

Divine intellect may be true, as well as their realization, but at the same time that truth after it has been realized in objects, and outside of God's mind, may change.

Surely, if this were so, God would contradict Himself by establishing an opposition between his ideas and their realization.

And again could God, who is goodness and kindness in their greatest perfection; realize what He conceives in His Divine intellect in such a manner, that it would be mutable, and consequently be a cause of danger and deceit to the creatures whom he has animated with a soul to His own image, gifted with the most sublime faculties, and destined for his eternal society? Assuredly not.

And finally, truth is what is most perfect since it depends and proceeds from God's mind, which is the greatest perfection itself, and what is perfect cannot change, therefore truth cannot change.

Hence I think that those who have perused and examined the arguments brought up in support of my thesis, although they are but a few amongst hundreds of perhaps more forcible ones, will be compelled to admit that truth which is objective, and is the realization of the Creator's ideas, is immutable.

As a consequence, therefore, I think I am, without fear of contradiction, justified in proclaiming that our Holy Religion is the only true one, and therefore immutable.

Because God the Father foresaw the fall of that being upon whom he had lavished so many precious qualities, so many graces, He knew that man by his disobedience would become enslaved to Satan, and lost forever to eternal happiness, but his love was too great to allow man to remain dormant under the cruel shades of sin and death.

Then his infinite goodness disclosed itself in the person of Jesus Christ, His son, His equal in all things, when he founded our Catholic Church, and its establishment was the realization of that idea which God possessed from all eternity for the salvation of mankind.

Besides, the ideas the Almighty realized

in truth are immutable, and therefore the Catholic Church is immutable and the is only true one, and these other so-called religions, whose sole object is to distort our divine doctrine, nay more, which are continually changing in their own principles, and about which the learned Bossuet so justly wrote, "that they have almost as many sects as individuals," are false and dangerous, since true principles cannot change.

However, you will perhaps say that sin exists and is a moral falsehood, and consequently how are we to place reliance on metaphysical truth as we have just defined it.

We must remember that sin exists only morally, in as much as God has given a law to man which he must observe and obey, still at the same time he bestowed a free will upon him, in order to test his love and fidelity; and if man disobeys or breaks that law, which is a perfection, God perceives the negative of that perfection, but the cause is not unknown to him, and hence in no way does he contradict Himself, nor does he produce any metaphysical falsehood. Therefore, in conclusion, I may venture to feel confident in declaring that I trust my few arguments have obtained their aim, and that I may safely affirm that truth is eternal, and what *was* and *is* true, *will* be true.

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IN Ireland the first Sunday of Lent is the beginning of the mission season, when many of the best preachers of the large cities as Dublin, Limerick and Cork go down into the country in order to stimulate fervor among those who at other times have not the opportunity of hearing such excellent sermons. Rev. Stephen Nicoll O. M. I. has just finished conducting a mission of this kind at Clonmel. Father Nicoll preached our annual retreat in 1884, and his power of touching the hearts of collegians, proverbially difficult to please, is a guarantee of his success with the more easily moved masses.