

There is consistency in all the works of creation, of providence and of grace. Perfect agreement pervades the whole throughout. All is harmony, all is order, and to an enlightened mind nothing delights him more than to contemplate those grand and sublime subjects.

In all well regulated governments there is consistency. When those who are authorised to administer the laws, dispense with justice in accordance with the constitution of the country, they act consistently. And happy is that nation where such consistency exists in the administration of its Government.

In a moral point of view, a person who professes to lead a virtuous life, must live agreeably to those laws which regulate moral actions, in order to be consistent in his profession. By this principle is all good order in society maintained. But on the other hand, where it is not observed, even "the common ties of brotherhood are severed as with the touch of fire." No confidence is placed in our fellow man. Suspicion is the predominant principle in every man's bosom. No foundation is found on which to repose our confidence in him who sustains not a consistent course of conduct. These, reader, are but a part of the evils of inconsistency; and no rank or condition in life will exempt us from them where consistency in action is wanting.

What a blessing would be conferred on community should each individual be consistent in all his performances. Let this principle then be inculcated in early life. Let all those who have the charge of youth strictly enforce it, not only by precept, but by *example*. Let the parent teach it to his children—the guardian to those who are under his care—the teacher to his pupils, and the christian minister to his flocks. A greater sum of human happiness will then be experienced. Peace will be restored to the miserable, and good order will take the place of confusion.

To profess one thing and perform another has always been customary with those who do not regard consistency of character. They are deceivers. Corrupt are they at heart, and dangerous to society. And when once such come into power, oppression marks all their movements. To maintain themselves in the situation to which they have arrived through deception, they resort to the most despotic and arbitrary measures. Persons of this stamp should share more of the pity than of the confidence of all good men.

Our readers will perceive that the present number of the Monitor is considerably enlarged and otherwise improved, consequently our expenses in publishing have thereby been increased. Our dependance on the punctuality of our subscribers to pay their subscriptions which have now become due, must be obvious to every one to enable us to meet the expenses which have been necessarily incurred in publishing this work. We hope therefore that those who reside at a distance will upon the reception of this number forward to our address the advance money of the second half year.

The publication of the present number has been unavoidably postponed to the latter part of the month. It is our intention to publish during the remainder of the year in the last week of the month instead of the first, which has been our usual time of publishing.