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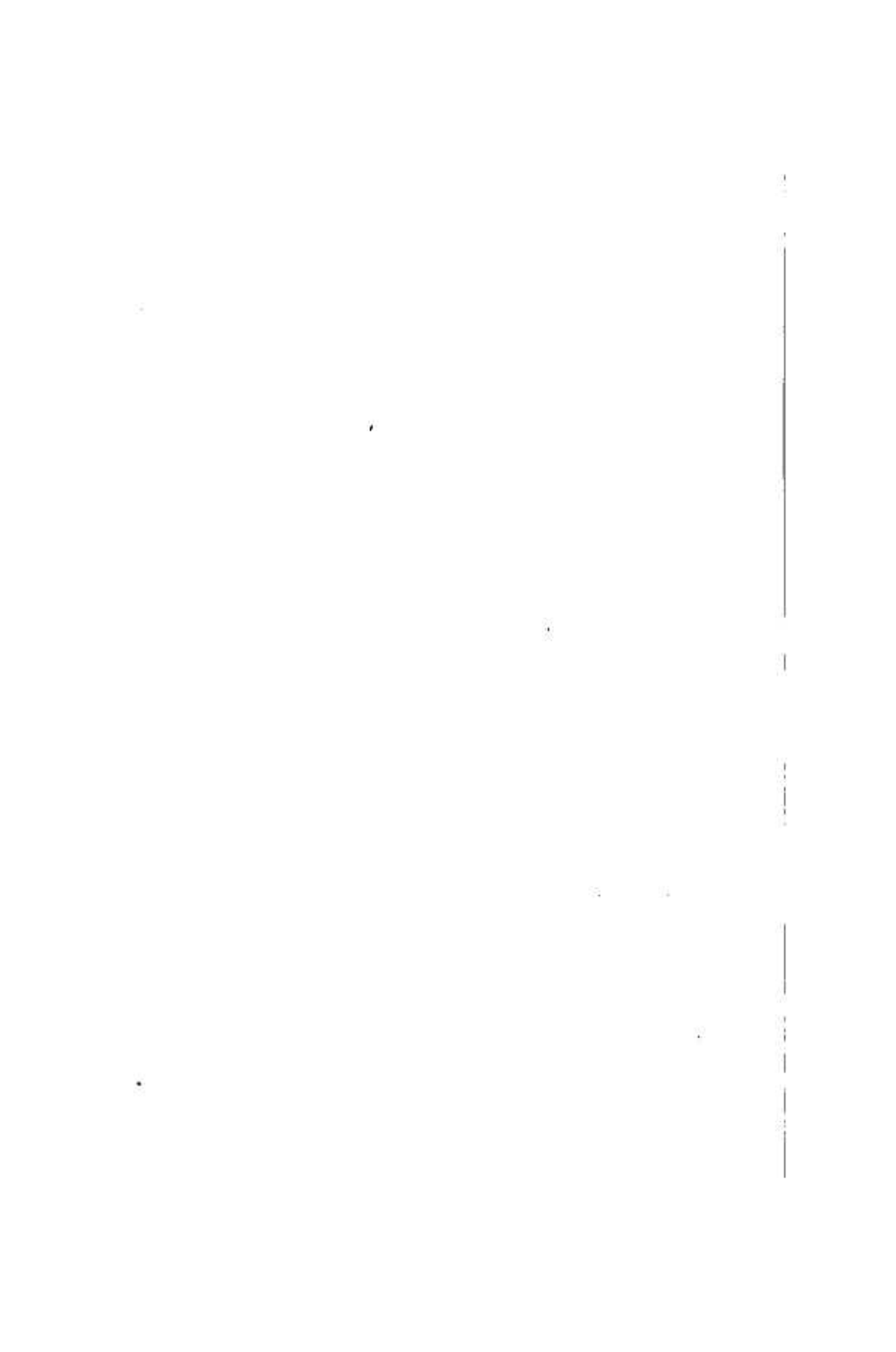
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TO
THE PEOPLE, AND TO THE MINISTRY OR SERVANTS
OF
THE VARIOUS SECTARIANISMS OF THE PRESENT DAY,
THIS WORK AND LABOUR OF LOVE
IS
CORDIALLY DEDICATED,
BY
THE AUTHOR.

INTRODUCTION.

THE object of this unpretending little Treatise is to exhibit what the Author believes to have been the true creed of the Christians of old, in contrast with the false and degenerate teachings of the various creeds formed by Satan and men,—that the reader may judge for himself which is right and which is wrong, and by God's blessing become truly saved with the salvation of the Gospel; and also to show those who follow Christ fully, that they may not only *retain* salvation, but *grow* up into Christ their living Head in all things, even unto Christian *perfection*; and that the true church of Christ may be fully established in its original creed, “in the top of the mountains,” and “above the hills,” and people flow unto it in the last days, before the end of time cometh, as recorded in and gathered from the Scriptures.



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WITHOUT any formal introduction to our subject, we would at once say that the religion of Jesus Christ is of a three-fold character, viz., theoretical, experimental, and practical.

To the two latter, we shall have more particularly to refer, in the establishment of the one and only true creed of Jesus Christ, as taught by him and his apostles, (to guide all mankind into the way of truth and eternal glory,) and brought into immediate contrast with the errors, superstitions, and schisms of the creeds formed by Satan and men.

In the second place, we shall glance at the future state and action of the true Church of Christ, such as at the battle of that great day of God Almighty, as mentioned in Rev. xvi. 4, which is fast

approaching on every hand, and which will be between truth and error in states and churches ;* and will be fought, we are told, in a place called in the Hebrew tongue, Armageddon, which probably means in the senate houses, ecclesiastical courts, synods, and conferences of the nations of the earth. This, it is said, will come upon us as a thief,—no doubt suddenly and generally unexpected ; but “ Blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments, [evidently his garments of salvation,] lest he [in this great conflict in which he will be called upon to take a part] walk naked [that is, gets stripped of his garments of salvation,] and they [whom he is contending with] see his shame.”

It is recorded in the 13th verse, that the three unclean spirits [which John saw then far in the future from his time] like frogs came out of the mouth of the dragon, [meaning out of the devil or Satan,] “and out of the mouth of the beast, [which, according to Scripture, means out of the mouth of the secular governments of the earth,] and out of the mouth of the false prophet” [false teachers, who teach their sectarianisms for the truth, but which are contrary to the truth of God.]

* Both have, in their exclusive and self-elevated powers in their various organizations, made one-sided, unscriptural laws, by which to govern what they call the masses of the common people, under which they have long groaned, not being able to bear them.

It further says, "they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth, and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." The fulfilment of this, we think, partially took place some years ago, at the pouring out of the sixth vial of the wrath of God, and which is now coming to its consummation. In the midst of the battle of that great day, it is further recorded that the seventh angel will pour out his vial of the wrath of God into the air; and there will come "a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done." The whole of the seven vials are all poured out. There will be "voices [doubtless terrible uproars amongst the contending parties in this great conflict,] and thunders, and lightenings;" [most terrible commotions, both civil and religious, a convulsion, or revolution amongst all states and churches;] and there will be "a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great."

Whether this will be a literal or a figurative earthquake, we are not prepared to say; but we think it means a figurative one, representing the great changes which will then take place in states and churches, such as have never taken place before.

"The great city will be divided in three parts." Probably this final controversy will be arbitrated