

look into the words of the great Spirit in this good book, I find that such evils are not allowed by the great good Spirit, who made all the nations of the earth, and who requires no such weapons, no such means to carry on his work in this our lower world; for He who made the skies, the sun, and the moon; He who formed this island, who makes the grass and the trees to grow, and who gave us our being, has all power both in heaven and on earth, and He is able, without such weapons as these, to convert man to himself; but you know more about this than I do, because you have a great many books that speak a long while ago. And it appears that when Paul was in this world, there were some in that day who accused them of using carnal weapons; there were persons always ready to bring false accusations against the apostles of Jesus Christ; and here Paul in the text, in writing to the Corinthians, tells them that they were deceived about this; that they did not use carnal weapons in order to spread the religion of Jesus Christ; for he says "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds," &c. By this, my Christian friends, we see that no weapons of an earthly nature, none that bring terror to the heart of man, can ever convert the soul; that not the sword, the tomahawk, the scalping-knife, or the war-whoop, can ever change the heart of man. God has other weapons than these; weapons that are more powerful, that are stronger than any thing earthly: they speak louder than the big cannon; they are sharper than the two-edged sword or scalping-knife. I will remark, first, that man while he is in his sins, is at war with God and his cause; that man while he lives in his sins is opposed to religion and opposed to God: but this was not the case, my Christian friends, when the great good Spirit first made man; He then made him a holy being, a good being, and the great Spirit used to talk with him, with his creature man, whom He had made; but through the temptation of the devil, man raised his arm in rebellion against his Creator, broke the commandments of God, and ever since that time, we, as fallen creatures, are by nature opposed to God and to his holy cause: we see this every day wherever we go; the word of the great Spirit says so; man is a fallen creature, that he has gone