their *Schism*; and let them not think their *Crime* to be nothing, because they have been taught, with their *Nurses Milk*, to have the utmost *abhorrence* to the very *Name* of a *Bishop*; tho' they cou'd not tell why. Let them rather consider seriously the *misfortune* of their *Education*, which shou'd make them *Strangers*, to all the rest of the *Christian World* but

themselves in a Corner ; and to all the former Ages of *Christianity*.

They have been told that *Episcopacy* is *Popery*; because the *Papists* have *Bishops*.

So have they *Presbyters* too, that is, *Parish Priests* : They have the *Creed* likewise, and the *Holy Scriptures*; and all these must be *Popish*, if this be a good *Argument*.

But, are they willing to be undeceived? Then they must know that *Episcopacy* has none so great an Enemy as the *Papacy*; which wou'd Engross the whole *Episcopal Power*, into the single *See of Rome*; by making all other *Bishops* absolutely dependent upon that, which only they call the *Apostolical Chair*. And no longer since than the *Council of Trent*, the *Pope* endeavor'd, with all his Interest, to have *Episcopacy*, except only that of the *Bishop of Rome*, to be declar'd not to be *Jure Divino*. By which non other *Bishops* cou'd claim any other Power, but what they had from Him. But that *Council* was not so quite Degenerated as to suffer this to pass.

And the *Jesuits*, and Others, who Disputed there on the *Pope's* part, us'd those same Arguments against the *Divine Right* of *Episcopacy*, which from them, and the *Popish Canonists* and *Schoolmen* have been lick'd up by the *Presbyterians* and others of our *Dissenters*. They are the same Arguments which are us'd by *Pope* and *Presbyter* against *Episcopacy*.

When the *Pope* cou'd not carry his Cause against *Episcopacy* in the *Council of Trent*, he took another Method, and that was, to set up a vast Number of *Presbyterian Priests*, that is, the *Regulars*, whom he Exempted from the *Jurisdiction* of their respective *Bishops*; and fram'd them into a *Method* and *Discipline* of their own, accountable only to *Superiors* of his, and their own contriving; which is exactly the *Presbyterian Model*.

These *Usurpations* upon the *Episcopal Authority*, made the Famous *Archbishop of Spalato*, quit his great Preferments in the *Church of Rome*, and Travel into *England*, in the Reign of King *James I.* to seek for a more *Primitive* and *Independent Episcopacy*. Himself, in his *Consilium Protectionis*, gives these same Reasons for it: And that this shameful *Dépression* and *Prostitution* of *Episcopacy*, in the *Church of Rome*, was the cause of his leaving her.

He observ'd truly, that the further we search upward in *Antiquity*, there is still more to be found of the *Episcopal*, and less of the *Papal Eminency*.

St. *Ignatius* is full, in every line almost, of the high Authority of the *Bishop*, next and immediately under *Christ*, as all the other Writers in those Primitive Times: But there is a profound silence in them all of that *Supremacy* in the *Bishop* of *Rome*, which is now claim'd over all the other *Bishops* of the *Catholick Church*: Which cou'd not be, if it had been then known in the World. This had been a short and effectual Method, whereby St. *Paul*, or St. *Clement* might have quieted the great *Schism* of the *Corinthians*, against which they both wrote, in their *Epistles* to them; to bid them refer their Differences to the *Infalible Judge* of *Controversy*, the *Supreme Pastor* at *Rome*. But not a word like this. Especially considering that St. *Peter* was one, for whom some of these *Corinthians* strove. (1 Cor. i. 12.) against those who preferred others before Him.

The *Usurp'd Supremacy* of the later *Bishops* of *Rome* over their *Fellow-Bishops*, has been as Fatal to *Episcopacy*, as the Rebellion of our yet later *Presbyters* against their Respective *Bishops*.

And indeed, whoever wou'd write the true History of *Presbyterianism*, must begin at *Rome*, and not at *Geneva*.

So very *Groundless*, as well as *Malicious*, is that popular Clamour of *Episcopacy* having any Relation to *Popery*. They are so utterly Irreconcilable, that it is impossible they can stand together: For that moment that *Episcopacy* were Restor'd to its Primitive Independency, the *Papacy*, that is, that *Supremacy*, which does now distinguish it, must *ipso facto* cease. But enough of this, for I must not digress into various Subjects.

I have shewn, in Answer to the Objection of the Ages of *Popery* in this Kingdom, that all those *Errors*, even *Idolatry* it self, does not *Un-church*, nor break *Succession*. And 2dly, I have Exemplifi'd this from the Parallel of the *Jewish Church*, under the *Law*. Then applying of this to our Case, I have vindicated *Episcopacy* from the Imputation of *Popery*. I will now go on to further *Reasons*, why the *Succession* of our present *Bishops* is not hurt by that Deluge of *Popery*, which once cover'd the face of this Land.

IV. The end of all *Government*, as well in the *Church* as *State*, is to preserve *Peace*, *Unity*, and *Order*; and this cannot be done,
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if the *Male-administration* of the *Officers* in the Government, did *Vacate* their *Commission*, without its being *Re-call'd* by those who gave such *Commission* to them. For then, 1st. Every Man must be Judge, when such a *Commission* is *Vacated*; and then no Man is bound to obey longer than he pleases. 2^{dly}, One may say it is *Vacated*, another not; whence perpetual Contention must arise.

A Man may *Forfeit* his *Commission*, that is, do those things, which give just Cause to his *Superiors* to take it from him: But it is not actually *Vacated*, till it be actually *Recall'd* by those who have lawful Power to take it from him: Otherwise their cou'd be no *Peace* nor *Certainty* in the World, either in *Publick* or in *Private* affairs. No *Family* cou'd subsist. No Man enjoy an *Estate*. No *Society* whatever cou'd keep together: And the *Church* being an *Outward Society* (as shewn in the *Discourse of Water* Sect. iii. r. 1. *Baptism*) must consequently subsist by those *Laws* which are indispensable to every *Society*. And tho' *Idolatry* does justly *Forfeit* the *Commission* of any *Church*, in this sense, that God's Promises to Her being *Conditional*, He may justly take her *Commission* from her, and *Remove* her *Candlestick*: Now tho' her *Commission* be thus *Forfeitable*, yet it still *Continues*, and is not actually *Vacated*, till God shall please *actually* to Recall it, or take it away: For no *Commission* is *Void*, till it be so *Declar'd*. Thus, tho' the *Jews* did often fall into *Idolatry*, yet (as before has been said) God did bear long with them; and did not *Un-church* them, tho' they had justly *Forfeited*. And these wicked *Husband men*, who slew those whom the *Lord* sent for the Fruits of His *Vineyard*, yet continu'd still to be the *Husband-men* of the *Vineyard*, till their *Lord* did *Dispossess* them, and gave their *Vineyard* unto others.

And *natural Reason* does enforce this: If a *Steward* abuse his *Trust*, and oppresses the *Tenants*, yet are they still oblig'd to pay their *Rent* to him, and his *Discharges* are sufficient to them against their *Landlord*, till he shall *supercede* such a *Steward*.

If a *Captain* wrong and cheat his *Soldiers*, yet are they oblig'd to remain under his *Command*, till the *King*, who gave him his *Commission*, or those to whom he has *Committed* such an *Authority*, shall *Cashier* him.

And thus it is in the *Sacerdotal Commission*, Abuses in it, do not take it away, till God, or those to whom He has *Committed* such

an Authority, shall *Suspend, Deprive, or Degrade* (as the *Fact* Requires) such a *Bishop* or a *Priest*.

And there is this higher Consideration in the *Sacerdotal Commission*, than in those of Civil Societies; That it being immediately from *God*, as none (therefore) can take this Honour to himself, but he that is called of *God*, as was *Aaron*; so can none take it away, but he that is as *Expresly* and *Outwardly* called thereunto, as *Aaron* was to be a *Priest*. For this wou'd be to *Usurp* upon *God's* immediate *Prerogative*, which is to *Constitute* His own *Priests*. Upon this Foundation I argue.

V. As the *necessity* of *Government*, and the general Commands in *Scripture*, of *Obedience* to *Government* do require our Submission to the *Government* in being, where there is no *Competition* concerning the *Titles*, or any that *Claims* a *better Right* than the *Possessor*: So where a *Church*, once *Establish'd* by *God*, tho' suffering many *Interruptions*, does continue, Her *Governors* ought to be acknowledged, where ther is no *better Claim* set up against them.

This was the Reason why our *Saviour* and His *Apostles* did, without scruple, acknowledge the *High-Priest* and *Sanhedrin* of the *Jews* in their time; tho' from the days of the *Maccabees*, ther had been great *Irruptions*, and *Breaches* in the due *Succession* of their *Priests*: and before *Christ* came, and all His time, the *Romans*, as *Conquerors*, dispos'd of the *Priesthood* as they pleas'd; and made it *Annual* and *Arbitrary*, which *God* had appointed *Hereditary* and *Unmovable*.

But ther was then no *Competition*: The *Jews* did submit to it, because they were under the subjection of the *Romans*, and cou'd have no other. No *High-Priest* claimed against him in Possession, but all submitted to him.

And our *saviour* did confirm His Authority, and of the *Sanhedrin*, or *Inferior Priests* with him, (*Matth. xxiii. 2.*) saying, the *Scribes* and *Pharisees* sit in *Moses's* seat. All therefore, whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do. And *St. Paul* own'd the Authority of the *High-Priest*, *Act. xxiii. 5.*

Many *Objections* might have been rais'd against the *Deduction* of their *Succession* from *Moses*: But ther being none who claim'd any better Right than they had; therefore their *Right* was *Uncontroverted*; and by our *Saviour's* Authority was *Confirm'd*.

Now suppose some *Interruptions* had been in the *Succession*, or *Corruptions* in the *Doctrine* and *Worship* of our *English Bishops*, in former Ages, yet (as in the Case of the *Scribes* and *Pharisees*) that cou'd have no Effect to Invalidate their *Commission* and *Authority* at the present.

S E C T. IV.

*The Assurance and Consent in the Episcopal Communion,
beyond that of any other.*

I. **T**HE whole *Christian World*, as it always has been, so at this Present, it is *Episcopal*, except a few *Dissenters*, who, in less than Two Hundred years last past, have arisen, like a *Wart* upon the Face of the *western Church*. For little more Proportion do our *Dissenters* here, the *Hugonots* in *France*, the *Presbyterians* in *Holland*, *Geneva*, and thereabouts, bear to the whole Body of the *Latin Church*, which is all *Episcopal*. But, if you compare them with the *Catholick Church* all over the World, which is all *Episcopal*, they will not appear so big as a *Mole*.

II. If our *Dissenters* think it much, that the Church of *Rome* shou'd be reckon'd in the List against them; we will be content to leave them out: Nay more, if we shou'd give them all those *Churches*, which own the *Supremacy* of *Rome* to be joyn'd with them (as they are the nearest to them) it will be so far from casting the Ballance on their side, that the other *Episcopal Churches* will, by far, out-number them both.

Let us then, to these *Dissenters* against *Episcopacy*, add the *Churches* of *Italy*, and *Spain* entire, with the *Popish Part* of *Germany*, *France*, *Poland* and *Hungary* (I think they have no more to reckon upon,) against these we produce the vast *Empire* of *Russia* (which is greater in Extent than all these *Popish Countries* before-mention'd) *England*, *Scotland*, *Denmark*, *Sweden*, and all the *Lutheran Churches* in *Germany*, which will out-number both the *Papists* and *Presbyterians* before-mention'd. And this comparison is only made as to the *Latin Church*. But then, we have all the rest of the *Christian World*, wholly on the *Episcopal* side, against both the *Supremacy*

macy of Rome, and Parity of the Presbyterians. The whole Greek Church, the Armenians, Georgians, Mingrelians, Jacobites, the Christians of St. Thomas, and St. John in the East-Indies, and other Oriental Churches. Then in Africa, the Copties in Egypt, and great Empire of the Abyssins in Ethiopia. These all are Episcopal, and never own'd the Supremacy of Rome: And over reckon, out of sight, all that disown Episcopacy, and all that own the Supremacy of Rome with them.

III. Let me add, that among our Dissenters, every Class of them does Condemn all the rest; the Presbyterian Damns the Quaker, the Quaker Damns him, Independent, Baptist, &c. All Damn one another, and Each denys the others Ordination or Call.

So that, the Ordination of every one of them, is disown'd by all the rest; and all of them together by the whole Christian World. And if their Ordinations are not Valid, then they have no more Authority to administer the Sacraments, than any other Lay-men; and consequently, ther can be no security in Receiving Baptism from any of them.

IV. What allowances God will make to those who think their Ordination to be good enough, and that they are true Ministers of the Gospel; and, as such, do receive the Sacraments from them, I will not determine.

But they have no reason to expect the like allowances who are warned of it before-hand, and will notwithstanding venture upon it; before these Dissenters have fully and clearly acquit themselves of so Great and Universal a Charge laid against them; such an one, as must make the whole Christian World wrong, if they be in the Right! Not only the present Christian Churches, but all the Ages of Christianity since Christ. Of which the Dissenters are desir'd to produce any one, in any Part of the World, that were not Episcopal——any one Constituted Church upon the Face of the Earth, that was not Govern'd by Bishops, distinct from, and Superior to Presbyters, before the Vaudois in Piedmont, the Hugonots in France, the Calvinists in Geneva, and the Presbyterians thence Transplanted, in this last Age, into Holland, Scotland and England.

V. If it shou'd be retorted, that neither is the Church of England without Opposers; for, that the Church of Rome opposes Her, as do likewise our Dissenters.

Ans. None of them do oppose Her, in the Point we are now upon, that is, the Validity of *Episcopal* Ordination, which the *Church of Rome* does own; and the *Presbyterians* dare not deny it, because they wou'd (thereby) overthrow all their own *Ordinations*; for the *Presbyters* who *Reformed* (as they call it) from *Bishops*, receiv'd their *Ordination* from *Bishops*.

And therefore, tho' the *Episcopal* Principles do *Invalidate* the *Ordination* by *Presbyters*, yet the *Presbyterian* Principles do not *Invalidate* the *Ordination* by *Bishops*: So that the *Validity* of *Episcopal* *Ordination* stands safe, on all sides, even by the *Confession* of those who are *Enemies* to the *Episcopal* Order: and, in this, the *Bishops* have no opposers.

Whereas, on the other hand, the *Validity* of the *Presbyterian* *Ordinations*, is own'd by none but themselves; and they have all the rest of the *World* as opposite to them.

Therefore, to state the Case the most Impartially; to receive *Baptism* from these *Dissenters*, is, at least, a *hazard* of many *Thousands* to *One*; as many as all the rest of *Christianity* are more than they: But to receive it from the *Bishops*, or *Episcopal* Clergy, has no *hazard* at all, as to its *Validity*, even as own'd by the *Presbyterians* themselves.

S E C T. V.

The Personal Sanctity of the Administrator of the Sacraments, tho' highly Requisite on his Part, yet not of Necessity as to the Receivers, to Convey to them the Benefits of the Sacraments.

THE only Objection of those *Quakers*, who are otherwise convinc'd of the *Obligation* of the *Sacraments*, is the *Necessity* they think ther is of great *Personal* Holiness in the *Administrators*; without which, they cannot see how the *Spiritual* Effects of the *Sacraments* can be convey'd. But I wou'd beseech them to consider, how, by this, instead of referring the *Glory* to *God*, and lessening the *Performance* of *Man*, which I charitably pre-

presume (and I am confident as to some of whom I speak) that it is their true and sincere Intention; but instead of that, I do, in great Good-will, invite them to reflect whither their well-intended Zeal has turn'd the Point of this Question— even to over-magnifie *Man*, and transfer the Glory of *God* unto His *weak Instrument*; as if any (the least Part) of the *Divine Vertue* which *God* has annexed to His *Sacraments* did proceed from His *Minister*. If this be not the meaning (as sure it is not) why so much stress laid upon the *Sanctity* of the *Ministers*? as if thro' their power or holiness the *Holy Ghost* was given! Act. iii. 12.

II. To obviate this pretence, our Saviour *Christ* chose a *Devil* (*John* vi. 70.) to be one of His *Apostles*; and he was sent to *Baptize* and work *Miracles* as well as the rest: And those whom *Judas* did *Baptize*, were, no doubt, as well *Baptized*, and did partake of the *Communication* of the *Spirit* (according to their *Preparation* for it) as much as any who were *Baptized* by the other *Apostles*; unless you will say that *Christ* sent him to *Baptize*, who had no *Authority* to *Baptize*, and that none shou'd receive *Benefit* by his *Baptism*, which wou'd be to *Cheat* and *Delude* the *People*; and is a great *Blasphemy* against *Christ*, and a *distrust* of His *Power*; as if it were *Limited* by the poor *Instrument* He pleases to make use off; whereás,

III. His *Greatness* is often most *Magnify'd* in the *meaness* of the *Instruments*, by which He works. Thus He destroy'd *Egypt* by *Frogs* and *Lice*; and the *Philistines* by *Emerods* and *Mice*; and sent His *Armies* of *Flies* and *Hornets* to dispossess the *Canaanites*. Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy, and the avenger; i. e. That the *Enemies* of *God* might be confounded, when they saw His great *Power* Exerted by such weak and contemptible *Instruments*. The *Walls* of *Jericho* (the *Type* of *Spiritual* wickedness) were thrown down by the blast of seven *Rams Horns*, when blown by the *Priests* whom He had commanded: And He rebuked the *Iniquity* of *Balaam* by the mouth of an *Ass*, to shew that no *Instruments* are *Ineffectual* in His *Hands*; and made use of the mouth of *Balaam* to *Prophecie* of *Christ*. For this cause, says *St. Barnabas*, in his *Catholick Epistle*, c. 5. did *Christ* choose Men who were *Exceeding great Sinners* to be His *A-*

ὁπὲρ πᾶς ἀμαρτανῶν ἀνομιῶν.
posibles;

posses; to shew the Greatness of His Power and Grace; and put the Inestimable Treasure of His Gospel into Earthen Vessels, that the Praise might be to God, and not to Men.

IV. St. Paul rejoiced in Christ being Preached, tho' *Phil. i. 16.* not sincerely by those who did it; because God can bring Good out of Evil; and by wicked Instruments, Propagate His Gospel; turning their malice (even of the Devil himself) to the furtherance of the Faith: Otherwise the Apostle cou'd have no cause to Rejoyce in the Preaching of wicked Men, if none cou'd receive benefit by it. And he plainly supposes, *1 Cor. ix. 27.* That a Man may save others by his Preaching, and yet himself be a cast-away.

V. And so far as we can know or judge any thing, we see daily Experience of this; That God has touched Mens Hearts upon hearing the Truth spoken, tho' by Men who were great Hypocrites, and very wicked. And what reason can be given to the contrary? Truth is Truth whoever speaks it: And if my Heart be prepared, the good Seed receives no evil Tincture of the Hand that sowed it: And who can Limit God, that His Grace may not go along with me in this?

I have heard some of the now separate Quakers confess, that they have formerly felt very sensible Operations of the Spirit, upon the Preaching of some of those whom they have since Detected of gross Errors and Hypocrisies; and they now think it strange. But this were enough to convince them, that the wind bloweth where it listeth: otherwise they must condemn themselves, and confess that, in all that time, they had no true Participation of the Spirit of God, but that what they mistook for it, was a meer Delusion: Or else confess that by the Truths which were spoken by these Ministers of Satan (for they speak some Truths) God might work a good Effect upon the Hearts of some well-dispos'd, tho' then Ignorant, and much Deluded People. If not so, we must judge very severely of all those who live in Idolatrous or Schismatical Countries; ther were great Prophets and good Men among the Ten Tribes. And if the words, nay Miracles, of Christ, did render the Hearts of many yet more obdurate, even to sin against the Holy Ghost; which was the reason why He sometimes refus'd to work Miracles among them, because thereby they grew worse and worse; and if the Preaching of the Gospel, by the mouths of Apostles, became the favour of Death to wicked

*Matt. xii from
v. 22. to v. 32.*

and

and *unprepar'd* Hearts; why may not the words of *Truth* have a good Effect upon *honest* and *good* Minds, tho' spoken from the mouth of an *Hypocrite*, or of Persons, who, in other things, are greatly *Deluded*?

I have before mention'd the *Wizard* Major *Weir*, who *Bewitched* the *Presbyterians* in *Scotland*, since the *Restoration*, 1660, as much as *Simon Magus* did the *Samaritans*: And yet I suppose the more moderate of the *Quakers* will not rashly give all over to *Destruction*, who blindly followed him, and admir'd his *Gifts*; or will say but that some words of *Truth* he might drop, might have a real good Effect upon some *well meaning*, tho' grossly *Deluded* People, who followed him. Two of *Winder's* *witches* (see *The Snakes in the Grass*, p. 300. 2d. Edit.) were *Preachers* among the *Quakers* for Twenty years together; and thought to be as *Powerful* and *Affecting* as any others.

VI. But, the Argument will hold stronger against them, as to the *Sacraments*, than in the Office of *Preaching*; because in *Preaching* much depends upon the *Qualifications* of the Person, as to *Invention*, *Memory*, *Judgment*, &c. But in the Administration of an *Outward Sacrament*; nothing is requir'd, as of *Necessity*, but the lawfulness of the *Commission*, by which such a Person does Administer; and a small measure of *natural* or *acquir'd* Parts is sufficient to the *Administration*.

Therefore let us lay no stress upon the *Instrument* (more than was upon the *waters* of *Jordan* to heal *Naaman*) but trust wholly upon the *Commission*, which conveys the *Vertue* from *God*, and not from His *Ministers*: That all the *Glory* may be to *God*, and not to *Man*.

'Tis true, the *Personal Qualifications* of the *Instrument* are *Lovely* and *Desirable*; but they become a *Snare*, where we expect any part of the *Success* from them. This was the ground of the *Corinthian Schism* (1 *Cor.* i. 11.) and, tho' unteen, of ours at this Day.

VII. And the consequences of it, are of manifold and fatal *Destruction*.

1. This unsettles all the *Assurance* we can have in *God's Promise* to assist His own *Institution*; for, if the *Vertue*, or any part of it, lies in the *Holiness* of the *Instrument*, we can never be sure of the Effect,

Effect, as to us; because, we have no *certain* knowledge of the *Holiness* of another. *Hypocrites* deceive even *good Men*.

2. This wou'd quite disappoint the *Promise* Christ has made; *Matth. xxviii. 20.* To be with His *Ministers*, in the Execution of His Commission; to *Baptize, &c. always, even unto the end of the world.* For, if the *Holiness* of the *Instrument* be a *necessary* Qualification, this may fail, nay always must fail, so far as we can be *sure* of it; and consequently *Christ* has commanded *Baptism* and His *Supper* to continue, *to the end of the world, till his coming again;* and yet has not afforded *means* whereby they may be continu'd; which He has not done, if the *Holiness* of the *Administrator* be a *necessary* Qualification; and that He has not left us a *certain* Rule, whereby to judge of the *Holiness* of another: And thus have you rendred the *Command* of *Christ* of none Effect, thro' your *Tradition*.

3. This is contrary to all God's former Institutions. The *wickedness* of the *Priests*, under the *Law*, did not *excuse* any of the *People* from bringing of their *Sacrifices* to the *Priests*: The *Priests* were to Answer for their own Sin, but the *People* were not answerable for it, or their *Offerings* the less accepted.

But we were in a much worse condition, under the *Gospel-Administration*, if the Effect of *Christ's* Institutions, did depend either *wholly*, or in *part* upon the *Personal Holiness* of His *Priests*. This wou'd put us much more in their Power, than it is the Intention of those who make this objection to allow to them: This magnifies *Men*, more than is due to them; therefore I will apply the *Apostle's* words to this Case; *Let no man glory in men; 1 Cor. iii. 21. who is Paul? and who is Apollo? but ministers—so then, neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God who giveth the increase.*

4. This was (with others) the Error of the Ancient *Donatists*; those Proud and Turbulent *Schismatics*, the great *Disturbers* of the *Peace* of the Church, upon an opinion of their own *Sanctity*, above that of other Men: For which reason, they rejected all *Baptisms*, except what was performed by themselves; and *Re-baptiz'd* those who came over to them, from the *Church*; for, they said that the *Holiness* of the *Administrator* was *necessary* towards conveying the *Spiritual Graces* of *Baptism*: Thus they argu'd; *Qui non habet quod Det, quomodo Dat? i. e. How shall a Man give that*

Adv. Parmen. l. 5.
de schismat. Donatist
Ed. Paris 1631. p. 87

to another, which he has not himself? But Optatus Answers them, that God was the Giver, and not Man, *Videte Deum esse Datorem.* And he argues that it was preferring *Themselves* before God, to think that the *Vertue* of Baptism did come from *Them*; that they were nothing but *Ministers* or *Work-men*; and that, as when a *Cloth* was *Dyed*, the *change* of the *Cloth* came from the *Colours* infus'd, not from the *vertue* of the *Dyer*. So that in *Baptism* the *Change* of the *Baptized*, came from the *Vertue* of the *Sacrament*; not from the *Administrator*: That it was the *water* of *Baptism*, which did *wash*, not the *Person* who apply'd the *water*. That the *Personal Sanctity* of the *Administrator* signify'd nothing to the *Efficacy* of the *Sacrament*; Therefore, says he, *Nos operemur ut Ille det, qui se daturum esse promissit*, i. e. *Let us work, that God, who has promis'd it,* p. 88. *may bestow the Effect*: And that when we work, *Humana sunt opera, sed Dei sunt Munera*, i. e. *The work is Man's, but the Gift is God's.* And thence he exposes that *Jam illud quam Ridiculum est, Ridiculous Principle of the Donatists, which they advanc'd to gain Glory to Themselves; that the Gift in Baptism was of the Administrator, and not of the Receiver: But he shews, that the Gift was conferred by God, proportionably to the Faith of the Receiver, and not according to the Holiness of the Administrator.*

The Discourse is large, to which I refer the Reader. I have given this Taste of it, to let these see to whom I now write, that they have (tho' unaware) stumbled upon the very Notion of the *Donatists*, which divided them from the *Catholick Church*, and which, with them, has been, long since, Exploded by the whole *Christian World*; and I hope this may bring them to a more sober mind; to consider *from whence*, and *with whom* they have fallen; and to return again to the *Peace* of the *Church*, and the *Participation* of the *Blessed Sacraments* of *Christ*, and the *Inestimable Benefits* which He has promis'd to the *Worthy Receivers* of them.

Lastly, Let me observe that this *Error* of the *Donatists* and *Quakers*, borders near upon *Popery*; nay rather seems to exceed it. For the *Church* of *Modern Rome* makes the *Validity* of the *Sacraments* to depend upon the *Intention* of the *Priest*; but his *Intention* is much more in his own *Power*; and ther are more evident *Signs* of it than of his *Holiness*.

VIII. I wou'd not have the *Quakers* imagine that any thing I have said was meant in excuse for the ill Lives of the *Clergy* of the *Church of England*; as if the *Dissenters* were unblamable, but our *Clergy* wholly Prostitute to all wickedness; and that for this cause, we plead against the *Sanctity* of the *Administrator*, as Essential to the *Sacrament*.

No, That is far from the Reason: I do not love to make comparisons, or Personal Reflections. If all Men be not as they shou'd be, pray God make them so. But I think ther is no modest *Dissenter* will be offended, if I say, that ther are of our *Bishops* and *Clergy*, Men, not only of *Learning*, and *moral Honesty*, but of *Devotion*, and *spiritual Illumination*; and as much of the *Sobriety* of Religion; and can give as many *Signs* of it, Equally at least (to speak modestly) as any of our *Dissenters*, of what *Denomination* soever.

IX. And I hope, that what I have said will, at least, hinder the *Succession* of the *Bishops* from the *Apostles*, to be any *Objection* against them: And they being possess'd moreover of all the other *Pretences* of our *Dissenters*, the Ballance must needs lie on their side, and *security* can only be with them; because ther is *doubt* in all the other *Schemes* of the *Dissenters*, if what I have said can amount but to a *Doubt*. If the want of *Succession* and *outward Commission*, upon which *Christ* and His *Apostles*, and the whole *Christian Church*, in all Ages, till the last *Century*; and in all Places, even at this Day, except some *Corners* in the *west*; and the *Mosaical* Institution before them, did, by the *Expres*s Command of God, lay so great a stress; if all this make but a *Doubt* (it is strange that it shou'd, at least, that it shou'd not) in the mind of any considering Persons; then can they not, with *Security*, Communicate with any of our *Dissenters*; because, if he that *Eateth* and *Doubteth* is *Damned*, much more he that shall do so in *Religious* matters; wherein chiefly this Rule must stand, that *whatsoever is not of Faith is sin*.

X. But now, to argue a little, *ad hominem*, suppose that the *Succession* of our *Bishops* were lost; and suppose, what the *Quakers* and some others wou'd have, that the Thread being broke, we must cast a new knot, and begin again, and make an Establishment amongst our selves, the best we can. Well, When this is done, ought not that *Establishment* to be preserv'd? Ought every one to break in upon it, without just cause? Shou'd every

one take upon him (or her) to *Preach*, or *Baptize*, contrary to the *Rules* Establish'd? This, I think, no *Society* of Men will allow; For, the Members of a *Society* must be subject to the *Rules* of the *Society*, otherwise it is no *Society*: And the *Quakers* of *Grace-church-street* Communion have contended as Zealously for this compliance as any.

Now then, suppose that the conscientious *Quakers* to whom I speak, shou'd lay no stress at all upon the *Succession* of our *Bishops*; and consider our *Constitution* no otherwise than of an *Establishment* by agreement amongst our selves; yet even so, by their own Confession, while they can find no fault with our *Doctrine* or *Worship*, they ought not to make a *Schism* in this *Constitution*, which they found *Established*; and they ought to return to it; and if a new *Knot* was cast upon the broken *Thread* of *Succession*, at the *Reformation* from *Popery*, that *Knot* ought not to be un-loosed, without apparent and absolute *Necessity*; lest if we cast new *Knots* every Day, we shall have no *Thread* left *un-knotted*; and expose our selves to the Derision of the common Adversary.

XI. Consider the grievous Sin of *Schism* and *Division*; it is no less than the Rending of *Christ's Body*; and therefore *great Things* ought to be born, rather than run into it; even *all things*, except only that which is *apparently sinful*; and that by the *Express words* of *Scripture*; and not from our own Imaginations, tho' never so strong. And tho' ther are some Imperfections in our *Reformation*, as to *Discipline*, and all the *High Places* are not yet taken away (the Lord, of His Mercy, quickly remove them) yet I will be bold to say, that in our *Doctrine*, *Worship*, and *Hierarchy*, nothing can be objected that is contrary to the *Rule* of *Holy Scripture*, or any thing Enjoyn'd, which is *There* Forbid to be done: And nothing less can warrant any *Schism* against our *Church*.

XII. Now, to come to a Conclusion, upon the whole matter. If you cannot get *Baptism* as you wou'd have it, take it as you can get it. If you cannot find Men of such *Personal Excellencies* as the *Apostles*, take those who have the same *Commission* which they had, deriv'd down to them by regular *Ordination*; who *Reform'd* from *Popery*, and have been the *Established Church* of this *Nation*, ever since: And moreover are as un-exceptionable, in their *Lives* and *Conversations*, as any others. These are all the securities you can have (without new *Miracles*) for Receiving the *Sacraments* from Proper hands. And therefore ther is no doubt but God will accept

of your *Obedience* in Receiving them from such hands; much rather than your *Disobedience* of His Command to be *Baptized*, because you are not pleas'd with those whom His Providence has, at this Day, left in the Execution of His Commission to *Baptize*; as if the weakness of His *Minister* cou'd obstruct the Operations of His *Spirit*, in making good His part of the Covenant, which He has promised.

XIII. Ther is an Objection against *Baptism*, which is not worth an Answer; but that I wou'd condescend to the meanest, and leave nothing behind which might be a stumbling block to any.

I have heard it urg'd, that ther is no visible Effects seen by our *Baptisms*; that Men remain *wicked* and *loose* notwithstanding; and, therefore some do conclude that ther is no vertue in *Baptism*.

Answ. To make this Argument of any force, it must be prov'd that *none* do receive any Benefit by it. For, if *some* do receive Benefit by it, and *others* do not, this must be charg'd upon the *Disposition* of the *Recipient*; according to the known Rule, that *whatsoever is receiv'd, is receiv'd according to the disposition of the Receiver*. Thus the same *Meat* is turn'd into good *Nourishment* in an *healthy*, and into *noxious Humors* in a *vitiated Stomach*. *Simon Magus* receiv'd no Benefit by his *Baptism*; and after the *Sop* the *Devil* entred into *Judas*; yet the other *Apostles* receiv'd great Benefit.

by it: To some it is the savour of *Life*, even the Communion of *Christ's Body* and *Blood*; to others of *Condemnation*, who discern not the *Lord's Body* in it, but receive it as a common thing: Therefore we are commanded to *examine* our selves, to *prepare* our *Hearts* for the *worthy* Receiving of it.

1 Cor. x. 16.
c. xi. 29.

v. 28.

But some say, as the *Jews* to *Christ*, *shew us a sign*: They wou'd have some *Miraculous* Effects, immediately to appear. These are Ignorant of the Operations of the *Spirit*; and to these I say, in the words of *Christ*, *Joh. iii. 8. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh or whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit*. It works *silently*, but *powerfully*; and its *Progress*, like the *growing* of our *Bodies*, is not all at once, but by *Degrees*; whose *motion* is Imperceptible to humane Eyes.

The true use that is to be made of this *Objection*, that so few (and yet they are not few who) receive the Inestimable Benefits which are convey'd in the *Sacraments* of *Christ's* Institution, is this,

To

To take the greater Care, and the more Earnestly to beg the Assistance of God's *Grace*, to *fit* and *prepare* us, for the *worthy* Receiving of them; but by no means to neglect them: For those who *refused* to come to the *Supper* were Rejected, as well as he who came without a *wedding Garment*.

A S U P P L E M E N T.

THE stress of this *Discourse* being Founded upon *Episcopacy*; and long *Quotations* being improper in so short a method of Argument as I have taken; to supply that Defect, and, at the same time, to make it easier to the Reader, I have added, by way of *Supplement*, a short *Index* or *Collection* of *Authorities*, in the first 450 Years after *Christ*, for *Episcopacy*, with respect to the *Presbyterian* Pretences, of making a *Bishop* all one with a *Presbyter*, at least with one of their *Moderators*: And, in the next place, I have shewn the sense of the *Reformation*, as to *Episcopacy*. Take them as follows.

Some Authorities for Episcopacy, as distinct from and Superior to Presbytery, taken out of the Fathers and Councils, in the first Four Hundred and Fifty Years after Christ.

Anno Domini 70. St. Clement Bishop of Rome, and Martyr, of whom mention is made Phil. iv. 3. in his 1st. Epist. to the Corinthians, N. 42. p. 89. of the Edition at Oxford, 1677.

The Apostles having Preached the Gospel, thro' Regions and Cities, did Constitute the first Fruits of them, having prov'd them by the Spirit, to be *Bishops* and *Deacons* of those who shou'd

Κατὰ χώρας ἐν ἑ πόλεις κηρύσσοντες, καθεστανον τὰς Ἀσπρχαὶς αὐτῶν, δοκιμάσαντες τὰ πνεύματι, εἰς Ἐπισκόπους καὶ Διακόνους τῶν μελλόντων πιστεῦειν, καὶ ἕτε ἐ κληνῶς, ἐκ γὰρ δὴ πολλῶν ἁρῶν ἐγγραπῆο believe;

Priests who are happily Dead, for they are not afraid of being Ejected out of the Places in which they are Constituted. For, I understand that you have Depriv'd some, from their Ministry, who behaved themselves un-reprovable amongst you.

ἵνας ὑμεῖς μετηρώγατε καλῶς πο-
λιτοῦργίους ἐν τῷ ἀμέμπτῳ αὐτοῖς
παιμνῶδες λειτουργίαις.

Par. 40. To the High-Priest his proper Offices were appointed, the Priests had their proper Order, and the Levites their peculiar Services, or Deacons-hips; and the Lay-men, what was proper for Lay-men.

Τῷ γὰρ Ἀρχιερεὶ ἰδίῃ λειτουργίᾳ
δοδομένη εἴη· ἔτι τῶν ἱερέων ἰδίῃ
ἔτι πᾶσι πρεσβυτέρῳ, ἔτι δὲ ἁπλοῦτος ἰδίῃ
διακονίᾳ ἰδίῃ, λαϊκῶς ἀνδρα-
πῶσι τῶν λαϊκῶν πρεσβυτέρων δέ-
δει.

This, as before shewn, St. Clement apply'd to the Distribution of Orders in the Christian Church; Bishops; Priests, and Deacons. And the Office of the Levites, is here call'd by the Word Διακονία i. e. the Office of Deacons.

A.D. 70. St. Ignatius, a Glorious Martyr of Christ, was Constituted, by the Apostles, Bishop of Antioch, and did thereby think that Bishops do in their full Apostolical Office. Thence he salutes the Church of the Trallans, in the Fulness of the Apostolical Character; and in his Epistle he says to them,

Ἦν ἔ ἀπαύρομαι ἐν τῷ πλι-
ρώματι, ἐν Ἀποστολικῷ χαρακ-
τήρι.

he succeeded them (as all other be succeeded them (as all other Church of the Trallans, in the Fulness of the Apostolical Character;

Be subject to your Bishop as to the Lord—

Τῷ Ἐπίσκοπῳ ὡς τῷ Θεοῦ ἀντι-
κείνῳ—

And to the Presbyters, as to the Apostles of Christ— Likewise the Deacons also, being Ministers of the Mysteries of Christ, ought to please in all things— Without these ther is no Church of the Elect— He is without, who does any thing without the Bishop, and Presbyters, and Deacons; and such an one is Defiled in his Conscience.

Καὶ τῷ Πρεσβυτέρῳ, ὡς Ἀπο-
στόλοις Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ— Δὲ ἡ ἔ τῶν
Διακόνων ὄντας μυστηρίων Χριστοῦ Ἰη-
σοῦ κατὰ πάντα τρέφων ἀρέσκων—
χαρῶς, τούτων Ἐκκλησίᾳ ἐκκλητῆ
ἔν ἔσιν— ἔ ἡ ἐκτός ὢν, ὅστις
ἔσιν ἔ χαρῶς ἔ Ἐπίσκοπου, ἔ τῷ
Πρεσβυτέρων, καὶ τῷ Διακόνων π
πρεσβυτέρῳ ἔ τῷ ἐπισκοπῷ μερίαν τῆ
συνειδήσει.

In his Epist. to the Magnesians, he tells them, That they ought not to despise their Bishop for his youth, but to pay him all manner

Καὶ ὑμῖν ἡ πρόβη μὴ κατατρι-
νεῖν τὴν ἡλικίαν τῷ Ἐπίσκοπῳ, ἀλλὰ
καὶ γὰρ ἡλικίᾳ Θεοῦ Πατρὸς ὡσεὶ
ἐν τῷ πνεύματι αὐτῷ ὡσεὶ ἐμὲν καθὼς

of Reverence, according to the Commandment of God the Father. And as I know that your Holy Presbyters do—

Therefore as *Christ* did nothing without the *Father*, so neither do ye, whether *Presbyter*, *Deacon*, or *Laick*, any thing without the *Bishop*.

Some indeed call him *Bishop*; yet do all things without him; but these seem not to me to have a good Conscience, but rather to be *Hypocrites* and *Scorners*.

I Exhort you to do all things in the same mind of God, the *Bishop* Presiding in the Place of *God*, and the *Presbyters* in room of the *College* of the *Apostles*; and the *Deacons*, most beloved to me, who are intrusted with the Ministry of *Jesus Christ*.

He directs his Epistle to the Church at Philadelphia, to those who were in Unity with their *Bishop* and *Presbyters* and *Deacons*.

And says to them, in his Epistle, That as many as are of *Christ*, these are with the *Bishop*; and those who shall Repent, and Return to the Unity of the *Church*, being made worthy of *Jesus Christ*, shall partake of Eternal Salvation in the

My Brethren, be not deceived, if any shall follow him that makes a *Schism*, he shall not Inherit the Kingdom of God.

I Exhort you to partake of the one *Eucharist*; for ther is one *Body* of the Lord *Jesus*, and one *Blood* of His, which was shed for us; and one *Cup*—and one *Altar*, so ther

ἐγνων καὶ τοῦ ἁγίου πρεσβυτέρους ———

Ὡπερ ἐν ὁ Κύριος ἄνευ τοῦ Πατρὸς οὐδὲν ποιεῖ, ἕτω καὶ ὑμεῖς ἀνευ τῶ Ἐπισκόπου, μὴδὲ πρεσβυτέρου, μὴδὲ Διακόνου, μὴδὲ λαϊκῶ.

Εἰ τινὲς Ἐπίσκοπον μὴ λέγουσι, χωρὶς ἧ αὐτῶ πάντα ποιῶσιν — οἱ γὰρ τοῖς τοῖς ὁμοῦ δουλεύουσιν, ἀλλ' εἰσφρονὲς τινες καὶ μὲρῶνες εἰ μοι φαίνονται.

παρεαινῶ, ἐν ὁμοιοῖα θεῷ παρτάσασθε πάντα πράττειν. ὡσεκαθήμενος τῶ Ἐπισκόπῳ εἰς τόπον θεοῦ καὶ τῶ πρεσβυτέρῳ εἰς τόπον συνέδρου τῶ Ἀποστόλων καὶ τῶ Διακόνων, τῶ ἐμοὶ γλυκυτέτων, πεπεσμένον Διακόνον Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ.

Ἐν ἐνὶ ἔσσι σὺ τῶ Ἐπισκόπῳ, καὶ τοῖς πρεσβυτέροις, καὶ Διακόνους.

Ὅσοι γὰρ Χριστῶ εἰσιν, ἕτοι μὴ τῶ Ἐπισκόπῳ εἰσιν. Ὅσοι ἂν μεταίδησαντες ἔλθωσιν ἰθὺ τῶ Ἐνότητι τῶ Ἐκκλησίας, ἄξιοι Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ γινόμενοι, σωτηρίας ἀμείνι τυχεσιν ἐν τῶ βασιλείῳ τῶ Χριστοῦ.

Kingdom of *Christ*.

Ἀδελφοί, μὴ πλανᾶσθε εἰ τις χρίζοντι ἀπολεθῆ, βασιλείῳ θεῷ ἐκληρονομήσθ.

παρεκαλῶν ὑμᾶς μὴ εὐχαριστία χεῖρα· μία γὰρ ἔστιν ἡ σὰρξ τῶ Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ, καὶ ἐν αὐτῶ τὸ αἷμα τὸ ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν ἐκχυθέν· εἰς καὶ Ἄρτον τοῖς πᾶσιν ἐσθρέφθη — ἐν ἰσυστήρ-

is one *Bishop*, with his *Presbytery*, and the *Deacons*, my Fellow Servants.

Give heed to the *Bishop*, and to the *Presbytery*, and to the *Deacons*--Without the *Bishop* do nothing.

In his Epistle to the Smyrneans, he says, Flee Divisions as the beginning of Evils. All of them follow their *Bishops*, as *Jesus Christ the Father*; and the *Presbyters*, as the *Apostles*, and Reverence the *Deacons* as the Institution of *God*. Let no man do any thing of what appertains to the *Church*, without the *Bishop*, Let that *Sacrament* be judg'd Effectual and Firm, which is Dispenced by the *Bishop*, or him to whom the *Bishop* has Committed it. Wherever the *Bishop* is, there let the *People* be; as where *Christ* is, there the *Heavenly Host* is gathered together. It is not lawful, without the *Bishop*, either to *Baptize*, or celebrate the *Offices*: But what He approves of, according to the good Pleasure of *God*, that is firm and safe, and so we do every thing securely.

I salute your most worthy *Bishop*, your venerable *Presbytery*, and the *Deacons* my Fellow Servants.

In his Epistle to St. Policarp, Bishop of Smyrna, and Martyr, who, together with himself, was Disciple to St. John the Apostle, and Evangelist. He gives these Directions.

If any can remain in Chastity, to the glory of the Body of the Lord, let him remain without Boasting, if he Boast, he Perishes; and if he pretends to know more than the

ειον, καὶ εἰς Ἐπίσκοπον ἅμα τῶν πρεσβυτέρων, καὶ τοῖς Διακόνοις τοῖς σωδῆλαις μὲν.

Τῷ Ἐπίσκοπῳ προσέχετε, καὶ τῶν πρεσβυτέρων, καὶ τοῖς Διακόνοις-- χωρὶς Ἐπιπέπε μὴδὲν ποιήτε.

Τὰ ἁγίσματα φυλάτε ὡς ἀρτίον κακῶν. Πάντες τῶν Ἐπισκόπων ἀκολουθεῖτε, ὡς ὁ Χριστὸς Ἰησοῦς τῷ Πατρὶ· καὶ τῶν Πρεσβυτέρων, ὡς τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις· τὸς ἡ Διακόνους ἐντρέπετε, ὡς Θεὸς ἐν Ἰσραὴλ. Μὴ εἰς χωρὶς Ἐπισκόπου τι πράξετε τῶν ἀνηκόντων εἰς τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν. ἐκείνη βεβαιεῖτε Ἐυχαρίστησιν ἡγάδοι, ἢ τὸν τῷ Ἐπίσκοπον ἔσα, ἢ ἂν αὐτὸς ἐπιπέπε. Ὅπως ἂν Φωνῇ ὁ Ἐπίσκοπος, ἐκεί τὸ πλῆθος ἔσα, ὡς ὁ Χριστὸς, πᾶσι ἢ ἐξείκεισε σραπὸν παρέστηκεν. Οὐκ ἐξόν ἔστι χωρὶς τῷ Ἐπιπέπε, ἔτε Βαπτίσειν, ἔτε δοχίον ἐπιτελεῖν· ἀλλ' ὅ αν ἐκείνω δοκίη κατ' ἐυαρέστησιν Θεοῦ, ἵνα ἀσφαλὲς ἢ καὶ βέβαιον πᾶν ὅ αν πράξετε.

Ἀσπάρομαι τὸ ἀξίον Ἐπίσκοπον, καὶ τὸν Διωραπέπὸν Πρεσβυτέρων, καὶ τοῖς Διακόνους τοῖς σωδῆλαις.

Εἴ τις δυνάσθῃ ἐν ἀγνείᾳ μένειν, εἰς τιμὴν τῆς σαρκὸς τῆς Κυρίας, ἐν ἀκαυχισίᾳ μὴ ἐπιπέπε· ἐάν καυχῆται, ἀπάλειε· καὶ ἐὰν γνωσθῇ πλῆθος τῆς Ἐπισκόπου, ἐξείκεισε. Πρέπε δὲ
Bishop,

Bishp he is corrupted. It is the duty both of Men and Women that Marry, to be joynd together by the Approbation of the Bishp. that the Marriage may be in the Lord, and not according to our own Lusts. Let all things be done to the Glory of God.

Give heed to your Bishp, that God may Harken unto you: My Soul for theirs, who subject themselves under the Obedience of their Bishp, Presbyters, and Deacons, and let me take my Lot with them in the Lot.

And he says to Bishop Polycarp, *Let nothing be done without thy sentence and approbation.*

A. D. 180. St. Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, in France, who was Disciple of St. Polycarp; he flourish'd about the year of Christ 180.

We can reckon those Bishops, who have been Constituted by the Apostles, and their Successors all the way to our times. And if the Apostles knew hidden Mysteries, they wou'd certainly deliver them chiefly to those, to whom they committed the Churches themselves; and whom they left their own Successors, and in the same Place of Government as themselves.

-- We have the Successions of the Bishops, to whom the Apostolick Church in every place was committed. All these (Hereticks) are much later than the Bishops, to whom the Apostles

The true Knowledge is the Doctrin of the Apostles, and the Ancient State of the Church, through the whole World, and the Character of the Body

τοῖς γαμοῖς, καὶ τῶν γαμοῦσιν, μὴ γυναικὶς τῶν Ἐπισκόπων τῶν ἑνωσῶν ποιεῖσθαι, ἵνα ὁ γάμος ἢ καὶ κύριον, καὶ μὴ κατ' ἐπιθυμίαν πάντα εἰς τιμὴν Θεοῦ γινώσκω.

Τῷ Ἐπισκόπῳ προσέχετε, ἵνα καὶ ὁ Θεὸς ὑμῶν ἀκούσῃ τῶν ὑμῶν ἰστορίας. Ἐπιθυμῶν πρὸς βουλήν, διακίνας μετ' αὐτῶν μοι τὸ μέτρον ἵνα ἴδωμαι ὡς Θεὸς.

Μὴ ἐν ἄλλῳ ἢ γυναικὶς σε γινώσκω.

Advers. Hæreses. l. 3. c. 3.

Habemus munerare qui ab Apostolis instituti sunt Episcopi in Ecclesiis, & successores eorum usque ad nos. Et si Recondita mysteria Scississent Apostoli, vel his maxime traderent ea, quibus etiam ipsas Ecclesias committebant; quos & successores relinquebant, suum ipsorum locum Magisterii tradentes. lib. 4. c. 63. *Habemus successiones Episcoporum. quibus Apostolicam que in unoquoque loco est Ecclesiam tradiderunt.* l. 5. c. 20. *Omnes enim ii (Heretici) valde Posteriores sunt, quam Episcopi, quibus Apostoli tradiderunt Ecclesias.*

did deliver the Churches.

L. 4. c. 6. *Agnitio vera est, Apostolorum Doctrina, & Antiquus Ecclesie status, in universo Mundo, & Character Corporis Christi secundam successiones Episcoporum,*

of Christ, according to the Succession of the Bishops, to whom they committed the Church that is in every Place; and which has Descended even unto us.

Tertullian, A. D. 203. of the Prescription of Hereticks.

A. D. 203.

c. 32. Let them produce the Original of their Churches; let them shew the Order of their Bishops, that by their Succession, deduc'd from the beginning, we may see whether their first Bishop had any of the Apostles or Apostolical Men, who did likewise persevere with the Apostles, for his Founder and Predecessor. For, thus the Apostolical Churches do derive their Succession: As the Church of Smyrna from Polycarp, whom John (the Apostle) placed there: The Church of Rome from Clement, who was, in like manner, ordain'd by Peter: And so the other Churches can produce those Constituted in their Bishopricks by the Apostles.

c. 36. Reckon over the Apostolical Churches, where the very Chairs of the Apostles do yet Preside in their own Places. At Corinth, Philippi, Ephesus, Thessalonica, &c.

Of Baptism, c. 17.

The High Priest, who is the Bishop, has the Power of conferring Baptism; and under him the Presbyters and Deacons; but not without the Authority of the

Origen, Names the distinct Orders of Bishop, Presby-

quibus illi eam que in unoquoque; loco est Ecclesiam tradiderunt, que pervenit usque ad nos.

Edant ergo Origines Ecclesiarum suarum; evolvant ordinem Episcoporum suorum, ita ut per successiones ab initio decurrentem; ut primus ille Episcopus aliquem ex Apostolis, vel Apostolicis viris, qui tamen cum Apostolis perseveraverit, habuerit Auctorem & Antecessorem. Hoc enim modo Ecclesie Apostolicæ census suos deferunt: sicut Smyræorum Ecclesia Polycarpum ab Johanne conlocatum refert; sicut Romanorum, Clementem, à Petro ordinatum itidem, Perinde utique & Ceteræ exhibent quos ab Apostolis in Episcopatum Constitutos Apostolici seminis traduces habeant.

Percurre Ecclesias Apostolicas, apud quas ipsæ adhuc Cathedra Apostolorum suis locis President. Corinthi, Philippi, Ephesiis, Thessalonica, &c.

Dandi (Baptismum) jus habet summus sacerdos, qui est Episcopus, dehinc Presbyteri & Deaconi, non tamen sine Episcopi Autoritate.

A. D. 220. Origenis Comment. in Matt. Rothomagi 668. Gr. Lat. p. 255

A. D. 220.

ter, and Deacon. Such a Bishop (*says he, speaking of one who sought vain Glory, &c.*) doth not desire a good Work.—and the same is to be said of *Presbyters* and *Deacons*.—The *Bishops* and *Presbyters* who have the Chief Place among the People.---The *Bishop* is called *Prince* in the *Churches*: And speaking of the *Irreligious Clergy*, he directs it to them, whether *Bishops*, *Presbyters*, or *Deacons*.

ὁ γέν Τριῶν Ἐπίσκοπων ἔκαλον ἔργου ἐπιθυμεῖ — τὸ ἃ αὐτὸ καὶ περὶ πρεσβυτέρων — καὶ Διακόνων ἐρεῖ. *Ibid.* p. 443. οἱ ἃ Τριῶν πρεσβυτέρων ἐλάσ πεισιδόμενοι τὰ λαὸ Ἐπίσκοποι καὶ πρεσβύτεροι. — p. 420 ὁ ἃ ἡγέμενον, ἔτω ἃ οἱ μὲν ὀνομάζεν τὸ καλὸν ἐν τῷ Ἐκκλησίᾳ Ἐπίσκοπων. — p. 442. Ἐπισκόποις, ἢ πρεσβυτέροις ἢ Διακόνους.

A. D. 240.

St. Cyprian Archbishop of Carthage, A. D. 240.

Our Lord, whose Commands we ought to Reverence and Obey, being about to Constitute the *Episcopal Honour*, and the Frame of His Church, said to Peter, *Thou art Peter, &c.* From thence the Order of *Bishops* and Constitution of the Church does descend, by the line of Succession, thro' all Times and Ages; that the Church shou'd be built upon the *Bishops*.---It is Establish'd by the Divine Law, that every Act of the Church shou'd be Govern'd by the Bishop.

Edit. Oxon. Epist. XXXIII. Lapsis. Dominus noster, cujus Præcepta metueret & observare debemus, Episcopi honorem & Ecclesiæ suæ Rationem disponens, in Evangelio loquitur & dicit Petro, Ego dico tibi quia tu es Petrus, &c. Inde per temporum & successionum vices Episcoporum Ordinatio & Ecclesiæ Ratio decurrit; ut Ecclesiæ super Episcopos Constituantur.---Divina Lege fundatum est, ut omnis actus Ecclesiæ per Episcopum Gubernetur.

To *Cornelius*, then Bishop of *Rome*.

Ep. XLV. Cornelio.

We ought chiefly (my Brother) to Endeavour to keep that Unity which was Enjoyn'd by our Lord and His Apostles to us their Successors, to be carefully observ'd by us.

Hoc enim vel maxime, Frater, & laboramus & laborare debemus, ut Unitatem à Domino, & per Apostolos nobis Successoribus traditam, quantum possumus obtinere curemus.

The *Deacons* ought to remember that it was the Lord who chose the *Apostles*, that is, the *Bishops*.

Ep. III. Rogatiano.

Christ said to the *Apostles*, and by that, to all *Bishops* or Go-

Meminisse autem Diaconi debent quoniam Apostolos, id est Episcopos Dominus Elegit.

Ep. LXVI. Florentio.

Dixit Christus ad Apostolos, ac
cernors.

vernors of His Church, who succeed the *Apostles*, by vicarious Ordination, and are in their stead, *He that heareth you, heareth me.*

For from hence do Schisms and Heresies arise, and have arisen, while the *Bishop*, who is *One*, and *Governour* of the Church, by a proud Presumption is Despis'd; and that Man who is Honour'd as Worthy by God, is accounted unworthy by Man.

Nor are Heresies sprung up, or Schisms arisen from any other Fountain than from hence, that Obedience is not paid to the *Priest* of God; and that there is not one *Priest* at a time in the Church, and one Judge for the time in the Place of Christ. To whom if the whole Fraternity did obey, according to the Divine Oeconomy, none wou'd dare to move any thing against the *Sacerdotal Colledge*---It is necessary that the *Bishops* shou'd exert their Authority with full Vigor---But if it is so, that we are afraid of the Boldness of the most Profligate; and that which these wicked Men cannot compass by the Methods of Truth and Equity, if they can accomplish by their Rashness and Despair, then is there an end of the *Episcopal Authority*, and of their *Sublime* and *Divine Power* in *Governing of the Church*. Nor

per hoc, ad omnes Praepositos, qui Apostolis vicaria ordinatione succedunt, Qui vos audit, me audit.—

Ibid.

Inde enim Schismata & Hereses orta & oriuntur, dum Episcopus qui unus est, & Ecclesiae Prae-est, superba Praesumptione contemnitur, & homo dignatione Dei honoratus, Indignus hominibus iudicatur.

Ep. LIX. Cornelio.

Neque enim aliunde Hereses oborta sunt, aut nata sunt schismata, quam inde quod Sacerdoti Dei non obtemperatur; nec unus in Ecclesia ad tempus Sacerdos, & ad tempus Judex vice Christi cogitatur: Cui si secundum Magisteria Divina obtemperaret Fraternitas universa, nemo adversus sacerdotum Collegium quicquam moveret --- vigore pleno Episcopos agere oportet --- quod si ita res est ut Nequissimorum timeatur Audacia, & quod Mali vere atque equitate non possunt, Temeritate & Desperatione perficiant; actum est de Episcopatus vigore, & de Ecclesie gubernanda sublimi ac Divina Potestate. Nec Christiani ultra aut durare aut esse jam possunt, si ad hoc ventum est, ut Perditorum Minas atque Insidias pertimescamus ---

can we remain *Christians* any longer, if it is come to this, that we shou'd be afraid of the *Threats*, and *Snares* of the *wicked*---

--The Adversary of Christ, and Enemy of His Church, for this end strikes at the *Bishop* or *Ruler* of the *Church*, with all his Malice, that the *Governor* being taken away, he might Ravage the more Violently and Cruelly upon the Ship-wreck of the Church---

Is Honour then given to God, when the Divine Majesty and Censure is so Despised, that these Sacrilegious Persons say; do not think of the Wrath of God; be not afraid of His Judgment, do not knock at the Door of the Church; but without any Repentance, or Confession of their Crime, Despising the Authority of their *Bishops*, and trampling it under their feet, a False Peace is Preach'd to be had from the *Presbyters* (*Scilicet*) in their taking upon them to Admit those that were Fallen into *Communion*, or the *Peace* of the *Church*, without the Allowance of the *Bishop*.

They imitate the coming of Anti-Christ now approaching.

Valerian (the Emperor) wrote to the Senate, that the *Bishops*, and the *Presbyters*, and the *Deacons* shou'd be prosecuted.

The Power of Remitting Sins, was given to the *Apostles*, and to the *Bishops*, who have succeeded them by a vicarious Ordination.

--- *Christi Adversarius & Ecclesie ejus Inimicus, ad hoc Ecclesie Præpositum sua Infestatione persequitur, ut Governatore sublato, atrocius atque violentius circa Ecclesie Naufragia grassetur.*----

Honor ergo datur Deo, quando sic Dei Majestas & Censura Contemnitur ---- ut proponatur à Sacrilegis atque dicatur; ne Ita cogitetur Dei, ne timeatur Judicium Domini, ne pulsetur ad Ecclesiam Christi; sed sublata Pœnitentia, nec ulla Exomologesi Criminis facta, Despectis Episcopis atque Calcatis, Pax à Presbyteris verbis fallacibus Prædicetur?

ibid.

Antichristi jam propinquantis adventum Imitantur.

Ep. LXXX. Successo.

Rescripsisse Valerianum ad Senatam, ut Episcopi, & Presbyteri, & Diacones in continenti animadvertantur.

Firmilianus Cypriano. Ep.

LXXV. p. 225.

Potestas ergo Peccatorum remittendorum Apostolis data est. & Episcopis qui eis Ordinatione vicaria successerunt.

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What Danger ought we to fear from the Displeasure of God, when some *Presbyters*, neither mindful of the Gospel, nor of their own Station in the Church, neither regarding the future Judgment of God, nor the *Bishop* who is set over them; which was never done under our Predecessors, with the Contempt and Neglect of their *Bishop*, do arrogate all unto themselves? I cou'd bear with the Contempt of our *Episcopal* Authority, but ther is now no room left for Dissembling, &c.

Optatus Milevitanus, Bishop of *Mileve*, or *Mela* in *Namidia* in *Africa*. A. D. 365.

In his 2d. Book against *Parmenian*. The Church has her several Members, *Bishops*, *Presbyters*, *Deacons*, and the Company of the Faithful.

You found in the Church, *Deacons*, *Presbyters*, *Bishops*, you have made them *Liy-men*; acknowledge that you have Subverted Souls.

St. Ambrose. Bishop of *Milan*. A. D. 370. upon *Eph. iv. 11.* Speaking of the several Orders of the Church. And he gave some Apostles, and some Prophets, and Evangelists, &c. Says, that by the *Apostles* there were meant the *Bishops*; by *Prophets*, the *Expounders* of the *Scriptures*; and by the *Evangelists*, the *Deacons*. But says that they all met in the *Bishop*; for that he was the *Chief Priest*, that is,

Ep. XVI. p 36. *Cyprianus Presbyteris & Diaconibus.*

Quod enim periculum metuere non aebemus de offensa Domini; quando aliqui de Presbyteris, nec Evangelis, nec Locis suis memores, sed neque futurum Domini Judicium, neque sibi prepositum Episcopum cogitantes, quod nunquam omnino sub Antecessoribus factum est, cum Contumelia & Contemptu Prepositi totum sibi veniant? Contumeliam Episcopatus nostri dissimulare & ferre possum— sed dissimulandi nunc locus non est.

Mileve, or *Mela* in *Namidia* in

A. D. 365.

I. 2. *Contra Parmenianum.*

Certa Membra sua habet Ecclesia, Episcopos, Presbyteros, Diaconos, & turbam Fidelium.

Invenistis Diaconos, Presbyteros, Episcopos. fecistis Laicos; agnoscite eos animas evertisse.

Quosdam dedit Apostolos, quosdam Prophetas, &c. Apostoli, Episcopi sunt: Prophete Explanatores sunt Scripturarum sicut Agabus—Evangeliste Diaconi sunt, sicut fuit Philippus—Nan in Episcopo omnes ordines sunt; quia Princeps Sacerdos est, hoc est, Princeps est Sacerdotum, & Propheta, & Evangelista, & cetera adimplenda officia Ecclesie in Ministerio Fidelium.

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(says he) the Prince of the Priests, and both Prophet and Evangelist, to supply all the Offices of the Church for the Ministry of the Faithful.

And upon 1 Cor. xii. 28. says *Caput in Ecclesia Apostolos posthabet Christum Constitutum the Apostles Head in the Church; and that these are the Bishops.*

And upon v. 29. are all Apostles? i. e. all are not Apostles. *Verum est, quia in Ecclesia unus Episcopus est.* This is true (says he,) because in the Church ther is but one Bishop.

And because all things are from one God the Father, therefore hath He appointed that one Bishop shou'd Preside over Each Church. *Quia ab uno Deo Patre sunt omnia, singulos Episcopos, singulis Ecclesiis Prae-esse Decrevit.*

In his Book of the Dignity of the Priesthood, c. 3. he says, That ther is nothing in this World to be found more Excellent than the Priests, nothing more Sublime than the Bishops. *De Dignat. Sacerdot. c. 3. ut ostenderemus nihil esse in hoc seculo Excellentius Sacerdotibus, nihil Sublimius Episcopis reperiri.*

And speaking of what was Incumbent upon the several Orders of the Church, he does plainly distinguish them: For, says he, in the same place;

God does require one thing from a Bishop, another from a Presbyter, another from a Deacon, and another from a Lay-man. *Aliud est enim quod ab Episcopo requirit Deus & aliud quod à Presbytero, & aliud quod à Deacono, & aliud quod à Laico.*

A. D. 380. St. Jerom, A. D. 380. In his Comment upon the Ep. to Titus.

When it began to be said, I am of Paul, I of Apollos, &c. and every one thought that those whom he Baptized, belong'd to himself, and not to Christ; it was Decreed thro' The whole Earth, that one Chosen from among the Presbyters shou'd be set over the rest, that the Seeds of Schism might be taken away. *Postquam unusquisque eos quos Baptizabat suos putabat esse non Christi, IN TOTO ORBE Decretum est, ut unus de Presbyteris Electus superponeretur Ceteris, ut Schismatum semina tollerentur.*

In his Epist. to Evagrius. From Mark the Evangelist to Heraclas, and Dionysius the Bishops, the Presbyters of Egypt have *A Marco Evangelista ad Heraclum u. q. ad Dionysium Episcopos, Presbyteri Aegypti semper unum ex se Electum, in Clesiori Gra-* always

always chosen out one from among themselves, whom having plac'd in an higher Degree than the rest, they called their *Bishop*.

He that is Advanc'd, is Advanc'd from less to greater.

The Greatness of Riches, or the Humility of Poverty does not make a *Bishop* greater or less, seeing all of them are the *Successors* of the *Apostles*.

That we may know the *Apostolical* Oeconomy to be taken from the Pattern of the *Old Testament*, the same that *Aaron*, and his *Sons*, and the *Levites* were in the *Temple*, the *Bishops*, *Presbyters*, and *Deacons* are in the *Church of Christ*.

To *Nepotianus*.

Be subject to your *Bishop* or *Chief-Priest*; and receive him as the *Father* of your *Soul*.

Against the *Luciferians*.

The safety of the *Ch.* depends upon the *Dignity* of the *High-Priest*, to whom unless a sort of absolute and eminent *Power* be given above all, ther will be as many *Schisms* in the *Church* as ther are *Priests*.—Thence it is, that without the *Command* of the *Bishop*, neither a *Presbyter*, nor a *Deacon*, have *Power* to *Baptize*—And the *Bishop* is to impose his *Hands* upon those who are *Baptized* by *Presbyters* or *Deacons*, for the *Invocation* of the *Holy Spirit*.

And *Comforting Heliodorus*, a *Bishop*, upon the *Death* of *Nepo-*

du collocatum Episcopum Nominabant.

Qui provehitur, à Minori ad Major provehitur.

Potentia Divitiarum & Paupertatis Humilitas, sublimiorum vel inferiorem Episcopum non facit, Ceterum Omnes Apostolorum Successores sunt.

Ut sciamus Traditiones Apostolicas sumptis de Veteri Testamento: Quod Aaron, & Filii ejus atq; Levitæ in Templo fuerunt, hoc sibi Episcopi, Presbyteri, & Diaconi, vendicent in Ecclesia.

Ad Nepotianum.

Esto subjectus Pontifici tuo; & quasi animi Parentem suscipe.

Advers. Luciferianos.

Ecclesia salus in summi Sacerdotis Dignitate pendet, cui nisi exors quædam & ab omnibus Eminens detur Potestas, tot in Ecclesia efficientur Schismata quot Sacerdotes. Inde venit, ut sine Episcopi jussione neque Presbyter neque Diaconus jus habeant Baptizandi—Adeos qui per Presbyteros & Diaconos Baptizati sunt, Episcopus ad Invocationem sancti Spiritus manum Impositurus excurret.

Epitaphium Nepotiani à Heliodorum. Episcopum venerabatur—

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tian his Presbyter and his Nephew, he Commends *Nepotian* in that he Reverenc'd his Bishop. He Honour'd *Heliodorus*, in publick as his Bishop, at home as his Father. But among his Presbyters and Co-equals, he was the first in his Vocation, &c.

Upon the 60th. of *Isa.* He calls the future Bishops, Princes of the Church. *Principes futuros Ecclesie Episcopos Nominavit.*

Of the Ecclesiastical Writers. Concerning *James*.

James, after the Passion of our Lord, was immediatly, by the Apostles, ordained Bishop of *Jerusalem*. The like he tells of the first Bishops of other Places.

Epist. 54, against *Montanus*.

With us the Bishops hold the Place of the Apostles. *Episcopi tenent.*

A. D. 420. St. *Augustine* Bishop of *Hippo* in *Africa*, A. D. 420. Epistle 42.

The Root of the Christian Society is diffus'd throughout the World, in a sure Propagation, by the Seats of the Apostles, and the Succession of the Bishops. *Radix Christiana Societatis per sedes Apostolorum & Successiones Episcoporum certa per orbem Propagatione diffunditur.*

Quest. veter. & novi Test. N. 97.

There is none but knows that our Saviour did Constitute Bishops in the Churches; for before He Ascended into Heaven, He laid His Hands upon the Apostles and Ordained them Bishops. *Nemo ignorat Salvatorem Episcopos Ecclesis Instituisse; Ipse enim priusquam Cælos Ascenderet, Imponens Manus Apostolis ordinavit eos Episcopos, Quod dixit Clarus à Mulcula in Concilio Carthag. Repetit August. de Baptismo contra Donatist.*

1. 7. c. 43. The Sentence of our Lord Jesus Christ is clear, who sent His Apostles, and gave to Them alone that Power which He had Received from His Father; *Manifesta est sententia Domini nostri Jesu Christi Apostolos suos mittentis, & ipsis solis Potestatem à Patre sibi traditam permittentis; quibus nos*

Father; to whom we have Succeeded, Governing the Church of God by the same Power.

Ep. 162. speaking of the Bishops being call'd Angels. Rev. 2. he says,
 By the voice of God, the Governor of the Church is Praised, under the Name of an Angel.

Of the words of our Lord, Serm. 24.

If He said to the Apostles alone, *he that despiseth you, despiseth me*, then despise us: But if those words of His come down even unto us, and that He has Called us, and Constituted us in their Place, see that you do not despise us.

Against Faustus.

We embrace the Holy Scripture, which from the Times of the Presence of Christ himself, by the Disposition of the Apostles, and the Successions of other Bishops from their Seats, even to these Times, has come down to us, safely kept, commended and honour'd through the whole Earth.

Against Petilian.

What has the Chair of the Church of Rome done to thee, in which Peter sat, and in which, at this day, Anastasius sits; or of the Church of Jerusalem, in which James did sit, and in which John does now sit.

Against Julian.

Irenæus, Cyprian, Reticus, Olympius, Hilary, Gregory, Ba-

nos Successimus, eadem Potestate Ecclesiam Domini Gubernantes.

Divina voce sub nomine Angeli Laudatur Præpositus Ecclesie.

De verbis Domini, Serm. 24.

Si solis Apostolis dixit, Qui vos spernit, me spernit, spernite nos: Si autem Sermo Ejus pervenit ad nos, & vocavit nos, & in eorum loco Constituit nos, videte ne spernatis nos.

Contra Faust. Lib. 33. cap. ult.

Scripturam amplectimur quæ ab Ipsius Presentia Christi temporibus, per Dispensationes Apostolorum, & ceteras ab eorum sedibus Successiones Episcoporum, usque ad hæc tempora toto Orbe terrarum custodita, commendata, clarificata pervenit.

Lib. 2. contra Literas Petiliani

C. 51.

Cathedra quid tibi fecit Ecclesie Romanæ in qua Petrus sedit, & in qua hodie Anastasius sedet; aut Ecclesie Hierosolimitanæ in qua Jacobus sedit, & in qua hodie Joannes sedet. [Vid. contra Crescon. l. 2. c. 37.]

Contra Julianum, l. 2, cap. ult.

Irenæus, Cyprianus, Reticus, Olympius, Hilarius, Gregorius,
 H fil,

fil, John, Ambrose— these were Bishops, Grave, Learned, &c.

Basilius, Joannes, Ambrosius, isti erant Episcopi, Docti, Graves, &c. in Ecclesie Regimine Clari.

Questions upon the Old Testament. Quest. 35.

The King bears the Image of God, as the Bishop of Christ. Therefore while he is in that Station, he is to be Honour'd, if not for himself, yet for his Order.

Quest. ex vet. Test. qu. 35.

Dei enim Imaginem habet Rex, sicut & Episcopus Christi. Quamdiu ergo in ea traditione est, Honorandus est; si non propter se, vel propter Ordinem.

Let this suffice as to the Testimonies of particular Fathers of the Church, tho' many more may be produc'd, in that compass of time, to which I have confin'd our present Inquiry. And now (that no Conviction might be wanting) I will set down some of the *Canons* of the *Councils* in those times, to the same purpose; whereby it will appear, that *Episcopacy*, as distinct from; and superior to *Presbytery*; was not only the Judgment of the first Glorious *Saints* and *Martyrs* of *Christ*; but the current *Doctrin*, and *Government* of the *Church*, both *Greek* and *Latin*, in those early Ages of *Christianity*.

In the *Canons* of the *Apostles*, the distinction of *Bishop*, *Presbyter*, and *Deacon* is so frequent; that it is almost in vain to give *Citations*. The 1st. and 2d. *Can.* shew the difference to be observ'd in the *Ordaining* of them.

Let a *Bishop* be Consecrated by two or three *Bishops*.

Ἐπίσκοπος χειροτονείσθω ὑπὸ Ἐπισκόπων δύο ἢ τεσσάρων.

Let a *Presbyter* and *Deacon* be Ordained by one *Bishop*.

πρεσβύτερος ὑπὸ ἑνὸς Ἐπισκόπου χειροτονείσθω, & Διάκονος.

See the same Distinction of these Orders. *Can. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 17. 18. 25. 27. 28. 29. 32. 33. 36. 42. 44. 45. 51. 52. 53. 63. 68. 69. 70. 83. Can. 15.* shews the Jurisdiction of the *Bishops* over the *Presbyters* and *Deacons*.

If any *Presbyter* or *Deacon*, or any of the *Clerical* Order, shall leave his own *Parish*, and go to another, without the *Bishop's* leave, he shall officiate no longer; especially if he obey not the *Bishop*, when he exhorts him to Return, persisting in his Insolence

Ἐἰ τις πρεσβύτερος ἢ Διάκονος, ἢ ἕλως ἢ κατὰ λόγους τῶν Κληρικῶν, ἀπολείψας τὴν αἰῶν παροικίαν, εἰς ἑτέραν ἀπέλθῃ, καὶ πάντεώς μεταστὰς διατελεῖ ἐν ἄλλῃ παροικίᾳ ὡς ἄνθρωπος ἰδίῃ Ἐπισκόπου τῶν κελεύομεν μηκέτι λήττεργεῖν, εἰ μάλιστα προσκαλεμένος αὐτὸν τὸ Ἐπισκοπῶς αὐτό, and

and disorderly Behaviour, but he shall be reduc'd there to Communicate only as a *Lay-man*.

And *Can. 31*. If any *Presbyter*, despising his own *Bishop*, shall gather Congregations apart, and erect another Altar, his *Bishop* not being Convict of Wickedness or Irreligion, let him be Depos'd as an Ambitious Person; for, he is a Tyrant: And likewise such other *Clergy* or *Laiety*, who shall joyn themselves to him shall be Excommunicated. But, let this be after the first, the *Bishop*.

Can. 39. Let the *Presbyters* and *Deacons* do nothing without the Consent of the *Bishop*; for it is He to whom the People of the Lord are committed, and from whom an account of their Souls will be Requird.

Can. 41. We Ordain the *Bishop* to have power of the Goods of the Church---And to Administer to those who want, by the hands of the *Presbyters* and *Deacons*.

Can. 55. If any *Clergy-man* shall Reproach his *Bishop*, let him be Depos'd: For, *Thou shalt not speak Evil of the Ruler of the People*.

After the *Canons* of the *Apostles*, I produce next a Great Council of 87 Bishops held at *Carthage*, in the Year of *Christ*, 256, under *St. Cyprian*, Archbishop of that Place, which is Published in *St. Cyprian's Works* before quoted, p. 229. where he tells us,

That besides the *Bishops*, ther met there both *Presbyters* and *Deacons*, and great Numbers of the *Laiety*.

ἔπαυθη εἰς ὑπήκουσιν, ἐπιμένων τῇ ἀπαξίᾳ· ὡς λαίχθς μὲν τῶν ἐκείσε κοινωνεῖτω.

Ἐἰ τις Πρεσβύτερος κατὰ Φρονήσας τὸ ἴδιον Ἐπισκόπου, χωρὶς συναράγῃ, καὶ θυσιαστήριον ἕτερον πῆξῃ, μηδὲν κατεγνωχθὸς τὸ Ἐπίσκοπος ἐν εὐσεβείᾳ καὶ δικαιοσύνῃ, κατηγρέϊσθω ὡς Φίλαρχος. Τύραννος γὰρ ἔστιν ὁ αὐτότως ἢ καὶ οἱ λοιποὶ κληρικοί, καὶ ὅσοι ἀν' αὐτῶν προσαδῶν. οἱ ἢ λαϊκοὶ ἀφορίζεσθω. πάντες ἢ μὴ μίαν καὶ δεύτεραν καὶ τρίτην ἀνάκλησιν τὸ Ἐπίσκοπος γνέσθω.

second, and third Admonition of

Οἱ Πρεσβύτεροι καὶ Διάκονοι, ἀνὰ γνώμης τὸ Ἐπίσκοπος μηδὲν ἐπιτελείτω, αὐτὸς γὰρ ἔστιν ὁ πεπιστευμένον τὸ λαὸν τὸ Κυρίως, καὶ τὸ ὑπὸ τῆς ψυχῶν αὐτῶν λόγον ἀπατηθήσμενον.

προσάσσομεν τὸ Ἐπίσκοπον ἐξουσίαν ἔχσειν τῶν τῶν Ἐκκλησίας πραγμάτων καὶ τοῖς δεομένοις δια Πρεσβυτέρων καὶ Διακόνων ἐπιχορηγείσθω.

Ἐἰ τις κληρικὸς ὑβρίσει τὸ Ἐπίσκοπον, κατηγρέϊσθω. Ἀρχοντα γὰρ τὸ λαὸν οὐκ ἐρεῖς κακῶς.

Episcopi plurimi cum Presbyteris & Diaconibus, &c.

The Council of *Eliberis* in *Spain*, about the Year of *Christ* 305.
Cap. 18. and 19.

Bishops, *Presbyters*, and *Deacons* are Nam'd distinct. And c. 32. *Presbyters* and *Deacons* are forbid to give the *Communion* to those who had grievously offended, without the Command of the *Bishop*.

Episcopi, Presbyteri, & Diaconi, &c. Non est Presbyterorum, aut Diaconorum Communionem talibus prestare debere, nisi eis iusserit Episcopus.

c. 75. Of those who shall falsely accuse a *Bishop*, *Presbyter*, or *Deacon*.

Si quis Episcopum, Presbyterum, vel Diaconum falsis Criminibus appetierit, &c.

c. 77. It is ordained that those who are Baptiz'd by a *Deacon*, without the *Bishop* or *Presbyter*, shall afterwards be Confirm'd by the *Bishop*.

Si quis Diaconus, sine Episcopo vel Presbytero aliquos Baptizare erit; Episcopus eos per Benedictionem perficere debebit.

The Council of *Arles* in *France*, about the Year of *Christ* 309.
c. 18. It is ordain'd that the *Deacons* shou'd be subject to the *Presbyters*: And c. 19.

That the *Presbyters* shou'd be subject to their *Bishop*, and do nothing without his consent.

Presbyteri sine Conscientia Episcopi nihil faciant.

A. D. 315.

The Council of *Ancyra*, A. D. 315.

c. 1. and 2. Having Prohibited those *Presbyters* and *Deacons* who had, in times of *Persecution*, Offer'd to *Idols*, from the Execution of their Office, says, that notwithstanding the *Bishop* sees their *Repentance* sincere; the *Bishop*.

Ἐπιμένει τινές τῶν Ἐπισκόπων τῆσιν σιωδοῖσιν κήματόν τινα ἢ παπῶσιν πραότητι, καὶ ἐθέλουσιν πλέον τι δίδουσι ἢ ἀφαρξῆν, ἐπιμένει τῶν ἐπιπέσειν.

may Dispence with them if he for that this Power is lodg'd in

A. D. 321.

The Council of *Laodicea*, A. D. 321.

Can. 41. That no *Clergy-man* ought to Travel, without the consent of his *Bishop*.

Ὅτι ἐὰν ἱερατικὸν ἢ κληρικὸν ἀνὸς κελεύσεως Ἐπισκόπου οὐδέουεν.

Can. 56. That the *Presbyters* ought not to go into the Church, and sit in their Stales, till the *Bishop* come, and to go in with the *Bishop*.

Ὅτι ἐὰν πρεσβυτέρους πρὸς τὴν εἰσοδὸν τῆς Ἐκκλησίας εἰσέναι ἐκαστέρας ἐν τῷ βήματι, ἀλλὰ μὴ τῶν Ἐπισκόπου εἰσέναι.

The

gation of his own, and set up a different Altar, and shall refuse to submit himself to his Bishop, calling him the first and second time, let him be absolutely Depos'd.

Can. 12. If any Presbyter or Deacon, being Depos'd by his own proper Bishop, or a Bishop by the Synod, dare Appeal to the King, seeing his Appeal lies to a greater Synod of more Bishops, where he is to expect the Examination of his Cause, and to refer the Decision to them; But if, making light of these, he trouble the King with it, such an one is worthy of no Pardon, nor ought to be admitted to make any sort of Apology, or to have hopes of his being ever Restor'd any more.

Can. 22. That a Bishop ought not to Ordain Presbyters or Deacons in another Bishop's Diocess, without his leave.

In the Council of Carthage, A. D. 348.

C. xi. The Case is put where a Deacon being accus'd, shall be Try'd by three Neighbouring Bishops, a Presbyter by six, and a Bishop by twelve.

The second Oecumenical Council of Constantinople, A. D. 381.

Can. 6. Ranks those with Hereticks, who, tho' they profess the true Faith, yet run into Schism, and gather Congregations apart from, and in opposition to our Canonical Bishops.

The Council of Carthage, A. D. 419.

Can. 3. Mentions the three di-

σῆριον ἐπιξέ, καὶ τὴ Ἐπισκόπῳ πρῶτον καὶ δεύτερον καλοῦντι ἀπειθῆναι, τούτων καθαρῶς παντελῶς.

Εἰ τις ὑπὸ τῆ ἰδίας Ἐπισκόπῳ καθαρῶς πρεσβύτερον ἢ Διάκονον, ἢ Ἐπίσκοπον ὑπὸ Συνοδῶν, ὀχλήσῃ τολμήσῃ τὰς βασιλικὰς ἀκούσας, δὲν ὅτι μείζονα Ἐπισκόπων Συνοδὸν ἀπέπεσαι, καὶ ἀνομιῆ δίκαια ἔχεν παρὰ φέρειν τολήσῃ Ἐπισκόποις, ἢ τὸ παρ' αὐτῶν ἐξετάσῃ τε ἢ ὅτι κερῶν ἐκδέχῃται. εἰ ἡ τῶν ὀλιγαριθμῶν ἐνοχλήσῃ τῶν βασιλῆς, καὶ τῶν μηδὲ μιᾶς συγγνώμης ἀξίως, μηδὲ χάραν ἀπολογίας ἔχεν, μηδὲ ἐλπίδα μελλέσῃς ἀποκαταστάσεως παρὰ δοκῶν.

Ἐπίσκοπον μὴ καθιστῶν πρεσβύτερον ἢ Διάκονον εἰς ἄλλου ἐτέρῳ Ἐπισκόπῳ ὑπεκέρχῃ, εἰ μὴ ἀρα μὴ γνώμης τῆ οἰκείου τὸ χάρος Ἐπισκόπου.

A tribus vicinis Episcopis, si Diaconus est arguatur; si Presbyter, a sex, si Episcopus a duodecim Sacerdotibus audiatur.

Αἰρετικὸς ἢ λέγομενος, τὸς τε πάλαι τὸ ἐκκλησίας διακινουχθέντας — πρὸς ἡ τῶν καὶ τὰς τὸ πίπῃ μὲν τῶν ὑγῆ παρὰ ποιημένους ὁμολογεῖν, ἀποκαθίετας δὲ καὶ ἀντιπαραγόντας τοῖς κανονικοῖς ἡμῶν Ἐπισκόποις.

Τὸς τρεῖς βαθμῶς — φησὶ δὲ ἵναι

strict Orders of Bishop, Presbyter, and Deacon; and compares them to the High-Priest, Priests, and Levites.

Ἐπισκόπους, πρεσβυτέρους, καὶ Διάκονους, ὡς πρῶτῃ δόξαις Ἐπισκόποις, Ἐἱρεῖσι Θεοῦ, Ἐκλόπις.

In the same manner they are as distinctly mention'd,

Can. 4. Bishop, Presbyter and Deacon; and their Powers distinct. For,

Ἐπίσκοπος, πρεσβύτερος, καὶ Διάκονος.

Can. 6. It is declar'd not to be lawful for Presbyters to Consecrate Churches, or Reconcile Penitents; but if any be in great Danger, and desirous to be Reconcil'd in the absence of the Bishop,

The Presbyter ought to consult the Bishop, and receive his Orders in it, as is declar'd in the 7. Can.

Ὁφείλει εἰκότως ὁ πρεσβύτερος ἐκζητῆσαι τὸ Ἐπίσκοπον.

Can. 10. If any Presbyter, being puff'd up with Pride, shall make a Schism against his own proper Bishop, let him be Anathema.

Ἐάν τις πρεσβύτερος καὶ τῆ ἰδίου Ἐπισκόπου ρυσιωθεὶς σχίσμα ποιήσῃ, Ἀνάθεμα ἔστω.

Can. 11. Gives leave to a Presbyter, who is Condemn'd by his Bishop, to Appeal to the Neighbouring Bishops; but if, without this, he flies off, and makes a Schism from his Bishop, it confirms the Anathema upon him.

Can. 12. Orders what is before Recited out of Can. xi. of the Council of Carthage.

That a Bishop who is Accus'd shall be try'd by twelve Bishops, if more may not be had; a Presbyter by six Bishops, with his own Bishop; and a Deacon by three.

Ἐπίσκοπος ὑπὸ δώδεκα Ἐπισκόπων ἀκροαθῆ, καὶ ὁ πρεσβύτερος ὑπὸ ἕξ Ἐπισκόπων, καὶ τῆ ἰδίου Διάκονος ὑπὸ τριῶν.

Can. 14. Orders that in Tripoli, because of the smaller number of Bishops in those Parts, a Presbyter shall be judg'd by Five Bishops, and a Deacon by Three, his own proper Bishop Presiding.

Ὁ πρεσβύτερος ἐκδοσε ὑπὸ πέντε ἀκρόν Ἐπισκόπων, καὶ Διάκονος ὑπὸ τριῶν, Ἐἰδὲ αὐτῶν Ἐπισκόπου προσηγημῆσε.

Can. 46. That a Presbyter shall not Reconcile a Penitent, without the knowledge of the Bishop; unless upon necessity, in the absence of the Bishop.

πρεσβύτερος ὧσα γνώμῃ Ἐπισκόπου μὴ καταλλάσσει μετανόοντα· εἰ μὴ δὲ ἀνάγκης συνωθήσῃ ἐν τῇ ἀπουσίᾳ Ἐπισκόπου.

Can. 59. That one *Bishop* may ordain many *Presbyters*; but that it was hard to find a *Presbyter* who was fit to be made a *Bishop*.

Can. 65. That a *Clergy man*, being *Condemned* by the *Bishops*, cannot be deliver'd by that *Church* to which he did belong, or by any *Man* whatsoever.

Can. 126. That *Presbyters* and *Deacons* may *Appeal* from their own *Bishop* to the *Neighbouring Bishops*, chosen by consent of their own *Bishop*, and from them to the *Primate* or *Provincial Synod*; but not to any *Trans-marine* or *Forraign Jurisdiction*, under pain of *Excommunication*.

εἰ μὴ πρὸς τοὺς τὸ Ἀρχιεπίσκοπος Συνοδούς, ἢ πρὸς τοὺς Πρεσβυτέρους τῆς ἰδίων αὐτῶν ἐπαρχιών. πρὸς ἢ τὰ πέραν τῆς θαλάσσης ἢ Βαλάρμυθου ἐκκαλεσθῆναι, ἀπὸ μηδενὸς ἐν Ἀφρικήν δεχθῆναι εἰς κοινωλίαν.

The Council of *Chalcedon*, being the *Fourth General Council*
A. D. 451.

Can. 9. If any *Clergy-man* have a *Cause* of complaint against another *Clergy-man*, let him not leave his own proper *Bishop*, and have *Recourse* to the *Secular Courts*--Whoever does otherwise shall be put under the *Canonical Censures*.

Can. 13. That a *Forreign Clergy-man*, and not known shall not officiate in another *City*, without *Commendatory Letters* from his own *Bishop*.

Δύνασθαι εἰς Ἐπισκοπὰς πολλὰς χειροτονεῖν Πρεσβυτέρους· Πρεσβυτέρου δὲ ἢ πρὸς Ἐπισκοπὴν ἑπιπέσει· ἢ πρὸς ἄλλοις ἐπίσκοποις ἐπιπέσει.

Κληρικὸν τῆ τῶν Ἐπισκόπων κρείσσονα καταδικασθέντα, μὴ ἐξέλθαι τὸ αὐτὸν εἴτε πρὸς τὸ οὐκ ἐκκλησίαν, ἢ ὑπὲρ τῆς, εἴτε ἀπὸ οὐκ ἐκκλησίας Ἀνθρώπου διενδικεῖσθαι πονηρῶς.

Πρεσβύτεροι, ἔτι Διάκονοι, ἐν αἷς ἔχοντες αἰτίας, ἐὰν περὶ τὸ ψῆφος τῶν ἰδίων Ἐπισκόπων μέμψονται, οἱ γειτνιῶντες Ἐπίσκοποι τούτων ἀκούσων, ἢ τὰ μετὰ τὴν τούτων ἀπαγωγῶν οἱ παρ' αὐτῶν καὶ Συνοδὸν τῆς ἰδίων αὐτῶν Ἐπισκόπων προσλαμβανόμενοι ἐν ἢ καὶ ἀπ' αὐτῶν ἐκκαλεσθῆναι θέλωσιν, μὴ ἐκκαλεσθῆναι.

ἢ πρὸς τοὺς Πρεσβυτέρους τῆς ἰδίων ἐπαρχιών. πρὸς ἢ τὰ πέραν τῆς θαλάσσης ἢ Βαλάρμυθου ἐκκαλεσθῆναι, ἀπὸ μηδενὸς ἐν Ἀφρικήν δεχθῆναι εἰς κοινωλίαν.

Εἰ τις κληρικὸς πρὸς κληρικὸν πρᾶγμα ἔχει, μὴ ἐγκαταλιμπνητέτω τὸ οἰκεῖον Ἐπισκοπικόν, ἔτι δὲ κοσμικῶν δικαστήρια μὴ κατατρέχεται—εἰ ἢ τις πρὸς ταῦτα ποιήσῃ, Κανονικαῖς ἐπιτίμοις ὑποκείσθαι.

Εἴ τις κληρικὸς ἔτι ἀγνώσκει ἐν ἑτέρᾳ πόλει, δίχα συστατικῶν γραμμάτων τῶν ἰδίων Ἐπισκόπων μηδὲν ἄλλο μὴ δαμῆ λειτουργεῖν.

Can. 18. If any of the *Clergy* shall be found *Conspiring*, or *Joyning in Fraternities*, or *Contriving* any thing against the *Bishops*, they shall fall from their own *Degree*.

Can. 29. To reduce a *Bishop* to the *Degree* of a *Presbyter*, is *Sacrilege*.

These *Authorities* are so plain and full as to prevent any *Application*, or *Multipling* of further *Quotations*, which might easily be done: For, if these can be answer'd, so may all that can possibly be produc'd, or framed in words.

And ther is no *Remedy* left to the *Presbyterians*, and other *Dissenters* from *Episcopacy*, but to deny all these by whole-sale, to throw off all *Antiquity*, as well the first *Ages* of *Christianity*, even that wherein the *Apostles* themselves Liv'd and Taught, as all since; and to stand upon a *New Foundation* of their own *Invention*.

But this only shews the *Desperatness* of their *Cause*; and the *Impregnable Bulwork* of *Episcopacy*; which (I must say it) stands upon so *Many, Clear, and Authentick Evidences*, as can never be overthrown, but by such *Topicks* as must render *Christianity* it self *Precarious*.

And if from the *Etymology* of the Words *Bishop* and *Presbyter*; any *Argument* can be drawn (against all the *Authorities* Produc'd) to prove them the same, we may, by this way of *Reasoning*, prove *Cyrus* to be *Christ*, for so he is call'd, *Isa. XLV. 1.*

Or if the *Presbyterians* will have their *Moderator* to be a *Bishop*, we will not *Quarrel* with them about a word. Let us then have a *Moderator*, such as the *Bishops* before describ'd, *viz. A Moderator*, as a standing *Officer*, during *Life*, to whom all the *Presbyters* are to be obedient as to *Christ*, *i. e.* to the *Moderator*, as *Representing* the Person of *Christ*: That nothing be done in the *Church* without Him; That He be understood as the *Principle* of *Unity* in His *Church*; so that, they who unjustly break off from his *Communion*, are thereby in a *Schism*: That he shew his *Succession*, by *Regular Ordination*, convey'd down from the *Apostles*. In short, that He have all that *Character* and

Εἰς τὴν τοίνυν κληρικὴν ἢ Μοι-
αζόντες εὐρεθῆεν ἢ Συνομιήσασιν ἢ
Φρασηδίζοντες, ἢ κατασκοδῶδες τυράνοι-
τες Ἐπισκόποις, ἢ συγκληρικῶς,
ὁμοιωτέταθ' πάλιν τῶ οἰκείῳ βαθμῷ.

Ἐπίσκοπων εἰς πρεσβυτέρου βαθ-
μὸν φέρειν Ἱεροσυλία ἔστιν.

Authority, which we see to have been Recogniz'd in the *Bishops*, in the very Age of the *Apostles*, and all the succeeding Ages of *Christianity*; and then call Him *Moderator*, *Superintendent*, or *Bishop*: For, the Contest is not about the *Name*, but the *Thing*.

And if we go only upon the *Etymology* of the *Word*, how shall we prove *Presbyters* to be an *Order* in the *Church*, more than *Bishops*? as *Athanasius* said to *Dracontius* of those who persuaded him not to accept of a *Bishoprick*.

Why do they persuade you not to be a Bishop, when they themselves will have Presbyters?

Διὰ τὴ συμβουλεύουσί σοι μὴ ἀντιλαμβάνεσθαι τὴ Ἐπισκοπήν, αὐτοὶ θέλοντες ἔχειν πρεσβυτέρους;

I will end this Head, with the Advice of that great *Father* to this same *Dracontius*.

If the Government of the Churches do not please you; and that you think the Office of a *Bishop* has no Reward, thereby making your self a Despiser of our *Saviour*, who did Institute it; I beseech you surmise not any such things as these, nor do you Entertain any who advise such things; for that is not worthy of *Dracontius*: For what things the Lord did Institute by His *Apostles*, those things remain both good and sure.

Ἐἰ ἢ τῆς Ἐκκλησιῶν ἡ Διάταξις σοὶ ἀρέσκει, ἐδὲ νομίζεις ὅτι ἡ Ἐπισκοπὴ λειτουργημα μισθὸν ἔχει, ἀλλὰ κατὰ φρονεῖν τὰ πάντα διαταξαμένε Σωτῆρι πτωσίμας αὐτόν, ὡδὲ χαλῶ, μὴ τοιαῦτα λογίζου, μηδὲ ἀνέχου τῆς πάντα συμβουλεύονταν. ἔ γὰρ ἅγια Δρακοντίου πάντα. ἃ γὰρ Κύριος διὰ τῆς Ἀποστόλων πτύπωκε, ταῦτα κατὰ καὶ βέβαια μένει.

Athanas. Epist. ad Dracont.

II. Having thus Explain'd those Texts of *Scripture* which speak of *Episcopacy*, by the Concurrent sense of those who liv'd with the *Apostles*, and were taught the Faith from their Mouths; who liv'd zealous *Confessors*, and dy'd glorious *Martyrs* of *Christ*; and who Succeeded the *Apostles* in those very *Churches* where themselves had sat *Bishops*: And having deduc'd their Testimonies, and of those who Succeeded them down for Four Hundred and Fifty Years after *Christ* (from which time, ther is no doubt rais'd against the Universal Reception of *Episcopacy*) and this not only from their *Writings* apart, but by their *Canons* and *Laws*, when Assembl'd together in *Council*; which one wou'd think sufficient Evidence, against none at all on the other side, that is, for the *Succession* of *Churches*

Churches in the *Presbyterian* Form, of which no one Instance can be given, so much as of any one *Church* in the *world* so Deduc'd, not only from the days of the *Apostles* (as is shewn for *Episcopacy*) but before *Calvin*, and those who *Reform'd* with him, about 160 Years last past: I say, tho' what is done is sufficient to satisfy any *Indifferent* and *Un-biass'd* Judgment, yet ther is one *Topick* yet behind, which, with our *Dissenters*, weighs more than all *Fathers* and *Councils*; and that is, the late *Reformation*, from whence some Date their very *Christianity*. And if even by this too *Episcopacy* shou'd be *witnessed* and *Approv'd*, then is ther nothing at all in the *World* left to the *Opposers* of *Episcopacy*, nothing of *Antiquity*, *Precedent*, or any *Authority* but their own *wilful will* against all *Ages* of the whole *Catholick Church*, even that of the *Reformation* as well as all the Rest.

Let us then Examine. First, for the *Church of England*, that is thrown off clearly by our *Dissenters*, for that was *Reform'd* under *Episcopacy*, and continues so to this day.

And as to our Neighbour Nation of *Scotland*, where the *Presbyterians* do boast that the *Reformation* was made by *Presbyters*; that is most *Clearly* and *Authentically* Confuted by a Late Learned and worthy Author (already mention'd) in his *Fundamental Charter of Presbytery*, Printed 1695. so as to stop the Mouths of the most *Perverse*, who will not be *Persuaded* tho' they are *Persuaded*.

Go we then abroad, and see the state of the *Reformed Churches* there.

The *Lutherans* are all cut off, as the *Church of England*; for they still Retain *Episcopacy*, as in *Denmark*, *Sweden*, &c.

Ther remains now only the *Calvinists*. Here it is the *Presbyterians* set up their Rest! This is their strong *Foundation*!

And this will fail them as much as all the other: For, be it known unto them (however they will receive it) that *Calvin* himself, and *Beza*, and the rest of the Learned *Reformers* of their Part, did give their Testimony for *Episcopacy* as much as any. They counted it a most unjust *Reproach* upon them, to think that they condemn'd *Episcopacy*; which they say they did not throw off, but cou'd not have it there, in *Geneva*, without coming under the *Papal Hierarchy*: They highly *Applauded* and *Congratulated* the *Episcopal Hierarchy* of the *Church of England*, as in their several

ral Letters to *Q. Elizabeth*, to the *Arch-bishop of Canterbury*, and others of our *English Bishops*: They Pray'd heartily to God for the Continuance and Preservation of it: Bemoan'd their own unhappy Circumstances, that they cou'd not have the like, because they had no *Magistrate* to Protect them; and wished for *Episcopacy* in their *Churches*, the want of which they own'd as a great *Defect*; but call'd it their *Misfortune* rather than their *Fault*. As the Learned of the *French Hugonots* have likewise pleaded on their Behalf.

As for their *Excuse*. I do not now meddle with it, for I think it was not a good one. They might have had *Bishops* from other Places, tho' ther were none among themselves, but those who were *Popish*: And they might as well have had *Bishops* as *Presbyters*, without the Countenance of the *Civil-Magistrate*. It might have rais'd a greater *Persecution* against them; but that is nothing as to the *Truth* of the thing. And if they thought it a *Truth*, they ought to have suffer'd for it.

But whatever becomes of their *Excuse*, here it is plain, that they gave their *Suprage* for *Episcopacy*; which who so pleases may see at large in *Dr. Durel's View of the Government and worship in the Reformed Churches beyond the Seas*, (who was himself one of them) Printed. 1662.

So that our Modern *Presbyterians* have departed from *Calvin* as well as from *Luther*, in their Abhorrence of *Episcopacy*, from all the *Christian World*, in all Ages; and particularly from all our late *Reformers*, both of one sort and other.

Calvin wou'd have *Anathematiz'd* all of them, had he liv'd in our times. Hélay's ther were none such to be found in his time, who oppos'd the *Episcopal Hierarchy*, but only the *Papal*, which Aspir'd to an *Universal Supremacy* in the *See of Rome* over the whole *Catholick Church*, which is the *Prerogative* of *Christ* alone. But, says he,

If they wou'd give us such a *Hierarchy*, in which the *Bishops* shou'd so Excell, as that they did not refuse to be subject to *Christ*, and to depend upon Him, as their *only Head*, and refer all to Him; then I will confess that they are worthy of all *Anathemas*, if any such shall be

Talem si nobis Hierarchiam exhibeant, in qua sic Emineant Episcopi, ut Christo subesse non Recusent, & ab Illo tanquam unico Capite pendeant, & ad Ipsum referantur, &c. Tum vero nullo non Anathemate dignos fatear si qui erunt qui non Eam Reverentur, summaque Obedientia obser-
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found, who will not Reverent. Calvin. De necessitat. Ec-
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 to it, with the utmost Obedience.

See, he says, *si qui erunt*, if ther shall be any such, which supposes that he knew none such; and that he own'd none such amongst his Reformers: And that if ever any such thou'd arise, he thought ther were no *Anathemas* which they did not deserve, who shou'd refuse to submit to the *Episcopal Hierarchy*, without such an *Universal Head*, as Excludes *Christ* from being the *only Universal Head*; for if ther be *another*, (tho *substitute*) He is not *only*. Thus He is called the *Chief Bishop*; but never the *only Bishop*, because ther are others deputed under Him. But He calls no *Bishop* the *Universal Bishop*, or *Head of the Catholick Church*; because He has appointed no *Substitute* in that *supreme Office*; as not of *Universal King*, so neither of *Universal Bishop*.

And *Beza* supposes as Positively as *Calvin* had done, that ther were none who did oppose the *Episcopal Hierarchy* without such an *Universal Head* now upon Earth; or that oppos'd the Order of *Episcopacy*; and condemns them as *Mad-men*, if any such cou'd be found. For thus says he,

If ther be any (which you shall hardly persuade me to believe) who reject the whole Order of *Episcopacy*, God forbid that any Man, in his wits, shou'd assent to the *Madness* of such Men.

Si qui sunt autem (quod sane mihi non facile persuaseris) qui omnem Episcoporum ordinem Rejiciant, absit ut quisquam satis sanæ mentis furoribus illorum assentiatur. Beza. ad Tractat. de Ministr. Ev. Grad. ab Hadrian. Sarav. Belga Editam. c. I.

And particularly as to the *Church of England*, and her *Hierarchy of Archbishops and Bishops*, he says, that he never meant to opugne any thing of that; but calls it a *singular Blessing of God*; and wishes that she may ever enjoy it.

Eruatur sane ista singulari Dei beneficentia, quæ utinam sit illi Perpetua. Ibid. c. 18.

So that our Modern *Presbyterians* are disarm'd of the Precedent of *Calvin*, *Beza*, and all the *Reformers* abroad; by whose Sentence they are *Anathematiz'd* and counted as *Mad-men*.

Here then, let us consider and beware of the Fatal Progress of *Error*! *Calvin* and the *Reformers* with him, set up *Presbyterian Government*, as they pretended, by *Necessity*; but still kept up and
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Profess'd the highest Regard to the *Episcopal Character* and *Authority*: But those who pretend to follow their Example, have utterly Abdicated the whole *Order of Episcopacy*, as *Anti-Christian* and an *Insupportable Grievance*! While, at the same time, they wou'd seem to pay the greatest Reverence to these *Reformers*; and much more to the *Authority* of the *First* and *Purest* Ages of *Christianity*; whose *Fathers* and *Councils* spoke all the *High* things, before Quoted, in behalf of *Episcopacy*; far beyond the *Language* of our later *Apologists* for that *Hierarchy*; or what durst now be Repeated, except from such *unquestionable Authority*.

In this they imitate the hardness of the *Jews*, who Built the *Sepulchers* of those *Prophets*, whom their *Fathers* slew; while, at the same time, they Adher'd to, and out-did the Wickedness of their *Fathers*, in Persecuting the *Succeffors* of those *Prophets*.

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