

the lusts of your father ye will do: he was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth; because there is no truth in him." (St. John viii. 44.)

ELEMENTS OF WAR SELF EVIDENT.

If the above extracts do not prove where the elements of war may be found, perhaps other extracts from the inspired oracles might, except to unbelievers; and they might satisfy themselves by thorough investigation and strict self examination, could they make it when things come athwart their feelings and interests; their pride, desire, will, ambition, and party spirit.

WARS THROUGH COVETOUSNESS, DISOBEDIENCE, AND HATRED.

Consider how much human blood has been shed in wars, occasioned by coveting land and other property, since the discovery of America. Were not pride, lust, covetousness, &c. the principal elements of those wars? And not only of those, but of such as now rage upon this continent, or elsewhere; regardless of the commands of God, our creator and constant preserver: viz. "Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness. Thou shalt not covet." (Rom. xiii: 9.) Have not all these commands frequently and repeatedly been disregarded, and wilfully, and violently broken in every war? Hatred, cruel and murderous hatred, taking place of that love which is the fulfilling of all law.

PRESENT TIMES, AND ELEMENTS OF WAR, IN IDOLATROUS FASHIONS, &C.

And is there no covetousness, no avarice, no falsehood and deception, no theft, no adultery and fornication, no secret murders, no duels, no pride and cruel oppression connected with the idolatrous fashions, overtrading, and speculations of our times? If there is, cannot every man see that these things tend to divisions, contention, and war? *Idolatrous fashions, overtrading and speculation!** "Thy merchants

* *Idolatrous fashions, customs and traditions:* [more European and Asiatic than truly American,] introduced by *designing professors and aristocratic bankers and their agents; the deceiving merchants, and sub-agents; the new fashion making mechanics and seamstresses;* for the purpose of making the *rich richer; the more idle, luxurious, extravagant and wicked; and the poor poorer, more ignorant, extravagant, idle, and vicious;* but not less devoted and deluded worshippers of the *goddess FASHION,* and strict observers of the customs and traditions of men.

To be more plain and explicit; we may say that there are *banks, or systems,* in the north as well as in the south, intended to *burthen* the people, and to be *sustained* by them; though they cause their ruin as individuals, and their *utter ruin* as a republican people; even *through their own vices, neglect and ignorance;* occasioned, perhaps, by suffering themselves to be *deceived,* and by the covetousness and deception of many *rich, or reverend* would be gentlemen; and the pride and ambitious designs of many wickedly aspiring politicians.

Hence the ruinous *over trading, and more ruinous and wicked speculations;* and the political and irreligious *frauds* upon the people: unchecked, except in a few instances, by *pure and undefiled religion;* about which great errors among the people, and some errors by our government, with all their ruinous consequences, hear the parrot pratings and hypocritical warnings; the censures, accusations and charges, all over the land, against the best of earthly governments; as an artifice to blind, deceive, and mislead the people, and to destroy the government; that another government may be formed *less willing to attempt to counteract* the wicked designs of anti-Christ, Infidelity, Aris-