

fisherman, who had, by frequent practice, obtained such a fame or *notoriety* in that line, that fishermen and others around him, and some from distant quarters, visited him from time to time to hear the marvellous lying tales he invented for their amusement. But in the light of *truth* and reason and *just repute*, he was not at all more culpable, if so much so, as those in higher ranks, who invent and publish *written romances* for the amusement of the *frivolous*, the *idle* and *dissipated*.

I cannot know, and therefore cannot say, whether Dr. Dawson was, or was not induced to prepare and publish this worse than useless book, from any desire of *fame* or *notoriety*, but I will confidently assert that it cannot possibly promote any *moral* or *benevolent purposes*, or even any of a really useful literary nature, nor can it, in any way, subserve the practical interests or duties of civil life. And further, I maintain that its manifest tendency is to impair the belief and authority of divine revelation.



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