

though it be impossible, under the Condition of the present Union of Soul and Body, but they must in some Measure be mutually affected with each other's Sufferings; yet considering the Serenity of Mind which a^due Government of the Passions will in all Circumstances be attended withal; and the Freedom of Spirit, which an innocent Heart will always procure, even in Danger, Confinement, or any other Sufferings of the Body; it is this which true Wisdom will always aspire after: And if this be the true Wisdom, which alone can make us free; Where can we hope to find it so fully and effectually transcribed as in the Christian Institutes? The Christian is confessedly the Religion of the Heart: The first and principal Aim of it is to cleanse the corrupt Affections; and the choicest Blessings are here promised to the pure in Heart, the humble, the meek, the merciful, and such as hunger and thirst after Righteousness. And not only so, but here we may find every useful Passion directed to its proper Object, and every mischievous one corrected. Our Love and Joy, our Hope and Fear, are directed up to that Great God; who, if we ever reflect either upon the Blessings or Misery incident to human Life, we must find to be our only Support and Refuge, the Rock of our Confidence and Trust; and in Subordination to him we are taught, and that with great Moderation, to exercise them upon those Objects, wherewith we are