

expositors of his Gospel. The homage which we pay them is the homage which enlightened religion will always pay to heroic virtue. Their lives are a complete answer to all the pretended difficulties in the observance of the divine commands, and the view of their brilliant crowns with the eye of faith "inclines our hearts to do the justifications of the Lord for ever, on account of the glorious reward." Thus all our doctrine and observances regarding the Saints tend to make us holy, and well-pleasing in the sight of heaven, and so far from being offensive to God, are powerfully calculated to promote His honor and glory,

With regard to their Images and Relics we honour them on account of those whom they represent; but it is *not* true that we believe they have any power or divinity in them, for which they should be revered, or that any thing is to be asked of them, or any confidence placed in them. An examination of our real doctrine on these points would at once satisfy the objections of every candid mind.

We are forced to pass over for the present many other important misrepresentations, in order to come to one of the principal charges against the Holy Catholic Church. We are confidently accused of hating the Scriptures, of preferring human tradition to the inspired word of God, of having concealed it most carefully from the people until the Religious Revolution of the sixteenth century. The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible is the war-cry of our opponents. This is what is called the common platform of the multitudinous sects who have separated from the