

own private interest; though these, through the strength of education and tradition, may remain under some speculative and great errors, it would be uncharitable to say, that therefore God rejects them.—He who creates, supports and gives understanding to all men, his knowledge and goodness is superior to the various cases and circumstances of his creatures, which to us appear the most difficult.

The apostles and primitive christians did not censure all the Gentiles as wicked men, Rom. ii. 14. Col. iii. 11. but as they were favoured with a gift to discern things more clearly, respecting the worship of the true God, they with much firmness declared against the worshipping of Idols; and with true patience endured many sufferings, on that account.

Great numbers of faithful Protestants have contended for the truth, in opposition to papal errors; and with true fortitude laid down their lives in the conflict, without saying, That no man was saved who made profession of that religion.

While we have no right to keep men as servants for term of life, but that of superior power; to do this, with design by their labour to profit ourselves and our families, I believe is wrong; but I do not believe that all who have kept slaves, have therefore been chargeable with guilt. If their motives thereto were free from selfishness, and their slaves content, they were a sort of freemen; which I believe hath sometimes been the case.

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