

circumstances it was written, & that to read you shall find it written had, in his mind, when he thus expressed himself. Had he said in respect to him & to his books, she declared, - as well to myself, that it was the most satisfactory explanation he had ever met with of this difficult text. - And that was the text - & that is the explanation.

Oh that is the mystery
of the language history
and I wish that I could tell!

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She does not only remember that the things had their beginning, even they else had faded from her memory. That a comment was ^{elaborate} forgotten as well as her message was discharged. And a reformer with which she was charged to the same Chapter, of a surprising nature, was miraculously obliterated from her memory in the same manner. Deus in se encore le souvenir de tout ce qu'il m'a écrit changer de lui dire. Voilà donc tout ce que je puis puis attester à cet égard.

The Abbé has been very careful to assure the reader that while the composition of this book is wholly his own, he has most accurately followed the genuine purport of the French revolution. His language was very frequently ungrammatical, & she often to tell him he would express it better than she could do, provided he understood her. It was on both capable of expressing that she had to deliver, in rage, as he was a concealer of it. - This he supposed was designed by Providence as a lesson for humility in both. Some time however language as well as conception was given her, & then it was always the best & most appropriate that could have been desired, - but then she did not understand herself - as if it were the example of the matter. But she was differently torn might be a collection of ~~unpleasant~~ readings the meaning, they were never satisfied with the writer declared that he had exactly comprehended the meaning she meant to say. - Sometimes the whole passage was to be written literally and was believed, he then commended, like the great Br. And to remove all doubt, in all cases, from human minds, the Abbé put an end to all scruples by saying that if this is God's work, we may be sure Providence has provided for every thing; - but it is, that the plenary inspiration of his book may be taken for granted.

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one day she demanded the print of this, & the print answered her; but in this case she did not rec'd
the life more, like St Francis's when his picture spoke "car je ne veux rien avancer dont je ne
sois bien sûr." We have her history before her birth, - "on dit que mon père qui avoit une
maison de Dieu et le Démon étoient déjà en faveur à son occasion." She fell Christ repeatedly
in the Biz, & once found herself like an infant in his arms! & it soon eld our Saviour tell
her how the presence of God has its full accomplishment in her, & in her alone! Sometimes he
comes like a beautiful child & caresses her; tantôt prenant l'air et le ton d'un jeune homme
he follows her into her cell, reminds her of what he has done for her, reproaches her for her want of gra-
-titude & fidelity, & then speaking d'un air de bonne amitié comforts her again. The innocence
of the vulgarest fanaticism that ever came into a protestant country falls infinitely short of this
which is not metaphorically spoken (prophets objectionable even when as it would be) but delivered as matter
of fact, as what had actually happened, what he has seen per les yeux du corps, words
& tangible realities, - such the Confessor professes to believe himself, & for such he endeavours to
obtain belief from others by the most awful asseverations! The Roman Catholics are not shocked at
such things, because they are used to them, in their Church histories, in the lives of their Saints, in their
sermons, in their books of popular doctrine, in their Church preachers, & in their popular poets,
Coach those coarse pieces as Sisters Nativity's speaking concepts which supply the place of books &
then she cannot read. "So it wided you I wud Ed, I said to him one day (from the sister) when he
had spoken to me in the most affecting manner: & it wided you my Saviour & my Ed? Then my Father
he shokled over his head & address to me he said which he had said to his apostles after his Resurrection
when they lost him for a space. Fear what it is!"

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That an enthusiasm may then awake & in broad day light, actually see & conversant
divided fairly is as possible as we all know it to be in dreams & a deli-
at impossible to distinguish between delusion & reality; the
strange propensity to
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It is probable that the professed Dutch Sister Nativity uttered concerning the Revolution was
not communicated to the Abbess, except once & then only under the general intimation that she had
seen the church & the religious about under the figure of a money as which was laid each & brought
to her door. For having imparted even this she was reproved by our Lord, she again warned her that
her secret was to be kept inviolable, & as it was sealed, till the time for its publication should
arrive. She realises & wishes over to receive it, & it would continue to be sealed till the end of the
world. And she was made to tremble by a declaration of the evil which might be brought upon the
whole Church by any indiscretion in her part, or in her Confessor, for she was permitted to see
with what ease she was transported against them. That something in such he was concerned
was going on between these Sister Nuns, but what it was he was unable to discover; this must
have been a great miracle, for what but miracle could have prevented him from being present at the
secret interviews, overseeing their conversation, & looking over the Abbess's secret studies which the
faulty secretary was making his notes? He was also discovered her meetings with the former Confes-
sor, & discovered how he advised her in her plans, had been detected, untroubled, and Sister Nativity
to lean upon his life authority than his own; but now, these professed writings were to him and
a rich treasure is to a thief when it is locked in an iron chest which he cannot possibly open
Sister Nuns great hope was if he could discover what was going on to reveal it to the enemies of the Church;
& many of these papers had fallen into the hands of the Revolutionists, nothing could have been afforded
to their desire than the exposure of such an intrigue between an Abbess, a Monk & a Father Director.

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The creation of
 - even in the most decided cases of this description, there is
 beyond the bounds of guilt, & impose upon others further than such imitation can
 can be deceived themselves. Thus when it persons exhibited to master of the flattery than
 an Angel suffered upon him for the sin of ready access. The dream was it not impossible
 considering who & what the dreamer was, but the accompaniment to the story proves either that
 a prophetic had been practiced upon him, or which is far more likely that he has related
 a gross falsehood. In like manner, tho' then can be no doubt that Richard Croft was a
 madman, & expects to keep his engagement when he found a day for having his walking
 stick into a respect, like Aaron's rod, - in the object of London, it was something more than a
 mistake when he declared that he had already performed this metamorphosis in private, which
 a witness. If we had the genuine effusions of Sister Nativity, she would probably be found in the
 debateable ground between the regions of disease & deceit, or folly & fraud, ^{part} concludes a broad
 the border & concludes on the other. But the Director is always on one side. No ^{part} looks & more
 like intentional falsehood (if it be genuine) in the part of the dream than in relating to a former Confessor
 the story that not knowing whether or not to believe the account of her revelation, he expressed the
 next time that favour appeared to ask him the meaning of a most difficult ^{or} ^{part} description. She had too
 much modesty to discharge such a commission. Our favour however did not wait to be asked. She first
 they such to send in her next visit, & so my daughter let you Director that the papers & copies
 which he wishes to have explained, her this expectation. ~~From another~~ read the ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~papers~~ ^{papers} ~~under~~ ^{under} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Director~~ ^{Director} ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~informed~~ ^{informed} her

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My dear Sir

You have here the larger half
of my paper. & the remainder will be far advanced
before this reaches you.

Next to Duguid's Moral & Political Philosophy,
& March of the life of Clarendon, taking Agar
Ellis's book for the text, & weaving upon
the said Agar Ellis in the comment. For this
I shall be glad to have Pepys's & Calamy's
Memoirs.

Yrs very truly

W. Southey.

Kejnack. 13 Feb. 1830.



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