

Berkeley's Religion
A Study in the History of Anglican Philosophy

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Entertain no Opinion concerning God, that doth evidently contradict the Practice of Religion, and a good Life. . . Truth is most easily seen, and discern'd in those Reasonings and Opinions which tend to practice. . . This is universally true in all kind[s] of knowledge, but most considerable in the knowledge of God and Religion; because that knowledge is of the greatest consideration. . . Let us then look upon all knowledge that contradicts practice, as vain and false, because it destroys its end.

Archbishop Tillotson, Sermon on the Perfection of God

by the Knowledge of God, is not meant a barren Speculation, either of Philosophers or Scholastic Divines, nor any notional Tenets fitted to produce Disputes and Dissensions among Men; but, on the contrary, an holy practical Knowledge, which is the Source, the Root, or Principle of Peace and Union, of Faith, Hope, Charity, and universal Obedience.

Bishop Berkeley, Anniversary Sermon before the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel

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