

STATE and yet a free Agent capable of sinning, (*that is to say*, of breaking off,) but by no Means compelled to sin, or break off, nor yet constrained to stand against his Will and Choice: For if he had been so, he could never have been happy, nor have answered the End of his Creation; nor could he be made any other Way in the Image of God, but a free Agent. And here, it is well worth observing, what is said by the Great MILTON, who, in my Opinion, is one of the clearest Writers on this disputed Point, that is now extant.

" *Whose Fault,*" (saith he)

*Whose but his own? Ingrate! He bad of me*

*All he could have. I made him just and right,*

*Sufficient to have stood, and free to fall.*

*Such I create all the Ethereal Powers*

*And Spirits; both them who stood, and those*

*who sail'd.*

*Not free, what Proof could they have given*

*sincere*

*Of true Allegiance, constant Faith or Love*

*Where only, what they do, must prove*

*What Pleasure I from such Obedience*