

In this passage we have the whole system of our Catholic church brought in contrast with Father Damen's Roman Apostacy. First, we have the divinely appointed ministry from whom the Bereans received the word with all readiness, and secondly, we have the right of private judgment brought to light; for "If an angel from heaven preached any other gospel let him be accursed" says St. Paul.—Gal. i 8. These Bereans are commended, because they searched the scriptures daily to see if these things were so. In both dispensations inspired men were raised to declare God's Word to the people, and to attest the truth of what they uttered by signs and wonders; so that we can inform Father Damen that the great founder of our religion did command his servants to write his holy word, that future generations might be benefited by it. Thus in Deut. xxvii 3., "Thou shalt write all the words of this law." Ex. xvii 16, "And the Lord said unto Moses write this for a memorial in a book." Is., viii 1, "And the Lord said unto Isaiah take thee a great roll" (which were the books then used,) and write in it, &c. Jer. xxx 2, "Thus speaketh the Lord God of Israel saying write thee all the words I have spoken in a book." Again in Habakuk, ii 2, we read, "And the Lord answered to me and said, write the vision and make it plain upon