

if we supposed it a great advantage to have the Bible, we must suppose the Almighty very unjust, to leave so large a portion of the Human <sup>species</sup> ~~race~~ without it. —

The foregoing is the substance of the first conversation; emitting strong expressions of disapprobation of Bible Societies not thought needful to note. —

When at Jericho in the 3<sup>rd</sup> month A.B. took tea with E.H. in a social way; she had not long been in the house when he began to speak on the subject of the ~~trinity~~ Trinity which A.B. considers so grossly abused as to render it undesirable ever to make use of it. —

E.H. spoke <sup>much</sup> of the impossibility of believing what we could not ~~understand~~ <sup>comprehend</sup>, and also on the propriety of bringing even Scripture Truths to the test of the Spirit in our own Hearts; and rejecting all such parts as we do not see consistent with the Attributes of the Almighty: stating that from reading various works, he was convinced not only that our English translation of ~~the~~ the Bible was in many parts erroneous, but also that the Gospels handed to us were no more authentic than many other writings that we have received, and <sup>that</sup> they have been greatly contaminated by coming through the medium of the Popes who were anxious to favour their own views — indeed, he said it was not needful for us to believe more than a small part of what was contained in the Scriptures, and that he conceived the writings of Confucius and many other Philosophers, were equally of divine revelation with the Scriptures. — That the heathen nations: the Mahometans, Chinese, Indians &c. bore greater evidences of the influence of divine light than

professing Christians. —

E.H. asked A.B. if she could be so ignorant as to believe in the account of the Creation of the world as given in the Scriptures: that he had been convinced for the last ten years, that it was nothing but an allegory; ~~and~~ that this had been especially revealed to his mind in a meeting in Liberty street about that time. —

He asked A.B. if she thought Adam was any worse after he had eaten the forbidden fruit, than before, saying he did not believe he was. —

He also asked her if she conceived we were born into the world in any different condition from Adam when he was first created: stating that to suppose we had any propensities, <sup>to evil</sup> was to suppose that the Almighty created evil: and that he believed all our propensities were good; it was <sup>the</sup> excessive indulgence of them that made them evil. —

He spoke much of the absurdity of believing in any outward sacrifice for sin. —

That it was the same Spirit in us that was in Christ; which was the alone means of redemption and Salvation that he believed, it to be from the Spirit. —

That he was convinced that Jesus Christ was no more than a prophet, who was faithful to the Gift that was in him, and which was conferred at the time the Spirit descended upon him like a Dove, ~~the~~ When he was undergoing the ceremony of outward Baptism. —

E.H. said, if A.B. would attentively read the Scriptures she would believe Jesus to be the son of Joseph, and quoted many texts to convince her of it. —