

PART III.

WHAT is the subject of the third division of the Articles?

The spiritual condition of man.

What Articles does it comprise?

From the ninth to the eighteenth inclusive.

ARTICLE IX.

What is the subject of the ninth Article?

“Original or Birth-Sin.”

What is original sin?

“It is the fault and corruption of the Nature of every man, that naturally is engendered of the offspring of Adam.”

What is the effect or operation of this fault or corruption?

That by it “man is very far gone from original righteousness, and is of his own nature inclined to evil.”

What is meant by “every man that naturally is engendered of the offspring of Adam?”

Every one that is born of a father and mother descended from Adam.

Why is that expression introduced?

To show that the Article does not speak of Jesus Christ, who was not naturally “engendered of the offspring of Adam.”