

passage applies to and comprehends, indeed, not only all the Old Testament Scriptures, but the whole body of truth, which God had *then* caused, or should at *any time* thereafter cause, by the inspiration and direction of His Spirit, to be committed to writing for the faith and obedience of man.

Mr. Maturin contends against "the opinion held by Protestants, that the Bible contains the whole revealed word of God." This, of course, he must do in order to let in his Roman Traditional doctrines of *infallibility*, *purgatory*, *worship of angels*, *indulgences*, and of *extreme unction*, not for the *body* but the *soul* when departing, and to prepare it—not for *paradise*, but for *purgatory*,—and all the other peculiar and unscriptural doctrines of Rome.

As for the book of Esther, which Mr. Maturin has treated so slightly, although it does not in express terms declare any religious doctrine, yet every spiritually enlightened mind will readily discover that it does exhibit the very important doctrines of a divine overruling government of the world, and, also, the exercise of an especial providence by the Almighty in protecting and rewarding His faithful servants, and preserving His Church, and punishing her enemies. The wicked Haman, who through pride and haughtiness planned the destruction of that Church, was permitted to get a royal decree for that purpose, but could proceed no further, and was himself ignominiously hung upon the gallows which he had prepared for the execution of a servant of the Most High whom he hated without cause. The whole history contains a lesson to the proud and vindictive in every age, and most especially should ever have served as an admonitory warning and lesson to every arrogant individual, and earthly power, that even in this world there is a divine retribution in the punishment of those who shall persecute the faithful servants of God, and endeavor to destroy the true Church from the earth.

In contending against the complete sufficiency of Scripture, Mr. Maturin says (p. 26), referring to the Apostle Paul, "He