

to the character and condition of the Jewish nation.

A great distinction exists between the political, judicial, ceremonial and moral parts of that code which was delivered upon Mount Sinai. The latter gave an additional sanction only to the laws of creation, and again brought into operation those sacred truths which had been lost in the vices that deluged the world: the former were of temporary influence, and constraining until Shiloh came. Moses enforced by the most awful ratifications, which nothing but the deplorable blindness and the adamantine obduracy of the human mind could have resisted, many duties that had either been generally neglected or totally forgotten: yet all these purely moral ordinances being congenial with our character, and inseparably connected with our comfort; invigorate the obligatory requisitions of the Adamic law: and Apostolic example urges us to believe, that many lesser precepts of the Mosaic code were intended permanently to direct men. 10.

10. Every command which has either a direct or an indirect tendency to promote purity of heart, peace of conscience and the honour of Jesus, can never be abrogated until Christian instruction is lost in celestial intuition.