

heroes, martyrs, models to be imitated ; while the Catholic considers them criminals of the worst character. They denied truth ; they revolted against God ; they helped to propagate falsehood, to corrupt the brain of society and consequently its heart. For immorality, is naturally the twin sister of heresy and the child of scepticism.

If the mere denial of a dogma or a truth were to remain in a purely intellectual state, the damage might not be so great ; but the denial of a truth works from the head downwards to the heart. Men of genius and intellect misled begin by denying principles. Their example is contagious ; their influence pernicious. The principle denied by the men of science, is denied by the masses in the long run ; so that what was a little leaven in the beginning soon corrupts the whole body politic. Massillon in his Lenten Sermons has well described the influence of the rulers and the great in society. In his time the rulers and the great to whom he spoke were the nobles ; with us the true leaders of the people, are the editors and the preachers. Their crimes of intellect are enormous. The man who picks your pocket or steals your horse is less guilty than the disciple of Leroux and St. Simon, the Communists