

UNITARIANISM NOT A SECTARIAN SYSTEM.

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WHAT is meant by the term *Sectarianism*? In common speech, we understand by this term that exclusive spirit which inculcates a belief in certain peculiar tenets in religion as affording either the only or the best hope of salvation. Now it is true, Unitarians do in general entertain certain views relative to the nature and mission of our Saviour, which are not in accordance with those held and maintained by the Calvinists. But did any man ever hear of a Unitarian, who thought or taught that a belief in that, or any other tenet of this denomination, deemed peculiar, afforded the only, or would give a better, chance for salvation? Did any man ever hear a Unitarian say or teach that a Calvinist could not be a Christian? or that they who had adopted the Calvinistic creed, after faithful and prayerful research of the Holy Scriptures, were not full as likely to be accepted by the great Master, in the day of final retribution, as though they had subscribed to every article of the Unitarian faith? I think not; although it is possible that some of that denomination, more valorous than wise, may have been tempted to gather up some of the spent shafts of their adversaries, and return them into the enemy's camp.

The foundations of Unitarianism, as I have been taught and have surveyed them, are as broad as the New Testament, which it receives as the inspiration of the Divine Mind, neither desiring to add any thing to it nor daring to subtract any thing from it. All that is mysterious, miraculous, and beyond the comprehension of the human