

be admitted by every liberal, and candid person; they are simple; they are solemn; and they are powerful to urge men to serve God with the spirit, in the Gospel of his Son. The most refined taste; and manly judgment can feel no repugnance or aversion in the performance of them; they tend to fix the attention on objects, the contemplation of which ennoble the soul; and excites sentiments that at once purify, and exalt human nature.

Where free, and impartial thought has cleared the mind of prejudices, and men can take a fair view of the reformation; candour must constrain them to own that it was the deed of wisdom, and enlightened zeal. Christianity was purified of human intermixtures; doctrines that were found, upon strict examination, to bear no traits of Divine origin, were rejected, as degrading the Christian system; and performances, which had intruded themselves into the catalogue of real virtues, were dismissed, as unworthy, to rank with the precepts of the Law, piety, justice, and charity. Harmony was again restored between the principles of reason, and the dictates of Religion. Reason was no longer grieved so to see tenets, that were repugnant to the immutable nature of things, claiming the implicit deference of mankind; yet, sensible how narrow its limits were, and that much light was wanting, it readily assented to the truths Divine Revelation disclosed; as highly worthy of the wisdom and goodness of God; and perfectly in unison with its apprehension of things. By the joint guidance of reason, and revelation, men were led to the knowledge of that truth, and wisdom, which their present condition required; reason conducted them to the Heavenly-Instructor, who had come from the Eternal Father; and by hearing him, a brightness of the everlasting light shone around them, and they saw the wisdom, and power of God.