

To detect such fallacies, by which people are self-deceived in matters of eternal moment, is worthy of Your serious attention. And this leads me to offer something on the subject of Preaching, agreeably

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opposite to each other, than they are to its mild, pure and gentle spirit ; and if any of its professors are influenced by them, they so far depart from the Gospel, and cease to be Christians.

THE other remark is—that Christianity will derive advantage from this, as it has from every similar, attack. Mr. Gibbon's misrepresentations have not only been detected ; but much light has been thrown on various passages of Ecclesiastical History, and other subjects connected with Revelation ; which will serve to confirm the rational Christian in his faith. This has been done by Dr. CHELSUM in his *Remarks* ; by Mr. DAVIS in his *Examination and Reply* ; by SIR DAVID DALRYMPLE in his *Inquiry* ; by Bishop WATSON in his *Apology for Christianity* ; and by Mr. TRAVIS in his *Letters to Ed. Gibbon, Esq.*—all written in answer to the XVth and XVIth Chapters of Mr. Gibbon's *History*. Several judicious strictures on that History are also contained in *An Inquiry into the Belief of the Christians of the first Three Centuries, respecting the one Godhead of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost* ; by WILLIAM BURGH, Esq.—a book which does honour to the Author's head and heart ; and for which the Christian Church is much obliged to him. Among many points that have been elucidated in the course of this controversy, Mr. TRAVIS has very satisfactorily proved the genuineness of that text I John V. 7, of which some learned men had entertained doubts ; and has refuted every objection to its authenticity. See the 2d Edit. of his *Letters*, 8vo. 1785. Others, whose writings I have not seen, have called Mr. GIBBON to an account for the censurable passages in his *History*. The above are mentioned merely to satisfy some persons on this side of the Atlantic, that Mr. Gibbon has been ably answered ; and who, not knowing it, seemed to think, that, because he received no answer, he was unanswerable.