

symptoms of decline in that empire, and with it would sink not only the system of their own impostor, but the enormous fabric of the Greek Ceremonial, leaving room for the Gospel to exert its proper influence. And here it is obvious to remark the signal utility of an established Church, considered merely as a repository of the written oracles; since even that, which has corrupted Christianity the most, has carried down, through a succession of ages, the confutation of those corruptions: the Greeks having still preserved the standard of Scripture, although from a debasement of their language, and from extreme ignorance, few even of their priesthood are capable of consulting the pure original. The completion of prophecy by these events, the power of the Gospel, and the assurance of its divine origin, which they evince, may naturally lead to that conversion of the Jews, which, we believe, is to close the history of this most singular and wonderful people. Their belief, and consequent study of the Christian Code, would bring such an addition of weight to its evidences, and of light to its doctrines, that all objections raised against it would from hence-
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