

pointing to the boiling lead, the piles of faggots, the torturing wheel, and all the various engines of horrid vengeance. Do you ask who is he? I answer, it is the Reverend Inquisitor. On the most solemn *AUTO DE FE*, see this incorrigible heretic brought forward, arrayed in his *santo benito*, or sleeveless yellow coat, flowered to the border with the resemblance of flowers, of red serge, decorated with his own picture, surrounded with devils, as doomed to destruction for the good of his soul. Then declare of what use is reason or revelation to many called christians!

But leaving the dungeon and that quarter of the globe, visit the groups of reformed christians, and see another order of the "teachers of the christian faith," "ministers of religion," having prepared themselves by the study of Grecian and Roman languages, laws, history, fables, gods, goddesses, debaucheries, wars, and suicides; having studied triangles, squares, circles, and ellipsis, algebra, and fluxions, the mechanical powers, chemistry, natural philosophy, &c. &c., for the purpose of becoming teachers of the christian religion; and then going forth with their saddlebags full of scholastic divinity in quest of a call to some eligible living; then ask again, where is the bible?

And, stranger still, see that christian general, with his ten thousand soldiers, and his chaplain at his elbow, preaching, as he says, the gospel of good will among men; and hear him exhort his general and his christian warriors to go forth with the bible in one hand and the sword in the other, to fight the battles of God and their country; praying that the Lord would cause them to fight valiantly, and render their efforts successful in making as many widows and orphans as will afford sufficient opportunity for others to manifest the purity of their religion by taking care of them!!! If anything is wanting to finish a picture of the most glowing inconsistencies, add to this those christians who are daily extolling the blessings of civil and religious liberty, and at the same time, by a system of the most cruel oppression, separating the wife from the embrace of her husband, and the mother from her tender offspring; violating every principle, and rending every tie that endears life and reconciles man to his lot: and that, forsooth, because "*might gives right*," and a man is held guilty because his skin is a shade darker than the standard color of the times. Adverting to these signs of the times, and many others to which these necessarily led, will you not say this prophecy is now fulfilled: "There will be a time when they will not endure wholesome teaching; but having itching ears, they will according to their own lusts, heap up to themselves teachers. And from the truth, indeed, they will turn away their ears and be turned aside to fables," 2 Tim. 4: 3, 4. "This also know, that in latter days, perilous times will come. For men