

Jesus was the end and the finisher of all these prophetic anticipations. He has broken down the barrier between Jew and Gentile, between Religion and Philosophy, between genuine piety and real civilization. In Christianity all should be united, for each promotes the other so long as an understanding mind is added to a christian heart.

In conclusion: what is it then that chiefly divides christians, as regards their use of the Bible? It is simply this, that whereas some declare that the sacred volume alone is sufficient for a man's guide in life, and that it must be its own interpreter (and this is what Protestants profess); others, such as the Catholics, declare that the Church and the Pope and the early councils, or in other words the universal consent of Christendom, is the only safe interpreter of scripture, and authority in faith. How this is to be determined must be left to the learned in Oxford and in Rome.

Protestants, however, though they thus profess to take the *Bible only* as their guide, and therefore naturally their own views of the Bible, they still generally declare beforehand the results to which a study of the Bible *must lead*, and condemn to perdition those who derive from its perusal *different* opinions. Catholics are safe; they believe what their Church tells them. But Protestants refuse such authority, at the risk of destruction, should they come to conclusions differing from certain creeds or articles drawn up by their forefathers at Westminster or at Oxford!

From both of these views we differ; we believe that so long as a man strives to understand the will of God as revealed in Christ, and with his whole heart endeavours to