

There have been, it is true, many excellent Books published, which give a larger and more learned Account of the Christian Religion: But then some of these have been written in a Style above the Capacity of the less Learned; and others mixed with Controversies, improper for such a Work, as being too apt to distract the Minds of both Teachers and Learners, and to divert them from attending to the great and saving Truths of Christianity.

It will easily be seen that the Author's Design doth not lie this Way; he has taken what Care he could, to give no Offence to any serious Christian, who may have different Sentiments from himself; and to express his Thoughts in Terms suited to the meanest Capacity. And, indeed, he hath failed of his Purpose, if the Truths, here recommended, have not been made plain even to the Understanding of an *Indian*, who shall be desirous to learn the Things that concern his immortal Soul, and is *disposed for eternal Life*.

His chief Aim was to follow the Example of our great Master,—by giving Instructions suitable to the present Necessity and Strength of such as were to receive them.

And if this short and plain Attempt may but serve for a Sort of *Index* or *Common-place*, of the Heads that are proper to be insisted on, and which may be more largely explained, it is to be hoped it will be of some Advantage to such Missionaries, or others, who shall think fit to consult it.

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