

general mind without controul, and opened an easy avenue for the basest corruptions. To this, far more than to military force, may we ascribe the rapid progress of a power which astonishes the world, especially at a period, when, from the advancement of Europe in arts and arms, the most sagacious politicians had assured us, that no such danger was again to be apprehended. But this prevalence of Infidelity cannot be lasting. The heart of man, formed for religion, when chastened by calamity, will inevitably return to its only source of comfort; and the divine seed, which is now both widely diffused and deeply rooted, though trodden down, will rise again with increased vigor. Our confidence in this expectation will be greatly strengthened when we turn our eyes to the Eastern quarter.

The Greek Church, what does it present to us but an overgrown mass of superstition, which has gradually increased without check or interruption from the fourth century to the present time, protected, together with Mahometanism itself, by a Government that excludes the art of printing, and all discussions on the subject of religion. But strong are the
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