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A copy of a letter, writt to a gentlewoman
in spiritual doubts. 1701.

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Whatsoever is dear to my Saviour, ought to be so to me also, if I would be really his. You must be dear to him, because he hath used so extraordinary methods, to bring you to himself, and if you come to a full resignation in this last tryall, wherein he seems to hide himself from you, you will find, that his comforts are proportionate to the sufferings, whereby our faithfulness and obedience to him is tryed. The nearer our sufferings come up to our Saviours, the greater partakers we shall also be of his glory, and when we hold out even under such circumstances, as induce us to sigh: My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me, we come nearest to the pattern, which we must look upon as the beginner and fullfiller of our faith. Tho' it is a very hard task to our nature to learn the Gospel about the cross of Christ, to which we find the generality averse, if not quite enemys. I think long to see N. at whose house I am to enjoy your company, in the mean while you have my wishes and hopes that the great comforter of the weak will support & deliver you in his time, which you may be sure is very

near, when you find you begin to leave it intirely
to him, as it is our duty, not to desire happiness any
other way or time, than the supream disposer of
it thinks fitt to bestow it.

ad eandem
from Oxford. Madam

I was glad to find by your letter, that you had some
reason not to repent staying at home, when your Rela-
tions came down hither. You are designed for nobler Con-
jorts, than their journey could procure unto them, and
the more steady you keep to that resolution, to seek your
comfort onely in submitting to the Will of God, the more
you will find, how far his rewards exceed any of the har-
dest and longest sufferings, whereby he refines our na-
tures, that as new vessels we may be fitt to contain the
new Wine, which has strength of eternal life. If God
should put too much of it into our souls, before we are
humbled sufficiently, it might easily puff us up, and
burst us into destruction by taking upon us, and as-
cribing to, or seeking for ourselves any thing in it,
which would prove a Satanical trespass of inroa-
ching upon Gods Glory.

Pray never mention any thing to me, as if you thought
me past that danger, I am very far from being in
Gods eyes, what I seem to be in yours, and I hope
you love me too well, to do my ennemys office, who