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deceived, who profess to believe in and embrace the MESSIAH that is come, when at the same Time they are as great Strangers to his Grace and Enemies in their Hearts as the Jews that crucified him, and openly rejected him as a horrid Impostor: For there is scarcely any Men under the Light of the Gospel but what call themselves Christians, and are likewise convinced, that the Way to Heaven is not through gross Out-brawlings and Debauchery, so that rather than to be miserable for ever, many will forsake Drunkenness, profane Swearing, Stealing, Lying, Fornication, Adultery, and such like Vices, and will embrace some Principles of Religion and practice some external Performances; and therefore imagine all is well, and so go down to eternal Perdition, without much Concern upon their Minds; and thus many in the World make their Escape from Vice to Morality, but not from Death to Life: and although I acknowledge that it may be better for civil Society, yet all that can be said of the Change (respecting their own State) is, that they have exchanged from the open profane to the Moralist, and from one Part of the Devil's Kingdom

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