Against Heresy

Fr. Frederick Faber, 1814-1863

The crowning disloyalty to God is heresy.

It is the sin of sins, the very loathsomest of things which God looks down upon in this malignant world. Yet how little do we understand of its excessive hatefulness!

It is the polluting of God’s truth, which is the worst of all impurities.

Yet how light we make of it! We look at it, and are calm. We touch it and do not shudder. We mix with it, and have no fear. We see it touch holy things, and we have no sense of sacrilege.

We breathe its odour, and show no signs of detestation or disgust. Some of us affect its friendship; and some even extenuate its guilt.

We do not love God enough to be angry for His glory. We do not love men enough to be charitably truthful for their souls.”

(He left the “Anglican” heresy in 1845, Ordained a Catholic Priest in 1847)