

But the Great Mr. *Lock* was reserv'd for a Curious and Learned Age, to *break in upon this Sanctuary of Vanity and Ignorance*, and by setting Men on considering first *the Bounds of Human Understanding*, to help them in a close Pursuit of True and Useful Knowledge: And is it possible for a Lover of Truth to be unmov'd, or silently suffer any injurious Insinuations of so Excellent a Design.

Your Time, Sir, is too precious to be employ'd in taking notice of them, you still go on in farther designs for our Advantage and Improvement, and whilst you labour in that Great End to which you were Destin'd, *The good of Mankind*, 'tis every one's Duty to be watchful for you, and zealous to secure the Benefits you have already done us.

'Tis confess'd, the vast disproportion between one of so mean Abilities as the Author of this Defence, and the Incomparable Mr. *Lock*, might with Reason have deter'd from the Attempt. But I did not presume to consider my self in any kind of Comparison with him, I only observ'd the Adversaries Strength and Thought (with Reason and Justice on my side) I need not be discourag'd to enter the Lists with him; And I am perswaded, what I have done will leave him no cause of Triumph, how much soever it is unworthy of you: I wish, Sir, you may only find it enough worth your notice, to incite you to shew the World, how far it falls short of doing Justice to your Principles, which you may do without interrupting the Great Business of your Life, by a Work that will be an Universal Benefit, and which you have giv'n the World some Right to

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