

*ambitious* or *cruel* warrior, and raises nation against nation, in all the horrors of strife, of envy, of contention and of bloodshed.—It is the loss of this, the divinest trait of divine perfection, which, in all ages hath filled the church with controversies and persecutions; and stained it with its cruel crimes of martyrdom and banishment.—It is the loss of this essence of the Divinity which breaketh the family compact, and findeth to the man enemies in his own house.

In short, it is the loss of this characteristic of the Divine Nature, (i. e.) *love*, from the human heart, which embitters where they are embittered, every connection of human life;—makes every bosom at times loath its own sensations; and totally unsuits us for the enjoyment of the beatific vision of God; and the more or less we want and neglect the cultivation of this essence of the Divine perfections, so the more or less shall we ever be like Cain of old, fruitless wanderers after happiness over the earth, and in the sight of God, detested vagabonds in the world.

Son of the morning, how art thou fallen! created in the image of God, ornamented according to thy decree, with all the amicableness of that Divine perfection, *love*; by which alone that Great Supreme manifests to, and glorifies all his perfections towards, all his inferior creation—but now alas! thro' the fall of man in paradise, deprived of this lovely nature; and by this deprivation