

The opposite spirit is the direct source of most of the misery to which man is subject; & that which causes misery in this life, can but produce misery in the life beyond the grave.

The spirit that would hurl a brother over a precipice, rather than lie down before him is not the spirit of humility & meekness - is not the spirit of Christ; but is begotten of Antichrist, & consequently cannot inherit the Kingdom of Heaven, & of course applauded of men is not truly wise. ~~The wisdom of man is not the wisdom of God.~~

In the daily intercourse of man with man circumstances are continually arising, however unimportant of themselves, or even trivial, a haughty disposition can misconstrue, & magnify into mountains of intended evil intentions, thus creating begetting malice & rage, which is oftentimes ended only in blood. When Naaman was sent by the King of Syria to the King of Israel to be healed of his leprosy, the latter could see nothing but intended mischief, & exclaimed "See how he seeketh a quarrel against me!"

The maxims which man's wisdom teaches exalts the selfishness of Man, - inculcates the idea of self-importance, - that it is not honorable to submit to insult, or what may be deemed an insult, whether it is intended or not, - that honor must be vindicated even at the price of blood. That manliness will not bow, or lower its dig-

The wisdom of God is superior to man's wisdom. In teaching self-denial & humility, the love of enemies, & non-resistance of evil Christianity, while it strikes at the root & foundation of all the maxims of the world's wisdom, its honor & its glories, really teaches nothing but what is for the greatest good & elevation of man.

To love our neighbor as ourselves, - to forgive those who trespass against us, - to feed & clothe our enemies, & to do unto all as we would have them do to us, though the very absurdity of foolishness to the wisdom of this world, is the sure, & only sure method of relieving the nations of Christendom of the terrible (fancied) necessity of maintaining at enormous expense, the vast armaments, & devastating equipments with which the so-called Christian Nations, through disobedience to Christ's commands have entailed upon themselves & the world at large.

Were the commandments of our gracious Lord, obeyed by those nations who profess his name, the whole aspect of the world would be changed. The prediction of the prophet that "Nations should not lift up sword against nation, neither should they learn war any more," ^{it would} be realized in the history of the world. The millions of men maintain-