

The Invasion of Sin

SIN, AS SELFISHNESS, IS THE FRUSTRATION OF THE DIVINE PLAN

But the awful invasion of sin frustrated the divine intention... Man aspired to be as God; and from that fatal moment, his great quarrel with his Maker has been a determination to assert a state of independence altogether alien to his nature and condition.

The standard of revolt was then erected, and the history of all his subsequent conduct has been the history of an insane endeavour to construct an empire, governed by laws, and replenished with resources, independent of God.

The idolatry and sensuality, the unbelief, irreligion, and all the multiform sins of man, are resolvable into this proud and infernal attempt. Having by his apostacy cut himself off from God, he affects to be a god to himself, to be his own sufficiency, his own first and last.

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