

the world at the same time, although she *lost* me, her son, once in Jerusalem, and knew not where I was for three days; and he shall tell my sheep that she has more tender compassion for them than I have, although I lay down my life for their sakes; and although, in accordance with my injunction, you shall say to my disciples to 'Feed my sheep,' 'Fear God, and honour the king,' he shall have the power to *curse* the king; and although I shall say in my great commission, that I shall give to all you, my apostles: 'Go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature; He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved;' he shall say, unless they believe also in *his infallibility*, they shall be damned."

According to Mr. Ferguson, there are two hundred and fifty millions of Catholics who believe that the words spoken to Peter, "I will give unto thee the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and what thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven," conferred on the Pope of Rome the right and the power to do all this.

Now, in the name of all who reverence the Word of God, I can't believe it, although this avowal bring me under the anathema of the Pope. I cannot believe it; but I believe with all intelligent Protestants, that it represents what John saw in the camera of Inspiration in the Isle of Patmos, "The woman, which is that great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth."

Mr. Ferguson said, in his lecture, that the "Jewish Pontiffs," (meaning, of course, the High Priests,) were preserved from *Doctrinal Error*, and therefore he argues that the Roman Pontiffs are so.

Does Mr. Ferguson forget, that the first High Priest said, after he had made the Golden Calf, "These are thy Gods, O Israel?" Was there no doctrinal error here? And he also forgets that when Jesus said (Mark xiv. 62,) in answer to the High Priest, that He was the Christ, the Son of the Blessed, that the High Priest pronounced it Blasphemy, and he and all his Council condemned Him to be guilty of death! Was there *no doctrinal error* here!! Was it not for this very confession, made by Peter, that the Saviour uttered those memorable words, "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona, flesh and blood hath not revealed this unto thee, but my Father who is in Heaven!" Mr. Ferguson shows plainly by this, that although he may be very well versed in the doctrines of the Papal Church, he is not so well versed in the Scriptures, and what he states on which to base what he seems to think one of his strongest arguments, I have shown from the Scriptures to be untrue.

One of the sections of the Infallible dogma, as published by the *Catholic World* for September, ends with these words, "If, therefore, any one shall say that it is not by the institution of Christ our Lord himself, or by divine right, that blessed Peter has not perpetuated successors in the primacy over the whole Church; or that the Roman Pontiff is not the successor of blessed Peter, let him be anathema." And the dogma itself ends thus: "And if any one shall presume, which God forbid, to contradict this our definition, let him be anathema." That is, in plain English, "Let him be damned, and he is damned"—professing to speak with the same authority as the Lord God, who said, "Let there be light, and there was light."

Now, it just comes to this, if the Pope is infallible, all Protestants and Christians who dispute the dogma, are in a state of damnation. And if he is *not* infallible, the Pope himself must be in a state of