

in me, and around me, according to his promise by the prophet: "They shall say my Father and I will say: Here I am!" and this sense of distance from my God increased till I thought it wrong to go again. Such were my *feelings*, and I may truly say impartial and unprejudiced feelings;—and *ought we entirely* to disregard testimony from this quarter? God forbid! and I apprehend that were we more exercised in spiritual things in "feeling after God if haply we might find Him," as the apostle expresses it, we should not be so liable to be deceived by false impressions and suggestions from the enemy;—"having thus our senses exercised to discern between good and evil." But while I state *these* circumstances as what must very properly influence *my own* mind, I am fully aware that only the soul and spirit acted upon can judge of this internal kind of evidence. If it *contradicts* the Truth, the written word, certainly it cannot be any part of the truth of God; but if it does not, it either may or may not be, and who can tell "but he that receiveth it:"—yet, the testimony of a Christian in this matter should weigh with others according to his acknowledged character for *true spirituality* of mind, a sound judgment, good common sense, and *veracity*.*

I will now mention,

Secondly, One or two things of a moral and religious character, of which all may judge, and which seemed to me to indicate that the whole ministration was pervaded by a spirit of error and falsehood—that they had received a spirit "giving efficacy to error." These instances may seem, perhaps, trivial; but a small key sometimes opens a large room, and a little fruit will satisfactorily indicate the tree from which it was gathered.

A few days previous to Mr. Irving's trial by the London Presbytery, a paper was produced in his church and presented for the signature of persons present, intended in vindication of Mr. Irving as a Minister of the Church of Scotland at his approaching trial. One of the items in this paper was, that nothing had been introduced in the services of the church while under Mr. Irving's charge contrary to the standards of the

*While giving this weight to the *religious feeling* of every true christian, I most readily admit, that "we cannot be too sensible of the danger of an implicit reliance on frames and feelings, or of regarding them as constituting an infallible test by which to judge of our state before God. Upon the broad and grand principle of the gospel, let us repose on God's purposes of grace, and mercy towards us through life, conceived before the foundation of the world, and extending from the beginning of time to the consummation of all things."