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PREFACE.

THE following dialogues were originally published in the Teutsche Merkur, a German periodical publication, whence they are now translated into English. They may safely be ascribed to Christopher Martin Wieland, the Lucian of his country, and probably the most popular writer living: for he is, at this time reprinting four several editions of his collective works, which are so numerous that the quarto set is to consist of twenty-five volumes.

The notions of this age are moving, in religion, from superstition toward infidelity;

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infidelity; in morals, from puritanism toward libertinism; and in politics, from despotism toward democracy. On each walk, Wieland will be found to outstride the average progress of public opinion; but to stop short of those ne-plus-ultra-men, who would substitute atheism to faith, agamy to matrimony, and anarchy to government.

Should this volume be well received, a second will be undertaken.



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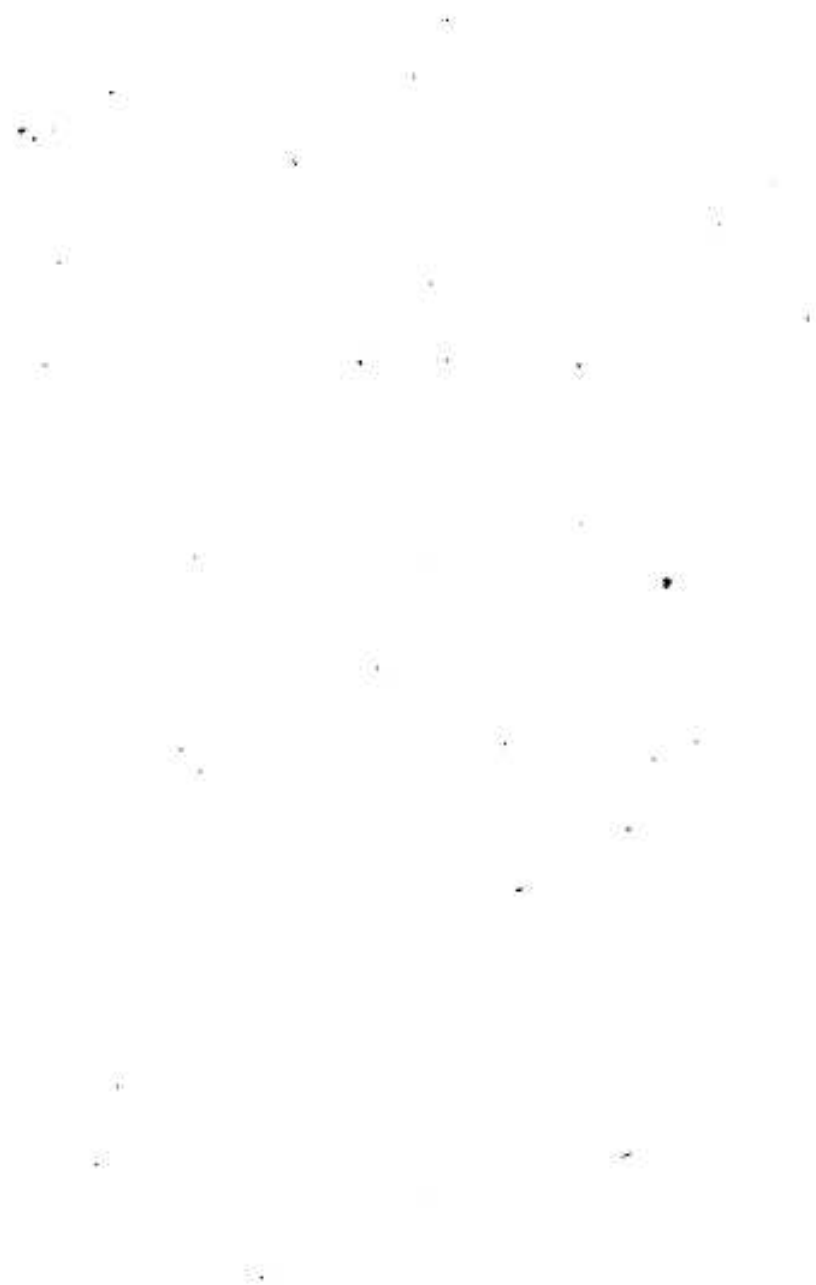
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THE AGE OF
RETRIBUTION.

*Jupiter, half-sitting, half-lying on a
bed of roses: Juno seated at his feet.*

Jupiter.

AND is this all thou requirest, my
dear Juno? hadst thou asked
impossibilities, to please thee, I would
have tried for their accomplishment.

B

Juno.

Juno.

Thou art very galant, Jupiter;
but I shall never claim any thing un-
reasonable.

Jupiter.

Besides, kings and nobles have al-
ways belonged to thy department;
and it is the least thou hast a right to
from my fondness, to be let alone,
when busied about thy own affairs.

Juno.

Nor do I aspire at more ; for, if I
understand thy maxims, it were too
much to expect that thou thyself
shouldst take up kings a little more
warmly.

Jupiter