

went the deeper, as I have heard men make the greatest mockery of the Bible ; and I know many abandoned wretches have not only written against it, but have taken pleasure to turn it into ridicule and fun. But let them look into their own hearts ; then they may say the Bible is a looking glass for them to see their own likeness painted there ; for there is every man's likeness in the Bible, both good and bad. And the mockery and unbelief of mankind do but strengthen my faith the more ; because I see all these characters have been before ; and the Gospel assureth us they would remain till the powers of darkness were destroyed. Therefore, my prayer is, that the Lord will hasten that *happy time*, to cut off *Satan's reign* ; and bring in HIS OWN, whose mercy and goodness are over all his works. But what mercy and goodness would it have been in the Lord to prolong the wretched reign of Manasseh ! who appeareth to me a complete type of the Devil ; and yet Hezekiah his father was so good a man ! Thus it appeareth to me, it is not from the Fall of ADAM, as the blood running in man ; for then the child might be like the father ; but it appears to me, by the heart and spirit that are in men, some give themselves up to be drawn by the Spirit of God, and others give themselves up to be drawn by the power of the Devil. But these are my own ideas from my observation of the Kings, that the sons did not all walk in their fathers' steps ; for some turned to do good, and others turned to do evil ; which brings my thoughts to our Saviour's words. " His servants ye are to whom ye yield yourselves to obey."—

“ Now Joanna, thee I'll answer.
 From the ponderings thou hast here,
 Let them judge who is thy Master ;
 Let the sons of men appear.
 To answer man I shall begin ;
 Let them thy pondering see,
 And then I say I'll answer men,
 If they can answer ME ;
 That say from Hell thy heart doth swell,
 Or Satan doth thee guide ;