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"The love of money is the root of all evil." 1 Tim. vi. 10.

"This is the message that ye heard from the beginning,  
that ye should love one another." 1 John, iii, 11.

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## TO THE READER.

READER, I do not address you for the purpose of deprecating criticism; or, to beg a protection for my work which it does not deserve. I wish to be tried by the merits of the case. I am not unaware, that the man who attempts to overturn an old system, sanctioned by time, and fortified by prejudice, runs the risk of being assailed by every weapon which calumny and ill nature can supply. It is nevertheless the duty of every good man, to act, speak, and think, fearlessly, for the welfare of his fellow creatures. That I have this, at least, at heart, I hope the following pages will testify. I have endeavoured to lay down a Plan, by which man may be made happy; and I think it will be his own fault if he is

not. In making pure Religion the basis of my system, I have essentially differed from those who have gone before me: and I hope that the plan submitted to your notice, will have some claim to attention; as it unites the spiritual welfare of man, with his temporal happiness.

The importance of the subject merits a much more extended discussion than the present: but it was my wish to bring the price of the Work within the reach of the poorest classes of society. Should a discerning public, overlooking the defects of the author, patronize it for the sake of the good which it is my hope it will diffuse, I may feel encouraged to resume the subject at a future period.



## INTRODUCTION.

My fellow man! whether rich or poor—high or low: whether thou wast born on the fertile plains of Asia, or in the deserts of Siberia: under the burning zone of Africa, or on the never-melting snows of Lapland: whether thou supposest thyself a free-born Englishman, or art really the vilest slave on the face of the earth: this treatise equally affects all. In it behold a prospect of that day, which soon will succeed this long night of error and misery! Yes, it will be found to embrace every means of producing the most superior happiness to the whole world, by founding on the firmest basis, a project, which will erase from the mind every error; will concentrate into one point the diversified opinions and prejudices that now exist with regard to religion, root out every misery from society, and make men really free; will establish truth, and, in

short, will effect every blessing which the mind of man can comprehend.

In order to bring home to the mind more fully the superiority of this, my system, I will endeavour to point out clearly the misery of the present one, and the cause of that misery : confining myself to known facts, admitted by all. Who will deny that men are generally "every one against his fellow" ? Turn your attention to the American Indians, to the horrid cruelties which they exercise towards their fellow men : to the Savages that inhabit the islands of the South Sea—the numberless tribes that are ever warring against each other, along the coast, and in the interior of Africa—besides innumerable hordes in different parts of the world, where civilization is unknown;—heaping upon themselves slavery and wretchedness. And what is the cause of all this ? One individual marks out a boundary, and calls it his own ; a stronger than he covets it. This produces war, and all its horrors.

But why confine myself to uncivilized nations ? Do war and misery, slavery and wretchedness, belong to them alone ? No.

Even in Europe (the most enlightened quarter of the globe,) these horrors are equalled, if not exceeded. Behold the despot! whose will is law, tyrannizing over those for whose protection he ought to sacrifice his life; murdering some; incarcerating others for life in gloomy and unwholesome dungeons; and wresting from his subjects the fruit of their hard earnings; his aristocrats keeping the deluded peasantry in the worst state of ignorance and slavery!

Again, behold the nation striving to obtain that freedom of which her more powerful neighbour has deprived her; her fair fields deluged with the blood of thousands, and misery and wretchedness hovering around her devoted inhabitants! Even if she gain her freedom, what dark prospects present themselves! her land laid waste, her towns levelled with the ground, and her treasury exhausted. Look upon other states, some of their inhabitants rolling and revelling in riches, while others are starving with hunger!

Would that I could pass over England, my dear native country, but I know too well the misery that surrounds all classes of