

12. There was a true saving faith in the days of our forefathers, before the pretended reformation, by which great numbers certainly arrived at the happy port of eternal felicity. Our histories are all full of instances of charity, piety, and devotion of kings, bishops, &c. of the old religion; therefore it is safer to follow their faith, than venture our souls in a new raised communion.

13. All ancient pretenders to *reformation* (i. e. all those that ever undertook to alter or amend the church's faith) were condemned by the ancient church as heretics, and are acknowledged to have been such by Protestants themselves: therefore, there is a just reason to apprehend, that Protestants walking in the same path, may be involved in the same misfortune.

14. In fine, Protestants, to defend their *reformation* (condemned on its first appearance by the church guides of divine appointment) are forced to have recourse to a rule of faith, which, if allowed, would set all, both ancient and modern, heretics out of the reach of church authority. They are forced to appeal to a tribunal at which it is not possible that any sectary should ever be condemned. Such a rule, such a tribunal is the scripture, interpreted not by authority of church guides, but by every one's private judgment: for this, in effect, is making every one supreme judge both of the scriptures and all controversies, authorising him to prefer his own whimsies before the judgment of the whole church. Could it be consistent with the wisdom and providence of God, to leave his church without some more certain means of deciding controversies and maintaining unity? No, certainly.

REASONS

WHY A ROMAN CATHOLIC CANNOT CONFORM TO THE PROTESTANT RELIGION.

1. BECAUSE the Protestant religion is a new religion, which had no being in the world, till one thousand five hundred years after Christ; and therefore it comes one