

Those who venture to contradict their Maker and say, that he will contend forever, and be always wroth, ought to give as good a reason, at least, why he will as he hath given why he will not, and, consequently, must prove him not to be the father of all spirits, and the creator of all souls: if, therefore it can be demonstrated that satan is an eternal, self-existent, immutable, evil being, and that he hath created all, or a part of mankind (as some asserted formerly and, as I myself have heard lately) or that he hath drawn some of God's creatures into such an union with himself, that they cannot be separated from him, and that he will maintain his crown, throne, and kingdom, in opposition to God, to all endless duration then and not till then, may the eternity of sin and misery be concluded from the nature of things, with equal ease and certainty, as the perfection and happiness of the saints. But if the kingdom of evil, and all the works of sin, satan, and darkness, shall be totally destroyed by Christ, and all things shall be reheaded in him, who is the head of all principalities & powers, as well as of every man; (see Ephesians, I. 10. Col. II. 10. 1 Cor. XI. 3.) If every knee shall bow, and tongue shall swear, and all things whether in heaven or in earth, or under the earth shall confess that he is Lord, and all things, whether in heaven or in earth, shall be reconciled to him (see Isaiah, ~~XV.~~ ^{LV.} 23. Phil. II. 10. Col. 20) and all kingdoms shall be broken & destroyed by the kingdom of Christ, which shall itself be yielded up into the kingdom of boundless love, where judgment shall be no more, what shall we say of that doctrine, that teaches the endless duration of evil?

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