

It is not to gratify such appetites of disordered minds that God presides in this universe. He rules in justice and uprightness. To the soul He may grant immortality. The flesh is but a perishing excrement which He neither will save nor, though you say that with Him nothing is impossible, is able to save, for He is Himself the reason of all things, and He cannot contradict his own nature.

The Jews as a separate nation have their own institutions and their own religion, and the Government does not interfere with them. Different peoples have each their special modes of thought and action, and it is good to preserve a community in the form in which it has grown. It may be too that the earth from the beginning has been partitioned into spiritual prefectures, each under a viceroy of its own, and that each province prospers best when left to its own ruler. National laws and customs are of infinite variety, and each nation prefers its own. If in this spirit the Jews are tenacious of their traditions, they are not to be blamed; but if they pretend to the possession of special secrets of knowledge, and refuse, as unclean, a communion with the rest of mankind, they must be taught that their own dogmas are not peculiar to them. They worship the God of heaven: the