

so as to restrain them from the violence which they intended; On the other hand, the Scribes and Pharisees, and still more, the Sadducees, rejected their doctrines almost absolutely, notwithstanding the confirmation of them by their own Scriptures. In the same manner have the common in Christian countries generally, when left to themselves, adhered to the genuine scheme of the Gospel: while the numerous heresies, which have disturbed the church, and misled mankind, have been, almost without an exception, the offspring of Philosophy.

Page 418 - On the Temptation and Fall

I have already remarked, that had our first parents promptly refused to listen, they would in all probability have escaped the snare. What is true of them, is true of all their posterity. The very act of deliberating, results from want of sufficient faith in God, and sufficient firmness in our duty. In our deliberations, also we are exposed to many dangers. We are ignorant, yet believe ourselves knowing; foolish, yet are vain of our own wisdom; weak, yet are always ready to confide in our strength. Hence we form false conclusions from miserable premises; yet we think both the premises and conclusions sound, because they are devised from such sagacious beings, as ourselves.

Page 460 - On the Universality of Sin

The rejection of the Word of God, of the Law and the Gospel alike, is, therefore, entirely inexplicable, unless we acknowledge that the disposition by which it is rejected, is a disposition directly opposed to that of a virtuous mind; wholly unlike that with which Adam was created; and the genuine moral likeness of Adam after his Apostacy.

Page 517 - On Justified by Works of Law

How you are called to repentance, faith, and holiness; and invited to eternal life. Tomorrow you may be summoned to the grave, and to the judgment. Today you are before the mercy-seat, surrounded with blessings, in the presence of a forgiving God, and at the feet of a crucified Saviour. Tomorrow, nay, this very night your souls may be required of you; your probation ended: your account given; the final sentence pronounced against you; and your souls consigned to suffering and sorrow, which shall know no end.

Page 531 - On the Divinity of Christ

If it be admitted, then, that the Scriptures speak language which is to be understood in its customary sense, the only sense in which it can be intelligible to those to whom it is addressed, and to ninety-two hundredths of those for whom the Scriptures were written; if it be admitted, that God has chosen the most proper laws to communicate true ideas of himself to mankind; it cannot be denied, that Jesus Christ is truly, and perfectly, God.