

not in the Lord or the Word, and to suppose that what they can not acquire sensually and scientifically has no existence. Hence they become altogether evil and false, and thus see all things perversely. They regard evil as good, and good as evil; falses as truths, and truths as falses; realities as nothing, and nothing as every thing. They call hatred love, darkness light, death life, and *vice versa*," 210. The ruling evil of this posterity was self-love, without their having at the same time so much of the love of the world as exists in the present day. A. C. 230. The evil of the most ancient church which existed before the flood, as that of the ancient church after the flood, of the Jewish church, and subsequently of the New Church established amongst the gentiles after the coming of the Lord, and also of the church at the present day, is that they do not believe the Lord or the Word, but themselves and their own senses. Hence there is no faith; and where there is no faith, there is no love of the neighbor, thus every evil and falsity. A. C. 231.

This is evidence enough to show us that evil and falsity are opposed to goodness and truth, which latter the New Church possesses in the most eminent degree and which the man of the church, whether preacher or layman, must dispense at his peril, or he will be lost to the church. But how these horrible principles, the love of self and the world, have worked or manifested themselves from the time of their origin to the present day in outward acts, we may only bring to our remembrance the many different churches with their rituals in the ancient church. Also the many sects in the Jewish dispensation. I need not count up the variety of torture inflicted on the first christians. Who does not remember a Huss, a Wicliff and others. How Luther, the great reformer, himself threatened with excommunication those who dared to hold views differing from his. Heretic was the watch-word. Look at the excruciating inventions of torture by "Torquemada, Peter Titelman," (and a host of others), to serve the vengeance of Phillip and his ancestors. What a long line of Martyrs, who by the decrees of Charles and Phillip have been strangled, beheaded, burned, and buried alive. What a sorrowful spectacle to Christianity, that such men did after all believe, to have done God service, which is evident from Phillip's last words: "After a three days confession declared that in all his life he had never consciously done wrong to any one; that he could die a good Catholic." (I doubt whether there is a name on record who has