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The OECONOMY of HUMAN LIFE.

BENEVOLENCE.

**W**HEN thou considerest thy Wants, when thou beholdest thy Imperfections, acknowledge his Goodness, O Son of Humanity! who honour'd thee with Reason, endow'd thee with Speech, and placed thee in Society to receive and confer reciprocal Helps and mutual Obligations.

Thy Food, thy Cloathing, thy Convenience of Habitation; thy Protection from the Injuries, thy Enjoyment of the Comforts and the Pleasures of Life; all these thou owest to the Assistance of others, and couldst not enjoy but in the Bands of Society.

It is thy Duty therefore to be a Friend to Mankind, as it is thy Interest, that Man should be friendly to thee.

As the Rose breatheth Sweetness from its own Nature, so the Heart of a benevolent Man produceth good Works.

He enjoyeth the Ease and Tranquility of his own Breath, and rejoiceth in the Happiness and Prosperity of his Neighbour.

He openeth not his Ear unto Slanders; the Faults and the Failings of Men give a Pain to his Heart.

His Desire is to do Good, and he searcheth out the Occasions thereof: In removing the Oppression of another, he relieveth himself.

From the Largeness of his Mind he comprehendeth in his Wishes the Happiness of all Men; and from the Generosity of his Heart, he endeavoureth to promote it.

JUSTICE.

The Peace of Society dependeth on Justice; the Happiness of Individuals, on the safe Enjoyment of all their Possessions.

Keep the Desires of thy Heart, therefore, within the Bounds of Moderation; let the Hand of Justice lead them aright.

Cast not an evil Eye on the Goods of thy Neighbour, let whatever is his Property be sacred from thy Touch.

Let no Temptation allure thee, nor any Provocation excite, to lift up thy Hand to the Hazard of his Life.

Defame him not in his Character; bear no false Witness against him.

Corrupt not his Servant to cheat or forsake him; and the Wife of his Bosom, O tempt not to Sin!

'Twill be a Grief to his Heart which thou canst not relieve; an Injury to his Life, which no Reparation can atone.

In all thy Dealings with Men be impartial and just; and do unto them as thou wouldst they should do unto thee.

Be faithful to thy Trust, and deceive not the Man, who relecth upon thee: Be assur'd 'tis less evil in the Sight of God to steal, than to betray.

Oppress not the Poor, and defraud not of his Hire the labouring Man.

When thou sellest for Gain, hear the Whisperings of Conscience, and be satisfied with Moderation: Nor from the Ignorance of the Buyer make any Advantage.

Pay the Debts which thou owest, for he who gave thee Credit rely'd upon thy Honour; and to withhold from him his Due is both mean and unjust.

Finally, O Son of Society, examine thy Heart, call Remembrance to thy Aid; and if in any of these Things thou findest thou hast transgressed, take Sorrow and Shame to thyself; and make speedy Reparation to the utmost of thy Power.

CHARITY.

Happy is the Man who hath sown in his Breast the Seeds of Benevolence; the Produce thereof shall be Charity and Love.

From the Fountain of his Heart shall rise Rivers of Goodness; and the Streams shall overflow, for the Benefit of Mankind.

He assisteth the Poor in their Trouble; he rejoiceth in furthering the Prosperity of all Men.

He censurcth not his Neighbour, he believeth not the Tales of Envy and Malevolence, neither repeateth he their Slanders.

He forgiveth the Injuries of Men, he wipeth them from his Remembrance; Revenge and Malice have no Place in his Heart.

For Evil he returneth not Evil; he hateth not even his Enemies, but requiteth their Injustice with friendly Admonition.

The Grievs and Anxieties of Men excite his Compassion; he endeavoureth to alleviate the Weight of their Misfortunes, and the Pleasure of Success rewardeth his Labour.

He calmeth the Fury, he healeth the Quarrels of angry Men; and preventeth the Miscarriages of Strife and Animosity.

He promoteth in his Neighbourhood Peace and Good Will, and his Name is repeated with Praise and Benedictions.

GRATITUDE.

As the Branches of a Tree return their Sap to the Root, from whence it arose; as a River pour-eth his Streams to the Sea, whence his Spring was supply'd; so the Heart of a grateful Man delighteth in returning a Benefit received.

He acknowledgeth his Obligation with Cheerfulness, he looketh on his Benefactor with Love and Esteem.

And if to return it be not in his Power, he nourisheth the Memory of it in his Breast with Kindness, he forgetteth it not all the Days of his Life.

The Heart of the generous Man is like the Clouds of Heaven, which drop upon the Earth Fruits, Herbage, and Flowers: The Heart of the Ungrateful is like a Desert of Sand, which swalloweth with Greediness the Showers that fall, but burieth them in it's Bosom, and produceth nothing.

Envy not thy Benefactor, neither strive to conceal the Benefit he hath conferr'd; for though to oblige is better than to be obliged, though the act of Generosity commandeth Admiration, yet the Humility of Gratitude toucheth the Heart, and is amiable in the Sight both of God and Man.

But receive not a Favour from the Hand of the Proud; to the Selfish and Avaritious have no Obligation: The Vanity of Pride shall expose thee to Shame, the Greediness of Avarice shall never be satisfied.

SINCERITY.

O thou who art enamour'd with the Beauties of Truth, and hast fix'd thy Heart on the Simplicity of her Charms; hold fast thy Fidelity and her, and forsake her not; the Constancy of thy Virtue shall crown thee with Honour.

The Tongue of the Sincere is rooted in his Heart; Hypocrisy and Deceit have no Place in his Words.

He blusheth at Falshood, and is confounded; but in speaking the Truth he hath a steady Eye.

He supporteth as a Man the Dignity of his Character; to the Arts of Hypocrisy he scorneth to stoop.

He is consistent with himself, he is never embarrass'd: He hath Courage enough for Truth, but to lye he is afraid.

He is far above the Meanness of Dissimulation; the Words of his Mouth are the Thoughts of his Heart.

Yet with Prudence and Caution he openeth his Lips; he studieth what is right, and speaketh with Discretion.

He adviseth with Friendship; he reproveth with Freedom; and whatsoever he promiseth, shall surely be performed.

But the Heart of the Hypocrite is hid in his Breast; he masketh his Words in the Semblance of Truth; while the Business of his Life is only to deceive.

He laugheth in Sorrow, he weepeth in Joy; and the Words of his Mouth have no Interpretation.

He worketh in the Dark as a Mole, and fancieth he is safe; but he blundereth into Light, and is betray'd and expos'd, with his Dirt on his Head.

He passeth his Days in perpetual Constraint; his Tongue and his Heart are for ever at Variance.

He laboureth for the Character of a righteous Man; and huggeth himself in the Thoughts of his Cunning.

O Fool, Fool! the Pains which thou takest to hide what thou art, are more than would make thee what thou wouldst seem: And the Children of Wisdom shall mock at thy Cunning; when in the Midst of Security, thy Disguise is stripped off, and the Finger of Derision shall point thee to Scorn.

RELIGION.

There is but one God, the Author, the Creator, the Governor of the World; Almighty, Eternal, and Incomprehensible.

The Sun is not God, though his noblest Image; he enlighteneth the World with his Brightness, his Warmth giveth Life to the Products of the Earth; admire him as the Creature, the Instrument of God, but worship him not.

To the One who is Supreme, most Wise, and Beneficent, and to him alone, belong Worship, Adoration, Thanksgiving, and Praise.

Who hath stretch'd forth the Heavens with his Hand; who hath describ'd with his Finger the Courses of the Stars.

Who fettereth Bounds to the Ocean, that it cannot pass; and saith unto the stormy Winds, Be still.

Who shaketh the Earth, and the Nations tremble; who darteth his Lightnings, and the Wicked are dismay'd.

Who calleth forth Worlds, by the Word of his Mouth; who smiteth with his Arm, and they sink into nothing.

"O reverence the Majesty of the Omnipotent; and tempt not his Anger, lest thou be destroy'd."

The Providence of God is over all his Works; he ruleth and directeth with infinite Wisdom.

He hath instituted Laws for the Government of the World: He hath wonderfully varied them in all Beings; and each, by his Nature, conformeth to his Will.

In the Depths of his Mind he revolveth all Knowledge; the Secrets of Futurity lie open before him.

The Thoughts of thy Heart are naked to his View; he knoweth thy Determinations before they are made.

With respect to his Prescience there is nothing contingent; with respect to his Providence there is nothing accidental.

Wonderful he is in all his Ways; his Counsels are inscrutable; the Manner of his Knowledge transcendeth thy Conception.

"Pay, therefore, to his Wisdom all Honour and Veneration; and bow down thyself in humble and submissive Obedience, to his supreme Direction."

The Lord is gracious and beneficent; he hath created the World in Mercy and Love.

His Goodness is conspicuous in all his Works; he is the Fountain of Excellence, the Center of Perfection.

The Creatures of his Hand declare his Goodness, and all their Enjoyments speak his Praise: He cloatheth them with Beauty, he supporteth them with Food, he preserveth them with Pleasure from Generation to Generation.

If we lift up our Eyes to the Heavens, his Glory shineth forth; if we cast them down upon the Earth, it is full of his Goodness; the Hills and the Vallies rejoice and sing; Fields, Rivers, and Woods, resound his Praise.

But thee, O Man, he hath distinguish'd with peculiar Favour; and exalted thy Station above all Creatures.

He hath endow'd thee with Reason, to maintain thy