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BUDGET OF TRUTH:

RELATIVE TO
THE PRESENT ASPECT OF AFFAIRS
IN
THE RELIGIOUS AND THE POLITICAL WORLD,
ESPECIALLY TO
The Existing State of Christendom.

TO WHICH ARE ADDED,
OBSERVATIONS ON THE RESTORATION OF THE JEWS,
AND
"THE HOLY ALLIANCE,"

BEING
A DEVELOPEMENT OF THE PROPHECIES OF DANIEL & JOHN,

WITH
AN APPENDIX
CONTAINING CURIOUS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE, &c.

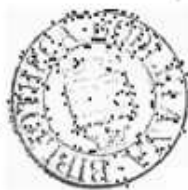
BY JOHN BURRIDGE. *26*

"What new doctrine is this?"
"Extremum hunc, Deo concede laborem."

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P R E F A C E.

IN critical cases and complaints, *physicians* are generally obliged to *compound* medicines, and call them MIXTURES. They care little as to their *numbers*, so that they imagine they prescribe the *right medicines* for the fevers, &c. according to the respective SYMPTOMS, requiring firm judgment and experience, as to quantities and quality; so, I, perceiving England's *heart and soul sickness*, in CHURCH and STATE, have ventured to mix, in this book, to the best of my humble skill and knowledge, many subjects, forming *strange mixtures* of *civil, political, and religious* matters: regardless, like physicians, how disagreeable soever they may be to the PALATES, or rather (on this occasion) to men's *consciences*, eyes, and understandings; therefore, I admit, NECESSITY has obliged me to use the strongest COMPOUNDS; but all, not possessing common sense or reflection, will "THROW PHYSIC TO THE DOGS," regardless of THE GREAT PHYSICIAN, who daily offers his divine *medicine*, GRATIS.

Mr. Auldjo has just published a book, called "The Ascent of *Mont Blanc*, 8 and 9 Aug. 1827." When near the summit, the party found a bridge, or mass of snow, laying across a chasm (several hundred feet deep), over which the party passed, after having breakfasted upon it, because rather sheltered from the wind! The heedless creatures chose that spot for breakfast; if an avalanche had happened, eternity must have opened in a minute upon them.

On accidentally viewing the plate, I thought it was an allegory of Christendom's danger, she having placed herself upon the quicksands of UNIVERSAL IDOLATRY, instead of the rock of God, whence she must be launched into the precipice of hell (in the midst of the abomination of desolation), by earthquakes, &c.

No part of this world has been more blessed than Great Britain, our native land. The bowels of the earth contain all that is necessary to contribute to the comforts, convenience, and commerce, of human life, while the surface yields abundance of the *staff of life*, and almost all the luxuries, under a mild healthy climate. In the midst of abundance, millions pine and die in want and wretchedness.

Our coal mines alone, afford inexhaustible treasures—our copper, tin, lead, and salt mines, are inestimable blessings.

If Englishmen employed all these blessings

aright, to the praise and glory of God, and good of mankind, England would remain a paradise; but her princes, priests, and people, are inoculated by Romans, although I believe Englishmen are still subject to a *PREMUNIRE*, if they hold any correspondence with *the Most Holy Lord* and Father, Pius VIII. or Vicarius Filii Dei, by a law which ought to be repealed, if Romans be Christians, and, if Christians, it was *madness* to proscribe them at all in 1688.

If the church revenues be abolished, and all yearly stipends, should we find *forty-five*, or five preachers of the gospel, gratis, like the apostles, to the praise and glory of God, with pure hearts?

Thus hath the Lord said, "Go set a watchman: let him declare what he seeth, and he cried, a LION: my LORD—*Babylon is fallen, is fallen.*" Now, the interpretation seems, Christ is come like a LION, because he has been rejected as a LAMB. The prophet did *not* actually see a lion, but swift horsemen and chariots, emblematical of Christ's speed and power, like lightning; but Christ *himself* remains invisible.

Even Christ was charged with being *mad*, and having a DEVIL; therefore, I am well aware what "a hornet's nest" I draw about me, upon entering the field, even single handled, against *the hosts of ARMAGEDDON*, but I enter it as a humble, but true *soldier of Christ*, desiring to trust in his *Almighty* strength, who hath declared, that "no king can be

saved by the multitude of a host ;” even in him, who once enabled ASA* to defeat hosts, and delivered Gideon†, with 300 chosen men, from the *Midianites*’ immense army, into whose hearts he struck a midnight panic, and turned every heathen’s sword against his fellow.

I desire to look up to him, who said, “ *All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer (BELIEVING), ye shall receive.*” †—“ Believe me, for the very work’s sake.” *Credite operibus.* “ Verily, verily, he that believeth in me, the works I do, shall he do also ; and even greater works. Whatsoever he shall ask in my name, that will I do.” §

O Lord, I pray thee, therefore, this blessed sabbath, 2 May, 1830, to hasten thy kingdom, and confound the devil and all his works — to deliver thy church and people from the *universal* bondage of idolators, and let all flesh praise and magnify thy holy name here, a thousand years, and hereafter for ever and ever.

I wish it were possible to omit *the Appendix*, and not to drag my readers through THE SLUDGE ; but having also found a divine indictment, laid against Christendom, I am obliged to produce natural and visible evidence to support the prosecution, and bring the charges home, rather than let it depend upon my *ipse dixit*. *The Appendix* puts a seal or stamp upon the book. Prepare for trial !!

* Vide lege et crede. † 2d Book Chronicles. ‡ Matt. xxi. § John xiv.

INTRODUCTION.

OMNES probi honestique operam navabunt, ut universæ reipublicæ singulisque civibus consulatur.

“ This book shall be written for those that come after, and the people who shall be born shall praise the Lord, when the Lord shall build Sion.” *Psalms cii.*

“ Preach the Gospel to every creature. The gospel shall be published in all the world.”

“ Some things shalt thou *publish*, and some things shalt thou show *secretly* to the wise.” *Ezra.*

“ The wise shall understand, but none of the wicked shall understand.” *Dan.*

“ A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land.” *Jer. v. 30.*

“ The destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way.” *Jer. iv. 7.*

“ The ENDS of the world are come.” *1 Cor. x. 11.*

We are surrounded by signs and wonders, beyond all human power, they must be either *divine* or *diabolical*; both are regarded with equal indifference by the mass of Christendom: surely this is THE FALLING AWAY, which Paul prophecied to the Thessalonians, 2 ep. 2 chap. 3 ver. and what is said to *one* is said to *all*.

Daniel was ordered to seal up the book till the time of the end of the indignation of the Lord.

St. John was ordered to seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and to write them not.

The world would still be in UTTER darkness, but for the