

## Outside the Box

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Hale Sunday  
July 4 1830.

Many thanks my dearest Boy  
for your Letter of the 27<sup>th</sup>. Believe me  
I feel to the Soul, all your Expression  
of warm Attachment to myself &  
my Heart responds fondly to it; but  
there is a part of your Letter my Child  
of such vital Importance to your  
best Interests, that I must at once turn  
my Pen to it. You say "I am young &  
"my Mood is too much naturally given  
"to Enquiry on every subject that presents  
"itself, to allow my Opinion to be firmly &  
"steadily formed". Now my beloved Boy  
this is the Rock in your Character I chiefly  
dread, & if not under divine Guidance  
may I fear, lead you to the Pit of Infidelity  
& eternal misery. It too often terminates  
in that Pride of human Intellect, which  
judging only by fallable Reason made  
the Jews reject their Saviour & led him  
to tell them, "that Harlots & Adulterers  
would enter the Kingdom of Heaven before  
them." The Saviour's Instructions to

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Enquiries are these, "Search the  
Scriptures" & again Blessed are they  
who see not & yet believe." There is  
but one God & one Volume of Truth.  
To that standard all must be brought  
& that which agreeth not there unto  
must be rejected as the Refuge of Lies &

the work of Satan. The Spirit of Enquiry, within these Limits will lead to immortal Happenings , beyond, only to the Exaltation of human Intellect, & is the great Enemy of Truth & the mighty Engine of the Evil one. The Religion of God from the Creation was a Religion of Faith. In the primeval Ages, it pointed to a promised Redeemer & was typified by Sacrifice. In the next a Jewish Dispensation, this was still more specifically marked, & in the Christian it is fully revealed, & all these Types being accomplished in the Birth Life, Death, Resurrection & Assension of Christ, we are now called upon to place our Faith in a crucified Redeemer, & one laughs that this Faith

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can only be obtained from the Study of this Scripture he has left behind, & by that Spirit, he has promised to every one that sincerely & earnestly seeks it from him. Beyond this Limmit, however Enquiry leads but to Error, for until a Worm; the finite Creature of a short Day, can comprehend, all the Action & Mind, of his infinite Creator & God he must confine his Enquiries, to the Boundary of Revelation, & of the Revelation only which Incomprehensibility affords him; & at the Feet of Faith, he must lay down the Pride of Reason & humbly submitting himself, he must adore & hope for clearer manifestation, when this corruptible shall have had on Incorruption & this Mortal – Immortality; since till he can explain how a grain of Corn becomes an Ear of wheat, & after an apparent death and state of Inaction even for a Century, with, on being sown, still produce its peculiar & distinct Blade; how can he expect to understand, & explain, what the Almighty has not been pleased to reveal. Abel in humble Faith offered his Sacrifice by shedding of Blood

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us commanded from the first as a  
Type of a future Redeemer <and was accepted>, but proud  
Cain, thought for himself & rejecting  
Revelation brought his Corn without  
Blood, & was both himself & his Posterity  
rejected by God. The Deity will be known  
& worshipped, in the manner he has  
been pleased to appoint & the proud  
Man who presumes, to let his Reason  
interfere with that Command, & exceed  
that Boundary, must find, his Place,  
hereafter, with those once celestial  
& unhappily for them still immortal  
Beings, who kept not their first Estate &  
are now reserved in Chains & Darkness to  
the Judgement of the last day –  
Had you spent as I have these last  
three months in the Chamber of a  
dying Monarch, possessed, not only of all  
this Earth can give, but endowed also  
with all the superior Powers of the highest  
Class of Intellect, & these cultivated to  
their extreme Point, & then seen the family  
of all, you would like myself have envied  
the poorest Beggar on his Bed of Straw,  
with feeble Intellect, but humble Faith  
in a Redeemer, & pious Resignation to

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the will of his heavenly Father, & you  
would prostrate yourself at the Throne  
of Grace, & exclaim, 'Lord I believe help  
then mine Unbelief. Thou art just &  
righteous & merciful, Thy will not  
mine be done !!!  
I will no longer sermonize my beloved  
Boy, but at this moment the vast  
& superior Importance of heavenly to  
earthly things, is so deeply impressed  
in my Heart, by the awful Lesson I have  
learned, that I trust it will never more  
be absent from my mind, & as your  
Parent & your Friend, I cannot resist  
the Wish & Hope of impressing these Truths  
on your mind, not yet hardened by  
Passion, Example or Pride of Intellect  
to the Truth. You live in a Circean Circle  
of Infidelity Dissipation & Error. Reject

not my Child in that Circle, these Principles  
early implanted in your Mind, & amidst  
your other necessary Studies, neglect not  
the Study of that sacred Volume which  
can alone enlighten your understanding

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for another World & reject all  
your Heart & Actions in this -  
I have little to tell you. The Queens  
Establishment is settled & declared,  
but until after the Funeral the  
King considers himself only as Duke  
of Clarence, & as such, will attend  
the Ceremony, & will not name a  
single Person except (as Knighton has  
resigned) he was obliged to appoint  
a Privy Purse, in Col now Gen. Wheatley.  
To my sorrow he insists on my Presence  
& being near to his Person. I would  
gladly have spared my Heart the  
Pang, but it is my duty & I submit -  
Anna means to write & will tell  
you all domestic news. I return  
from hence to Windsor on Wednesday  
& to Popes Villa on Thursday, & will  
write if possible by Friday's Post -  
Till then & ever [?] believe my dear  
Boy Y<sup>r</sup> most affectionate Friend  
& Father  
JWW