

&c., but such as they conceive to be in agreement with the gospel, so understood, that no one part shall clash with another. (Art. 6—20, of the 39.) They would no more touch Dr. Milner's idolatries or ministry than they durst Mahomet's fooleries or, rather, wickedness. Hence is the doctor's scheme also blown up: and his, and the mouth of every one of them must be shut, till they can prove their doctrine is the gospel of God: but this can never be done.

The conclusion now is, that all these predicted marks: "Man of sin in the temple of God, showing himself as God, exalting himself above God, opposing himself to God, blaspheming his name, his tabernacle, and them in heaven," and thus proving himself "the antichrist," are incontestably proved to belong to the papacy and it only.

17th mark. DURATION.—The fixed term of antichrist's existence is "A time, times, and half a time, or three and a half years, or forty-two months, or twelve hundred and sixty prophetic days, i. e. twelve hundred and sixty years. That this is so, is evident: 1st. From Dan. ix. where seventy weeks are determined for the existence of the Jewish polity, from the going forth of the edict of Artaxerxes. Seven to the rebuilding of the temple, and sixty-two after that to the death of Messiah: and afterwards one, while the Romans were destroying and dispersing the Jews. Now, those were evidently, not natural, but prophetic weeks, that is, four hundred and ninety years. From which, and other such passages in holy writ, it is plain, the above twelve hundred and sixty days are not three and a half literal years, but twelve hundred and sixty years for antichrist's reign, to be calculated, as most believe, from the year 606, when first the Bishop of Rome obtained from the Emperor Phocas the title of Universal Bishop, &c. 2d. From the many great events that were to take place—the fabricating of doctrines, and insensibly spreading them through all the nations; the attaining rule over their kings; the vast, long, and bloody persecution of the saints, whereby they were, for ages, worn down; and the final overthrow of this apostate chief, and of his whole system and dominion, by the kings of those very nations which once helped him. All these events, none of which took place while Rome was pagan, prove, that not three and a half years, but twelve hundred and sixty are meant; and that not Rome pagan,

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