

abroad by Teaching, assisted by the Grace of God.

The Christian Religion is a most compleat and perfect Institution, the Means which the Wisdom of God makes use of, to instruct and save the World; and therefore it would be great Unmercifulness in those, who understand it themselves, not to communicate such useful Knowledge: — Knowledge, that is not calculated to amuse or entertain us, or to provide for the little Purposes of a short and transitory Life, but whose Views reach a great deal farther, making Men wise unto Salvation, and securing the great Interests of another State.

Stupidity and want of Understanding is a great Misfortune, more especially in Matters of the highest Consequence, as the Things of Religion are; and since the true Way to love God is to know him, and the best Argument for the Practice of Religion is to understand it, it is a Point of most excellent Charity and Mercy to inform the Minds of Men, and to let them into the Reason and Beauty of Religion, the Wisdom and Power and Goodness of God, and his unbounded Love to Men in particular by the most gracious and merciful Dispensation of his Gospel.

It behoves us therefore, it concerns us highly, wherever we plant our Colonies and transfer our
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