

neral principle, not for its own sake, but for the purpose of appealing to it in behalf of a case which they cannot well support without it. There are many Greek terms in our language which remain unaltered, and they use these without any scruple, and by doing so they give the appearance of a pious fraud to their conduct, or of acting in this manner under a false pretence. Their object appears to be, to gain an advantage by making the Scriptures sectarian. This may be thought uncharitable, but let it not be forgotten, that Dr. Macleay publicly told a gross falsehood, for the purpose of obtaining an advantage in an argument; and though Mr. T.'s attention has been repeatedly and pointedly directed to the matter, he has never permitted a single expression of disapprobation of such conduct to drop from his pen. He who abets falsehood by conniving at it, would require to be perfectly fair himself if he would avoid suspicion, Mr. T. in the course of his correspondence with me has said many things at random, in the hope that he might be able to find me at a loss and gain some advantage from my perplexity, which has very much the appearance that he is contending for victory rather than truth,—a practice which never fails to defeat itself and disappoint those who have recourse to it, in the end.

I have thus discussed the meaning of Baptizo, in the New Testament, more fully than I have ever known it to be done before; and in doing so I have in everything appealed to Scripture usage, while the Baptists rely upon the unsupported assertions of "Learned Pedobaptists," who bespeak our confidence by professing one thing and practising the opposite. We are forbidden by our Savior to call any man master upon earth, and I will appeal to no human authority when I can get the infallible word of God for a guide. If we speak not according to the law and the testimony, it is because there is no truth in us. There are men of principle among the Baptists, and I request their serious and deliberate attention to what I have advanced, and may the Spirit of God enlighten their minds and lead them unto all truth.

I have omitted some things which I proposed to discuss, because I received a notice from you, Sir, that it would be proper to condense; but it will be no loss to Mr. T.'s credit as a fair interpreter of the meaning of some of his "learned Pedobaptists," that your more flimsy patrons are satiated with the subject. Accept of my cordial thanks for the indulgence shewn to me.