

page or understood a single proposition of the writings of those whom they condemn, and have absolutely no rational knowledge either of the arguments by which their faith is defended or of those by which it has been impugned, will nevertheless adjudicate with the utmost confidence upon every polemical question : will denounce, hate, pity, or pray for the conversion of all who dissent from what they have been taught ; and will assume, as a matter beyond the faintest possibility of doubt, that the opinions they have imbibed without inquiry must be true, and the opinions others have arrived at by inquiry must be false. And, strangely enough, they make it a main object of their lives to assail what they call infidelity in every way in their power except by examining the grounds upon which it rests.

