

writers of sacred song and story, giving the soul a foretaste of the paradise regained. Let us also remember that the men who prohibited the Bible, changed the truth into a lie to justify their action. The Pharisees of old, by a perverted description of the character of Him who was the embodiment of truth, raised the cry which prohibited Him the right to live, who came to give life. So these men also persuaded the unthinking multitude that they were actuated by a holy zeal for the cause of truth. The Scriptures, without reference to class or condition, invite and exhort all to search them, to inspire hope and comfort in the knowledge they impart. For any body of men to debar us from this right is an arrogant assumption.

In the face of the above history take a fresh look at our own history of license and proposed prohibition. How eminently noble stands the character of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, in their determined refusal to obey the order of the titled representatives of the Chaldean Empire. So does