

Lamb of God. . . This is God Himself, who, being incarnated, has saved you on the cross. . . Come and adore him." And the people say in their heart, and they sing with their lips, "This is our incarnated god, who, on the cross died to save us. . . Let us adore him." And prostrating their faces to the dust, they adore their god whom their priest has just made before their eyes with a wafer baked in a heated graving tool!

Is not the idolatry of Cardinal Gibbons and his priests as gross and criminal as the idolatry of Aaron and his people? Is not the wafer god of the Pope as contemptible, ridiculous, impotent, powerless as the gold calf god of Aaron? Are not the two forms of idolatry as insulting to the great God, who has said: "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them nor serve them?"

In order that both the Roman Catholics and the Protestants may better understand the abominable idolatry of Rome, and how the Pope is absolutely and publicly mocking and daring God Almighty in the confection of the wafer-god, I will put the commandment of God and the orders of the Pope face to face.

God Almighty to Moses and to all the world:—

"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself, nor serve them."—*Ex. xx.*

The Pope of Rome to the bishops and to the priests, and to the whole world:—

"Thou shalt make unto you graven images (called wafers) and a likeness of something which is in heaven (the body of Christ), and you shall bow down yourselves and serve them."—*Council of Trent.*

Was it possible for the devil to mock God, and dare Him in a more frightful way by inspiring the Pope of Rome with these rules and commandments of his councils? Is not the Pope of Rome renewing the awful mystery of iniquity performed just after Adam and Eve had been created?

Almighty God said to Adam:—

"Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat.

"But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it. For in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."—*Genesis ii., 16, 17.*

And the serpent said to the woman:

"Yea, hath God said, ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"

"Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."—*Genesis iii., 1-5.*

When God Almighty says:—"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven images of anything that is in heaven; . . thou shalt not bow down and serve them," the Pope boldly says, "Thou shalt make engraven images of something which is in heaven, and thou shalt bow down thyself and serve them." And like the guilty mother Eve, who shuts her ears to the voice of God,