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## Post-script.

*Christian Reader,*

**A**S I would not be found in Flattery, so I would not be Remiss in my Duty in giving this Author his true value, who, when thou hast read his Treatise, and seest what a high esteem and tender Regard he had of the glory of GOD, and the Everlasting well-being of the Souls of all Men, thou canst not but esteem him to have been a worthy Author; for in the place where he was known, his pious innocent Life and Practice did bespeak his worth far above all the Commendations that a Post-script can give of him. But unto strangers that knew him not, I honestly declare unto them, for harmlesness and Innocency, within the bounds of my knowledge, I know not his fellow upon Earth, excepting one other Man; and he hath left this Mite of his as a Token of his Love he had to the Sons and Daughters of *Adam*, and for the benefit and well-being of their Immortal Souls. And he was a diligent Searcher into the innocent and harmless Principles of Christianity, and also of the many Absurdities, Falshoods and Errors that were crept into the Name of the Christian Faith, and

and particularly this of Reprobation, that ever God did Reprobate any of his Creatures, especially his Creature Man, who was made in his own Image; this assertion being so dishonourable to God and pernicious to his Creature Man, he lookt upon this to be a Monster, and so hath used his Christian endeavour in its Detection.

And if any *Predestinarian* should pretend to answer the Labours of this worthy Author, I desire them to tell the world whether Man be not a free Agent, that is to say, man hath a free Will to pitch upon his own Choice in things relating to his Salvation or Condemnation, either by his Creator or by any other secondary Causes produced by Omnipotency, to frustrate him of his free choice? And whether or no God hath not furnished out his Creature Man by his Grace, compleatly, whereby he is enabled to perform his Creators Requirings, yea or nay? And if not, why doth God require of his Creature Impossibilities? Or whether he be made a bounded Agent, according to this following Example.

I suppose that a Carpenter with great pains and labour did make a Cart-wheel, and when he had made it, gave it a command to get up and run towards the Sun rising; it having no Power given it, it naturally lies still, and disobeys its Makers command; and then the Carpenter under the pretence of its Disobedience, to show his power over his Creature, should violently fall upon his Wheel and dash it to pieces. If there were any such man as this to be found, how would wise Men deride him for  
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his Folly and Madnefs? Now I desire to know if they fee any fuch betwixt God and his Creatures?

These things, and many more of the like nature, I must be Resolved in before I yeild up the Cudgels, and my self a Captive to *Predestinarians*.

John Hepburn.

### Advertisement to the Reader.

**I**N a Book written by the *Anabaptists*, called *The Fallacy of the Quakers*, out of which Book I took the occasion to propose some Difficulties in the Point of Water-Baptism, to be Resolved by them, for I take them to be the ablest Mannagers of that Point of any of the Water-Baptists, and did give it them at their yearly Meeting at *Middletown* in *New-Jersey*, 1712. and likewise this present year 1714. at the same place, but they have given me no Answer. I desire then that the *Anabaptists*, or any of the other Sects of *Water-Baptism*, to Resolve the Difficulties I have proposed, they all being alike concerned; Which Proposals are as followeth, *viz.*

*Friend Silby;*

**I** Have seen thy Book, called, *The Fallacy of the Quakers*; in which thou asserts, Christ's Baptism

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