

Accordingly, some Instances may be given of Heathens in the darkest Corners of the Earth, who have, even at this Day, been awakened and converted, by the Blessing of God upon the Labours and Conversation of some very moderately learned, but pious Persons. These honest and well-meaning Christians, by their good Examples and Patience in explaining the great Truths of the Gospel, have engaged Men of very brutish Passions, and such as before were supposed to be of an unconquerable Ignorance, not only to acknowledge the true God, and his *Son* our Lord *Jesus Christ*; but also join with them in endeavouring to convince and convert others.——And how *this Grain of Mustard-seed* may grow, and *increase* and *spread*, God only knows:—But blessed are they that have sown it!

As to this Performance, the Author will say little in its Defence; it is called an *Essay only*;—and indeed, it was finished amidst other Business of Moment, which hath occasioned so many Defects in it, that he has been sometimes ready almost to wish it had not gone Abroad. But he hopes these Defects may set some better Hands at work; to perfect what hath here been attempted.—And if even that Good be done by it, the Author will be very thankful to God, for having enabled him, in any Measure, to promote a Work of such Importance, as is the Salvation of Souls, which *Jesus Christ* has purchased with his most precious Blood.

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