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Love one man as well as another is that some men are better than others, but then the good may become worse and the bad may be made better both of which would require a correspondent change in the deity but this is inconsistent with his nature. This subject may be made perfectly plain to every mind by the question do parents cease to love their disobedient children.

Certainly not, but why do they not simply because their love does not depend upon the character of their children but on something else and that is on their affections.

and those affections were in active operation before their children had formed a character of any kind. So God loves his children from the eternal operation of the principles of his own divinity and not because one is better than another. nor has the divine love exerted its holy and saving influence in our outward condition alone. It has opened the heavens - sent us the truths - taught us virtue and revealed immortal life and endless bliss. &c &c

O. May we all while here below

Thy blessing will improve

Till nobler praise in brighter world

Proclaim that God is love

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On The death of a Friend,

Nothing is more evident than that the decay of age must terminate in death; yet there is no man says Tully, who does not believe that he may yet live another year and there is none who does not upon the same principle hope another year for his parent or his friends; but the fallacy will be in time detected; the last year the last day must come. It has come and is past. The life which made my own life pleasant is at an end and the gates of death are shut upon my prospects.

The loss of a friend upon whom the heart was fixed to whom every wish and endeavor tended is a state of dreary desolation in which the mind looks abroad impatient of itself and finds nothing but emptiness and horror. The blameless life the artless tenderness the pious simplicity the modest resignation the patient sickness and the quiet death are remembered only to add value to the loss to aggravate regret for what cannot be amended. To deepen sorrow for what cannot be recalled. These are the calamities by which Providence gradually desensitizes us from the loss of life.

Other evils fortitude may resist or hope may mitigate but irremediable privation