

*denying* the efficacy of that blessed doctrine, clothes it with unutterable sanctity; and I can only say to those who have intimated the idea of my denial of that doctrine, that they have, in my view, falsified and profaned the *Word of God*.

As to the ground taken by myself in this controversy, in discussing religious doctrines on the *authority of Scripture alone*, let me say a few words. The Church of England is based on Holy Scripture; and she declares in her sixth Article, "that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man, that it should be believed as an article of faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation." The Church, therefore, is the Church, because it contains the Word; and for no other reason are the Holy Scriptures read therein every Sabbath day. This is the principle of the Reformation, and I am unwilling to surrender it for any human tradition or authority whatever. The Liturgy of the Church is beautiful beyond any description; but it is beautiful, because it breathes the spirit of the earliest times, when the Word of God was read in its simplicity. But, as to the *terms and definitions* of the Church, we know that they were penned by men who differed from each other, and who were willing and anxious to make the Church as broad and as Catholic as possible. They gave form and expression to the religious sentiment of the time; and the Book of Articles is not, nor is it pretended to be, as Bishop Pearson remarks, a full body of Divinity in itself. The very agitations in the Church prove this at the present time, and render *necessary* a resort again to the Bible to meet the still higher requisitions of the Religious mind. But as it is, men persuade themselves that the Bible contains *certain* doctrines, and they read to confirm themselves in this belief. So of systems, in which these doctrines are contained, the truth is perverted to suit preconceived notions; and it is thus often rendered obscure, and even inconsistent with the acknowledged principles of the Divine Government.

As to the doctrines in controversy, they are not to be set aside by Dr. Gray and his party. The views I have declared from the Pulpit are not fanciful theories; but solid, rational, and intelligent truths. They are based upon the Holy Scriptures, and taught expressly in the Apostle's Creed. The view of the Holy Trinity that I have taught, moreover, is distinctly recognised in the Creed of Athanasius, if you give the proper and actual meaning to the Latin word "*Persona*," there employed to express the different attributes of the Deity, or rather their different manifestations. As to the "Pray-