

work this Assurance of Mind for him, and keep his Conscience void of Offence, can alone give Religious Freedom of Spirit to him. Again; The Happiness of Man in his Civil Capacity consists in the flourishing State of that Community, whereof he is a Member, together with the secure Enjoyment of his Life and Property, equally with his Fellow Citizens. The Laws therefore made for procuring these good Ends are the Truths, which every Member of a Community ought to know and govern his Actions by, so far as every private Man's Actions are under their Direction: And in Proportion as these Laws are wisely calculated for the true Interest of the Community; impartially executed by those in Authority; and cheerfully obeyed by every Subject, the Liberties of any People will be more or less perfect and secure. So that in whatever View we consider Man, the more perfect Knowledge he has of the Truth, and the more steadily he adheres to it, the freer he will be.

And from hence, as I take it, from considering the Connection between Truth and Liberty, we may form to ourselves the best Notion we are capable of forming of the Liberty of the Supreme Author of all; who, whilst he directs himself uniformly in all his Doings to nothing but what is perfectly just and good, is for that very Reason the most perfectly free. The infinite Wisdom of

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