

Manner, and yet Men are not satisfied—What is Perverfeness, if this is not so? It is the very Temper, which our Saviour censured in the *Pharisees*, comparing it to the Frowardness of Children, whom neither Mirth nor Seriousness could please— a Conduct pardonable indeed in Children, but an huge Reproach to Men, and an Argument how much even our Penetration and Understanding may hurt us, when it is not under the guidance of Modesty and a due Submission and Resignation to the Ways of Providence. Considering the Nature and Tendency of our Saviour's Doctrine, it were hardly to be conceived, that ever there should have come a Time when it should be made a Question, whether the Wisdom and Goodness of God was not most apparent in providing, That the Poor had the Gospel preach'd unto them.

*Secondly*, Hence we may be taught to pass a just Judgment upon the Iniquity of the *Roman Church*, and how much their Practice tends to defeat the Designs of Providence; in shutting up the Holy Scriptures, where they can do it, in an unknown Tongue; denying the People the Use of that living Water; and, instead of solid and useful and Christian Doctrines, amusing them with lying Legends, idle Tales, and fruitless Mysteries. No Thanks to these faithless Stewards of the Gospel, that the World is not sunk again into Barbarism