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MY CHRISTIAN BRETHERN,

I rejoice to think that we live in a day of unexampled liberality among the disciples of Christ. This has been greatly promoted by their having discovered that there are certain points in which they can come into contact—certain measures in which we can co-operate in order to disseminate the knowledge of divine truth.—But while we most cordially hail such a spirit of Christian liberality, we ought to guard against losing sight of any of those principles which we are convinced are founded on the word of God. The object of the following pages is to remind you of those principles, in which, as consistent dissenters, we are united, and to which, so far as we see them supported by scripture, we ought conscientiously to adhere.

First, in the observations that follow, you are requested always to distinguish between *systems* and *individuals*, and not to suppose that any arguments that are brought against the former are to be interpreted as personal attacks on the latter. We may often see a particular point, in which one whom we highly esteem, misapprehends (as we think at least) a part of the truth of God. But while this should never prevent us from vindicating that part of divine truth, such a vindication should never be viewed as a personal reflection on the individual who holds sentiments, which on