

Difficulty and Application, more than the ignorant Part of Mankind could employ about them, and more than the corrupt Part would.

The Gospel-Precepts of Life are no other than reasonable Precepts, it is confessed ; but the Favour of God to us is not the less remarkable surely, nor less the subject of our Gratitude, because he enjoins nothing else by Revelation, in point of Practice, but what Reason and Interest would make our voluntary Duty : This one Circumstance is proof to Demonstration, That Christianity is a pure and genuine Religion, derived from the same Fountain, with our Being and our Reason. This therefore must be insisted on as a most weighty Argument to us, to be thankful to God, to obey his Gospel ourselves, and promote its Influence over others ; and not, as some foolish Professors of Wisdom do, sit down and raise Difficulties about the particular Time of its Appearance, and the small Extent of it, in the present Situation of the World, and other Things of that nice and impertinent Enquiry, and then to quarrel with the Dispensations of God, because we cannot solve all the Difficulties which attend them. Whatever Nations are at present without the Gospel, or however long it was, before its Propagation among Men, this we are very sure of, That we have it : and are we fretful and uneasy, that God has favoured us with so distinguishing a Privilege ?