

grossest of her crimes. Only one system has appeared, and it is Divine in its origin, that has dared to question her supremacy. It has set at naught her usurped authority, denounced her as a base imposter, charged her priests with the vilest hypocrisy, and fastened upon them the guilt of the destroyers of souls. It has spread havoc among the most devoted of her worshipers, opened their eyes to the monstrous delusion, turned their rage against the authors of their folly and their crimes, dragged down the idol from her high elevation, and reduced the god, with her temples and groves, to one common desolation. It has sapped the foundations of every opposing system, turned their boasted wisdom into the merest folly, broken the united ranks of influence, riches and authority, and driven the power of combined empires before it, as is smoke by the sweeping wind. It has proved more than a match for all its antagonists in every age, and it is destined to go forth on its onward progression, until all shall acknowledge the authority of its claims, yield up their hearts to the power of its sceptre, and exhibit in their lives the sanctifying influence of its truths.

It is a philosophy altogether different from every existing system; it rivals nature in its simplicity, and exceeds it in the glory of its attractions. It opens up the foundation of human character, detects the entire motive of human action, and supplies the grand *desideratum* a correct test of its doings. It was unfolded in its fulness by its author, exemplified in its practical influence in his life, and was committed by him to his followers, to be transmitted to "all ages to come." It comes thus commissioned to the human family, and invested with the highest authority; aims directly and openly at the extermination of every

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