

bewildered imaginations may be induced to believe that even darkness is light and light is darkness, by which means we plead for things that ought to be discouraged and speak lightly of things of religious importance and so become acting in opposition to the important work of suppressing vice.

With respect to the Scriptures I believe them to be too copious for to be comprehended by the depths of the most penetrating mind that readeth them only in the volume as printed. They contain the exercises of a number of persons who in their days have sought after an acquaintance with the best things and from their different situations have been productive of different exercises and consequently expressions suitable to their several situations, and, in order to discover the true harmony we might have experience, else they will appear contradictory, for Jeremiah could with confidence declare himself to be the man that had seen affliction by the rod of his wrath and that his leadings had brought him into darkness and not into light. Surely, saith he, "His hand is turned against me, He turneth it against me all the day," with many other similar expressions. Another, asserting that His leadings are by "Gentle running waters and in paths of peace." One asserting that He hath smitten him and another that "He is the healer of his wounds." One groans under the stupendous burthen of the Lord, and He Himself declares that "His yoke is easy and His burden is light." Now, I believe the rightly exercised traveller as he passeth along findeth the truth of this variety and can testify to the several situations there expressed, although he may not be made to partake of each so largely as some of those. I believe that had Josiah been faithful to the Divine requisitions he would have felt cheerfulness in the discharge of his duty and had a sweet draught of the celestial River that maketh glad the whole heritage of God, and with abundant thankfulness adored the mercy that pitied His deluded fellow creatures, but by giving way to reasoning brought on himself a field of exercises repeatedly doubled the disgrace he feared, still was compelled to complete the dreaded task here, by his own misconduct he lost the wages, yet had to perform the work."

This from thy Friend,

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