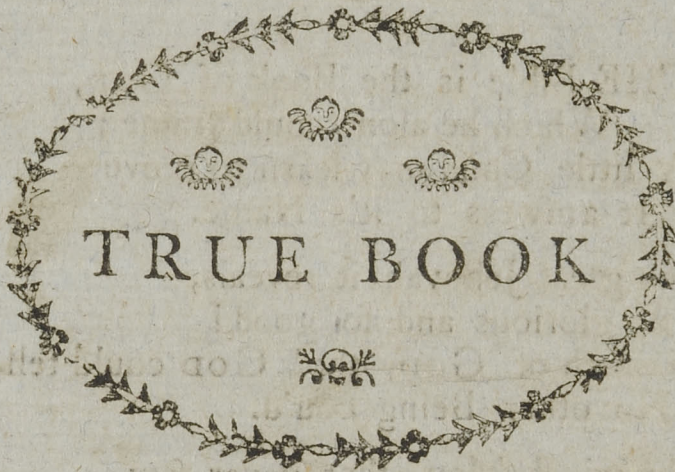

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TRUE BOOK.



- 1 **T**HE Bible is the Book of God,
Which he alone could frame ;
A little Child may learn to prove
It answers to it's Name.
- 2 The great Jehovah it reveals,
So glorious and so good !
So much of GOD, tho' GOD could tell,
No other Being cou'd.
- 3 The wisest Men, that never saw
This Book, when they have try'd
The Character of GOD to draw,
His Glories have deny'd.
- 4 Some made a spotted Bull their God,
And some to Serpents pray'd ;
Idols of Metal, Stone, or Wood,
They call'd upon for Aid.
- 5 The Bible shews *one* GOD alone ;
Right Reason joins in this :
Tho' Reason *now* in fallen Man
The glorious Truth might miss.
- 6 First, best, and greatest, Cause of all ;
A Character complete !
How glorious is JEHOVAH's Name,
Where all Perfections meet !

- 7 This Book contains his holy Law,
Th' eternal Rule of Right;
How happy must all Creatures be,
Would they herein unite.
- 8 All Duty in one Word is summ'd,
That one sweet Word is, "LOVE;"
How short, how holy, just, and good!
May I this Law approve!
- 9 "To HIM, who is supremely good,
Supreme Affection's due:
Deal by your Neighbour as you'd have
Your Neighbour deal by you.
- 10 None else but GOD, who knows the Heart,
This Sacred Book could pen,
Which does detect the inward Thoughts
And secret Lusts of Men.
- 11 *But what avails to know our Ail,
Unless we know the Cure?
This is a melancholy Tale,
That endless Woe is sure.*
- 12 *Can none escape the Wrath of GOD?
Are all condemn'd to Hell?
Who can but dread that dark Abode?
Who can with Devils dwell?*
- 13 The same blest Book reveals the Way
To Life above the Skies;
The very chief of Sinners may
Receive so rich a Prize.
- 14 *Will GOD revoke his firm Decree,
That he who sins must die?
And disannul his Law for me,
And lay his Anger by?*

- 15 His Law can never be repeal'd,
It is too just and good:
Better a thousand sinful Worlds
Should perish, than it should.
- 16 *But how can Sinners satisfy
The Law, which once they broke?
Will Penitence for Payment stand,
And so keep off the Stroke?*
- 17 No, all the Sinner's Efforts here
Would fruitless be and vain;
Nor Streams, nor Floods of flowing Tears,
Could wash away the Stain.
- 18 A SURETY must be found, to pay
The Debt which Sinners ow'd;
He must the holy Law obey,
And bear our heavy Load.
- 19 *But where shall such an One be found?
What Creature is so kind,
Of all who dwell on earthly Ground:
Or what angelic Mind?*
- 20 Mankind are all involv'd in Sin;
Nor would an Angel dare
So great a Work to undertake,
Or such a Load to bear.
- 21 No Creature truly can suffice;
But GOD's eternal SON,
For this, descended from the Skies,
And put our Nature on.
- 22 Jesus, I say, th' incarnate WORD,
Did all the LAW obey;
And thus it's Honour was restor'd,
Which Sinners took away.

- 23 He bore his People's countless Sins,
 And dy'd that they might live ;
 And all poor Sinners shall be sav'd,
 Who in his Name believe.
- 24 *Had GOD the SON more Love to Man
 Than GOD the FATHER had ?
 Or did he come to die because
 He thought the Law too bad ?*
- 25 No! GOD so lov'd a ruin'd World
 He sent his Son to die ;
 Then rais'd him up again, to sit
 On his right Hand, on high.
- 26 Christ meant to *magnify* the Law,
 And ransom Sinners too :
 He dy'd that we, with Joy and Awe,
 Might Grace and Justice view.
- 27 Now GOD is just, yet justifies
 Each Sinner who believes,
 Sin is condemn'd, the Law secur'd,
 GOD all the Praise receives.
- 28 God's, Glory highly is advanc'd,
 And Peace on Earth proclaim'd ;
 Good Will is shewn to sinful Men,
 From Satan thus reclaim'd.
- 29 We ought, indeed, with rapt'rous Joy,
 To hear this joyful Sound ;
 But, Oh! in our apostate Race,
 What Wickedness is found!
- 30 All Men are so in LOVE with Sin,
 They will not from it part,
 Nor let the blest Redeemer in
 To their ungrateful Heart.

- 31 A free Salvation they despise ;
 They scorn to be forgiv'n :
 This empty World they idolize,
 And have no Taste for Heav'n.
- 32 *Will none then own their wretched State,
 And humbly sue for Grace ?*
 No, not till GOD renews the Mind,
 And doth his Pride abase.
- 33 Thus we as much GOD'S SPIRIT need,
 Our Spirits to renew,
 As that his Son for us should bleed,
 To give the Law it's Due.
- 34 *And can the Spirit by his Pow'r,
 Renew the Man afresh ?*
 Yes ; he removes the Heart of Stone,
 And gives a Heart of Flesh.
- 35 *Are none so good, but what they need
 An Interest in his Grace ?*
 Not One by any other Means
 Can see the FATHER'S Face.
- 36 *Are none so bad, but that he can
 Their Load of Guilt remove ?*
 There is no Limit to his Pow'r,
 No Limit to his Love.
- 37 When did the Saviour condescend
 To die for wretched Man ?
 It was about Four Thousand Years
 Since Time on Earth began.
- 38 Near Eighteen Hundred Years are past
 Since Jesus Christ was seen,
 On Jewish Ground, in mortal Flesh,
 Appearing poor and mean.

- 39 No worldly Pomp did he assume ;
 He did false Greatness scorn ;
 Conceived in a poor Virgin's Womb,
 And in a Stable born.
- 40 He past for humble Joseph's Son,
 But was the Son of GOD ;
 The Earth itself might well be proud
 That he upon it trod.
- 41 He once a Carpenter was call'd,
 Who built the Earth and Skies :
 Proud Men would not their Maker own
 In such a low Disguise.
- 42 *How could they think that this was He,
 The Saviour all divine ?
 Strange that his Godhead was not known
 By some undoubted Sign !*
- 43 The Saviour did not come to reign,
 In gaudy pomp below ;
 But the Law's Honour to maintain,
 And GOD's free Love to shew.
- 44 He came to cleanse away our Sins,
 By his most precious Blood ;
 And liv'd, and dy'd, and rose again,
 For our eternal Good.
- 45 Long Time before, had GOD foretold
 His Advent and Design :
 Which all the Prophets witness'd to,
 Inspir'd by Light divine.
- 46 They nam'd the Nation, Tribe, and Race,
 From which he should descend ;
 Said Beth'lem was his natal Place ;
 Shew'd how his Life should end.

- 47 The antient Prophets now were dead ;
 The Jews their Tombs adorn'd :
 But Him, to whom those witnessed,
 They all abhor'd and scorn'd.
- 48 Thus they who kept the Prophecies,
 Those Prophecies fulfill'd,
 Rejected HIM, the Prince of Life,
 And crucify'd and kill'd.
- 49 They hop'd a King with mighty Pow'r,
 And purple for his Robe,
 Would elevate his Nation high
 Above a conquer'd Globe.
- 50 Victorious Arms, triumphal Cars,
 Sceptres, and Crowns, and Thrones,
 Guards, Courtiers, Palaces, Feasts,
 And Gold and precious Stones.
- 51 Such pompous Baubles fill'd their Minds ;
 These Tokens, they expect,
 Must point the great Messiah forth ;—
 So Jesus they reject.
- 52 No Crown of Gold the Saviour wore ;
 They crown'd him, once, with Thorn ;
 No Sceptre, in his Hand, he bore ;
 They gave a Reed, in Scorn.
- 53 He had no Place to lay his Head,
 Much less a Palace proud ;
 Was hungry, thirsty, hard-bested,
 His Guards a vulgar Crowd.
- 54 His Steps poor Fishermen attend,
 With neither Place nor Pay ;
 Nor had he ready Cash at Hand,
 The Tribute to defray.

- 55 The shameful Cross he made his Throne,
 And there resign'd his Breath;
 The Sepulchre was not his own,
 Which held him after Death.
- 56 O who could think this low Disguise
 Conceal'd Heaven's glorious LORD,
 By Hosts angelic, in the Skies,
 Surrounded and ador'd.
- 57 His Throne is Heav'n; his Footstool Earth;
 In Robes of Light array'd;
 Clouds are his Car; his thundering Voice
 Makes all the Earth afraid.
- 58 They best his boundless Riches know
 Who live with him above,
 Where Springs of Bliss for ever flow,
 And banquet on his Love.
- 59 Immortal Honours, endless Joys,
 He for his Saints prepares;
 Made, by him, Kings and Priests to GOD,
 His Children and his Heirs.
- 60 His Birth seem'd mean on Earth below;
 But Angels at it sang;
 While all the Firmament around
 With heav'nly Music rang.
- 61 The Jews their new-born Prince disown;
 But wise Men from afar,
 To visit our Redeemer came,
 Conducted by a Star.
- 62 No flatt'ring Nobles cring'd around;
 But Patients, who apply'd,
 Healing for Soul and Body found,
 Nor once was one deny'd.

- 63 He made the Dumb his Praises sing ;
 The Lame, for Joy, to leap ;
 His Word restor'd the Blind to Sight,
 And wak'd the Dead from Sleep.
- 64 No armed Guards, nor gaudy Siaves,
 His followers were made :
 But Health and Sickness, Life and Death,
 His potent Word obey'd.
- 65 The cruel Devils, at his Word,
 Were forc'd to quit their Prey ;
 Death and the Grave confess'd their Lord,
 And durst not disobey.
- 66 He not on fine-wrought Carpets trod,
 But walk'd upon the Sea ;
 Th' obedient Waves confess the God,
 And the tam'd Winds agree.
- 67 Thousands, repeatedly, were fed,
 When Jesus made the Feast ;
 He pray'd, and a few Loaves of Bread
 Supply'd a full Repast.
- 68 Tribute from him when Men demand,
 Obedient to his Wish,
 The Sea conveys it to his Hand,
 And sends it by a Fish.
- 69 Ev'n in his Death his Glory shines ;
 The Sun in Black array'd,
 Abhors the monstrous Crime, which makes
 The trembling Earth afraid.
- 70 Tho' Men, ungrateful and unjust,
 His Agonies deride,
 The Rocks were rent, the Graves were burst,
 When Jesus groan'd and dy'd.

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- 71 Boast, O devouring Grave, that He
Was once thy Captive made ;
Or, rather, own thy Conqueror,
Who did thy Realms invade.
- 72 The king of Terrors lost his Sting,
When Christ triumphant rose :
And now his dying Saints may sing,
And smile at all their Foes.
- 73 To chosen witnesses, he prov'd
His Resurrection clear :
Their Former Cowardice remov'd,
And banish'd all their Fear.
- 74 Endu'd with Power from on high,
They publish'd in his Name,
Pardon for Souls condemn'd to die,
To all where'er they came.
- 75 Unlearn'd before, with ready Skill,
They speak with diff'rent Tongues ;
They use no Arms, but Faith and Love.
And Patience under Wrongs.
- 76 Their Doctrine they confirm'd by Signs,
Wrought all among the Foes,
And Miracles of Pow'r divine.
Which no one could oppose.
- 77 Like Sheep amidst a Host of Wolves,
They venture undismay'd :
For GOD they act ; for GOD they bear
The Suff'rings on them laid.
- 78 Their Lives, all holy, well confirm
The Doctrines that they preach ;
Their constant Deaths as plainly prove
The blessed Truths they teach.

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- 79 And still, by Earth and Hell oppos'd,
 These Truths maintain their Ground ;
 Their blest Effects, from Age to Age,
 By Thousands have been found.
- 80 Satan has vary'd his Assaults,
 But never could prevail ;
 The Church is founded on a Rock,
 A Rock which cannot fail.
- 81 The Jews, who from their Unbelief,
 Were scatter'd all abroad,
 Are kept from all the World distinct,
 And shew the Truth of GOD.
- 82 But *Christians* know the sweetest Sign,
 To prove the Bible true,
 Who feel it's Energy Divine
 Their Passions to subdue.
- 83 O that the SPIRIT may impart
 This heav'nly Light to me :
 That I may feel a soften'd Heart ;
 And GOD's own Glory see.
- 84 My Soul thereon shall daily feed,
 Nor Honey taste so sweet ;
 Thy Precepts, Lord, my Steps shall lead,
 Thy Promise be my Meat.
- 85 Thy Statutes here shall be my Song,
 While I remain below,
 Till I shall join the blisful Throng
 Who in thy Presence bow.
- 86 For, when my Heart and Flesh shall fail,
 Thy Word shall stedfast stand :
 Thy Saints thy Faithfulness shall tell
 To all th' Angelic Band.

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