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BEST RELIGIOUS TEMPER. The submission which religious authority enjoins is often misunderstood...

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If the Council has raised the Syllabus to equality with the Decalogue—it has done nothing of the kind—then of course Dr. Newman, in declaring to the Duke of Norfolk, the first peer of England, and through him to the public, that you might as well call a dictionary or a catalogue a *cathepha* as the Syllabus, became a flagrant heretic...

knows these men imagines that Vernon and Lansing will withdraw their imputation. That is not their kind. Such men are incapable of ingenuous shame...

There is one set of writings which Leo XIII. might have excused for holding back, as concerning a single family, although one that included a Pope, namely, the Borgia records. Yet it is precisely by his disclosure of these that Leo XIII. has enabled the great Catholic scholar Dr. Pastor to declare authoritatively that the reputation of Alexander VI. is past saving...

I may remark that if the Syllabus were in fact de fide, Vernon has no notion how to deal with it. He is plainly ignorant of the principle of interpretation which Cardinal Newman points out to be obligatory in the Church, namely, that no proposition is ever condemned except in the sense which it bears in the work from which it is drawn...

Take an instance from the Syllabus itself. "The Pope condemns that proposition: The Pope has sometimes encroached on the rights of princes." This takes away our breath. Turn now to the original, and we have: "The Popes have sometimes encroached on the rights of princes by assuming to themselves the appointment of bishops..."

So too: "We condemn the proposition that there should be freedom of conscience." A staggering condemnation, especially as Catholic theology declares that a man who obeys the Pope rather than his conscience is a sinner. But turn now to the passage actually condemned, and you find that the author expressly so defines freedom of conscience as to shut out all sense of obligation to God or man. Does Dr. Vernon lift his voice for freedom of conscience in such a sense? Perhaps so; but Christians do not.

It is open to us to regret that good Pope Pius, secluded in the Vatican, surrounded by curialists, should have put out a document perfectly intelligible to these, but certain to be strangely misinterpreted in the world at large. The Doctors tell us that even a definition of the faith, though never erroneous, may be unhappily conceived and drawn up, and unseasonably published. St. Paul himself, though knowing his first letter to the Corinthians to be Divine truth, had misgivings at first as to his wisdom in sending it. How much more may this be true of a document which we are safe in following Joachim Pecci, John Henry Newman, and Cardinal Lavigne, in judging to be of pastoral, but not of cathedrally dignified!

We may not unprofitably, in our next, consider how a Protestant clergyman, if a true Christian, would have regarded the Syllabus on its appearance. We shall find it, I think, to be a very different way from Leroy M. Vernon's. Let us hope that he too is a Christian in general intent; but as respects his spirit toward the Church of Rome, he is much below the level of a respectable heathen man or publican.

Andover, Mass. THE CREDULITY OF INCREDULITY. There is the more reason for trying to help an honest doubter because he is not at rest in the region of doubt. Skepticism is a restless sea, on which any one who sails is tossed up and down and driven to and fro in endless uncertainty. There is no solid ground on which to stand until something true is found and believed. They who pull down our faith should build up something better; for man is a "religious animal" and needs a religion. It is fair to ask for some better book if we are to give up the Bible, and for some better Saviour if we are to abandon Jesus Christ. The theistic theory may not satisfy some men, but they cannot be content with a chaos of absurdities, a mere jumble of conflicting and contradictory notions in its place. It is scarcely sane to scout one theory for supposed lack of proof, only to accept another unproven theory instead. Napoleon once said to skeptical officers who were about him: "You, gentlemen, seem to make amends for not believing in Christianity by making haste to believe everything else." If faith sometimes runs into credulity, what about the credulity of incredulity? The folly of believing too much is not so great as the folly of believing too little. Some doubters imitate the Eastern dervish, who, bidden to search in the river-bed for the philosopher's stone, got into the habit of throwing away whatever he picked up, and so flung away the priceless treasure even when he had it in his hand. From "The Gordian Knot," by Arthur T. Pierson: Funk & Wagnalls Company.

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