

A SERIOUS MEDITATION: OR, A CHRISTIAN'S DUTY BRIEFLY SET FORTH.



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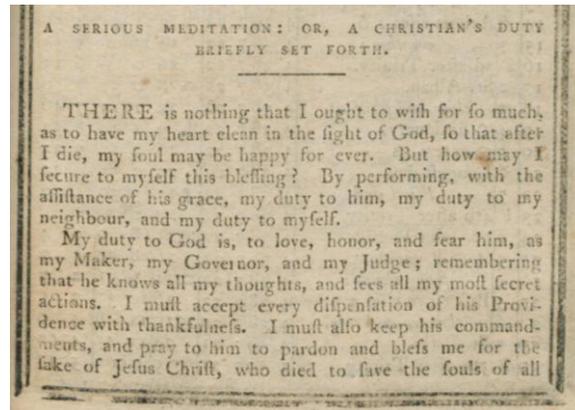
THERE is nothing that I ought to wish for so much, as to have my heart clean in the sight of God, so that after I die, my soul may be happy for ever. But how may I secure to myself this blessing? By performing, with the assistance of his grace, my duty to him, my duty to my neighbour, and my duty to myself.

My duty to God is, to love, honor, and fear him, as my Maker, my Governor, and my Judge; remembering that he knows all my thoughts, and sees all my most secret actions. I must accept every dispensation of his Providence with thankfulness. I must also keep his commandments, and pray to him to pardon and bless me for the sake of Jesus Christ, who died to save the souls of all men, upon condition that they sincerely repent, turn unto him in faith, and endeavour, by obedience to his will, to live a virtuous and holy life.

My duty to my neighbour is, to love him as myself, and to take care that all my actions be just and honest, and words true and sincere, and all my thoughts charitable and kind; that so I may in every respect do to all others as I would they should do unto me.

My duty to myself is, to be sober, chaste, and temperate; to spend my time prudently and profitably; to examine carefully the designs of my heart, and to keep my conscience free from offence in the sight of God and man.

If I sincerely apply my heart to these duties, I may humbly hope that the Almighty will continue unto me the assistance of his grace, and will thereby enable me to perform them: and then I shall be made happy in this life, and eternally happy hereafter.



JUNE, Sixth Month, hath 30 Days.

D. H. M.		Days		Planets' Places, &c.							
Last ☾	1 5 8 M.	1	12	10	25	7	5	18	5	N.	Lat.
New ☉	8 10 26 M.	11	8	11	11	11	18	18	5	N.	
First ☽	16 10 0 M.	1	12	10	25	7	5	18	5	S.	
Full ☉	23 7 26 A.	7	17	10	25	11	2	28	5	S.	
Last ☽	29 8 16 A.	13	23	11	24	15	0	11	10	N.	
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Remarkable days, &c.											
1	7	Day 14 34	4	43	7	17	15	0	35	6	11
2	1	1st after Trinity.	4	42	7	18	29	1	13	7	4
3	2	Days increase 5 20	4	42	7	18	13	1	47	7	56
4	3	Very warm weather.	4	41	7	19	27	2	26	8	40

