

chanical powers, chemistry, natural philosophy, &c. &c., for the purpose of becoming teachers of the Christian religion; and then going forth with their saddlebags full of scholastic divinity in quest of a call to some eligible living; then ask again, where is the Bible?

And, stranger still, see that Christian general, with his ten thousand soldiers and his chaplain at his elbow, preaching, as he says, the gospel of good will among men; and hear him exhort his generals and his Christian warriors to go forth with the Bible in one hand and the sword in the other, to fight the battles of God and their country; praying that the Lord will cause them to fight valiantly, and render their efforts successful in making as many widows and orphans as will afford sufficient opportunity for others to manifest the purity of their religion by taking care of them! If any thing is wanting to finish a picture of the most glaring inconsistencies, add to this those Christians who are daily extolling the blessings of civil and religious liberty, and at the same time, by a system of the most cruel oppression, separating the wife from the embraces of her husband, and the mother from her tender offspring; violating every principle, and rending every tie that endears life and reconciles man to his lot; and that, forsooth, because "*might gives right*," and a man is held guilty because his skin is a shade darker than the standard colour of the times. Adverting to these signs of the times, and many others to which these reflections necessarily lead, will you not say that this prophecy is now fulfilled? — 2 Tim. iv. 3, 4, "There will be a time when they will not endure wholesome teaching; but having itching ears, they will, according to their own lusts, heap up to themselves teachers. And from the truth, indeed, they will turn aside to fables." Chap. iii. 1—5, "This also know, that in *latter days* perilous times *will* come. For men, will be *self-lovers, money-lovers*, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, without *natural affection*, covenant-breakers, slanderers—*having a form of godliness, but denying the power of it.* NOW FROM THESE TURN AWAY." Christian reader, remember this command—and "*from such turn away.*"

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## EFFECTS PRODUCED BY READING THE NEW TESTAMENT.

"My word shall not return unto me void."

A poor student at the University of Leipsic, having occasion to undertake a journey to his distant friends, was in want of the necessary money for that purpose. He therefore was induced to go to a learned Jew, to pawn his Hebrew Bible and Greek Testament. The