

with the Divine, a human production—a man-made creed? Who can regard such an act in any other light than that of a daring insult to the Almighty, and a deep and lasting injury to his own soul. To select a few truths from the grand storehouse of all religious knowledge, to cut, and crush and mould them into a certain form and space whose narrow limits mark the bounds which an Immortal intelligence dare not presume to pass, is as mischievous as it is unphilosophical, as full of impiety to God as it is pregnant with ruin to man. It is the fundamental principle of Anti-Christ, and of all superstition; exhibits the spirit of priestcraft and of the dark ages, and consigns us to darkness, confusion, fatal bondage and abiding decrepitude, instead of the light, order, freedom and perfection of the fulness of Christ. It is true, say they, though they enforce articles, they do not like the unblushing worshippers of the Beast or the false prophet, prohibit the Bible among their people; but they give them a creed and human articles according to which they must interpret and understand the Bible and beyond which they are not permitted to pass. They bind a chain around the neck of God's chosen, and fasten the end of it to the centre of their system, and their unfortunate captives may wander round their enclosure to the full length of their chain, and though the length, breadth and blessedness