

disbelieve *all* the other truths which Christ has taught; "all things" which he commanded his Apostles to preach; then I say, Mr. Stephenson, you are wrong, you do an injury to Christ, you insult common sense, you are not a Christian even in the "essential sense." You are wrong; for Christ has said, that the Holy Ghost would teach his Apostles "*all truth*," (John xvi ch., 13 v.) and Christ himself commissioned these Apostles, imposed the obligation on them, to go into the world and teach this "*all truth*," "*all things which I have commanded you*" to every creature. He must therefore necessarily have, at the same time, imposed on "*every creature*" the correlative obligation of receiving these "*all things*," "*all truth*," from the Apostles and believing in them.—"He that believeth not shall be condemned."—You do an injury to Christ; for you insult him by refusing to accept His word, His authority in "*all things*," "*all truth*," by rejecting or refusing to accept, some of His teachings, and treating Him with less confidence and respect than you would any gentleman of the world in whose honor, integrity and credibility, you would make profession, and whose word or authority, in consequence, you would find yourself bound, not to rashly call in question. You insult common sense; for common sense tells us that if Christ is God, he is the Eternal, the Infinite Wisdom, and being the Infinite Wisdom, He could not stultify himself by teaching any truth, which would not tend towards the fulfilment of His mission among men, to shew forth and promote the glory of the Eternal Father, and promote and secure the eternal salvation of men's souls; and if *all* His truths or teachings tend to promote these two objects, it follows, as a necessary consequence, that men must believe them, that is—*all* of them; for all men are created with souls to save, and to give honor and glory "to our Father who is in Heaven." You are not a Christian even in "*the essential sense*," for to be a *true* Christian means to be a *true* follower of Christ, and to be a *true* follower of Christ you must believe, as I have shewn, all truths which Christ has taught, "*all things*" which He has commanded, not simply a few of them.

But I cannot really believe that the Rev. Mr. Stephenson, who professes to be a "preacher of the Gospel," looks upon it as quite sufficient that men should believe in order to salvation, that Christ was God the Son of God, the promised Messiah, and, that it is a matter of *perfect indifference* whether they believe or not, all other truths which Christ has thought. I will do him the justice to think, that he considers that every man is bound to believe every truth that Christ has thought, which comes under his knowledge; and that every man is bound, so far as his ability, his time, his occupations &c., will permit him, to learn what these truths are. I will not insult his reason by saying, that he considers that the word of Christ, the authority of Christ, is not as worthy of credit in every instance when He teaches truth, as in one or two or three particular instances.