double ſort of year, an Eccleſiaſtical from the Advent of our Saviour, as well as a Civil from the Return of the Sun. For the Times and Seaſons of the Church are meaſured, her ſpiritual Growths foſtered, not by the Sun in the Firmament, but by the Sun of Righteouſneſs, not by Planetary Motions or Influences, but by the Star of *Jacob*, whoſe Dawn, or Riſing upon the World we at this time ſolemnize.

Advent do's not imply that Chriſt is come, but coming; not his Preſence, but his Approach; Chriſtmas is the high Celebrity of his actual Arrival, this day only reports and noyſes abroad his drawing near. Advent is to Chriſtmas, as *John* was to the Goſpel, *vox clamantis*, the Herald or Harbinger that made way for it; ſo Advent is the Harbinger to make way for the Queen-feaſt to ſucceed with more Majeſty, Royal Perſonages not only having Followers, but Fore-runners for greater State.

But how comes the Church to make choice of one of the laſt Paſſages of Chriſts Life, to proclaim his firſt coming into the World? the Seaſon of his Paſſion, to introduce the Time of his Nativity? Becauſe this coming of Chriſt in Triumph into

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