Of the Love of the World

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I John 2:15 Love not ye Wd neither ye things yt are in ye Wd —

The World wch pronounced good wn it came
o: of ye hd of the great Creatr = It was designd to give
all Intellig: Beings a striking View of ye Div: Perfns — to
Excite ym to Admn & Adorn: of Wisd. Powr & Good — wch is
displd in wo. Part of ye Systm = The Bount. of H — wch
so Ampl Provid for ye hap. of man — is a perpet Mot.
to Engage hm to serve & Obey — ye Gt Auth. of his B. — ye
Fount. of all his Enj. = But by ye Apost. of man — ye Wd is
pervert. fr. its Orig: Desig = inst. of Attachg us to G
it wccurs & Aff fr. him = The Beaut. of ye Creat
strike strong upon ye Senses — & fill us wt. Inord. Des.
aff. ye Enj. of ym = ye Sweetns we taste in inf. Pleas
betrays us into a Neg: of ye Sup. Good = The Love
wch takes Poss: of ye ht. & Banish: from thence ye Love
of G. = fill. wt. Love wch — we take no care to
please G. = ye Aff. are Chain: to ye — We desp. ye
Sublime Enj. of R = = It is ye Aff. of ye Creat: Imp. to ye
wo. wch Sec: ye Salv. of ye Souls to all. to Exh. of
St. John in ye text = Love not = In speak. to ye
W: (AD) I sh. … Eng: Wt is ye Love wch is here
Prohibit … Shew wt we are nt to Love wh — Lead
wt. some Direct. yt may serve to Supp. Inord. Love =

First I am to Engr wt is ye L. wch is here Prohibit =
We are nt to Imag. — yt we mt have no Reg. to ye thgs yt
G. hs creat. for ye Use — & ht App. for ye Preserv: o B. = ye
[illegible] in ym are nt Evil — [illegible] thro ye Convenc. of

man: ym: yt bec. dang. Snares = yt Provid. of G. of G. — yt
are stand. Monm: of ye Wisd Pow: Good. of ye Creat
& Faith. Unions = in a Partic man — yt are Evid. of
ye Div: Bount. to man — ye Princip. Inhab. yt wch = We
are nt prohibit to make a prop use of ym — to Empl. ym
& Supp: Inconven. = But wt we taste of Good. of ye Creat
we are to Raise & Unit. to ye Gt Creat: = yt are in stream
fr: ye Inexh. fount. of all Good = yt derive all yr Am.
& Refresh. Qualit. fr. his Excell. Being = we are yr to use
ym as means to Raise Elev. & Affect. to ye Benef. Auth —
to Inspire us wt Grat. to ye Gt Benefact: — to Engage us in ye
Chearf. Servic. him in wm we live = We are to Imp. ye
Com. to ye Desig. for wch yt ht grac. given ym — ye to Com-
at ht yt in wch Enj. ye Religion = They are to be Acq. by
Lawf man. — Accord. to Sac. L. of Just. & Chr. = They are
not to hav ye Sup. Place in ye ht. & affect. — we are not
to Seek aft: ym as ye Spons. to ye hap. of ye Nat. = to
for ye wch wt fort. G. — & empt. ye Bount. his Provid.
to cherish ye L. = wch wt Acct of. hap. in ye Enj: of
ym & Meas. ye depriv. of ym = wch wt Viol. ye L. of G.
to Obt. or Sec. ye Poss. of ym = wch yt distract. in
ye Serv. of G. — & disqualif. us for ye Gt Bus. of Life = to
we Prefer ym to ye Estim. of Good Conf. — & ye hap.
wch flows fr. a sense of ye Div: fav. = wch yt usurp
ye Emp. of G. in ye ht. — & pay ye hom. to ym wch is due
to ye Sup. Div. = yt we mt be said to Love ye W. in Sense
Prohibit. in ye text = = = yt Inord: L. ye W. discover it
wch we are fill. wt. Anx. Perpl. Cares ht. Sec. [illegible]

to be prefer'd to ye treas. & Emt. wch. ed: one mt. feel
ye [illegible] wch is subj. to ye Lawless Empr = The Dem. of Av.
are Unbound — like ye Drown. yr is need said of ye Exc =
The Ambit. man ye Eng. in incess. toils — harass. wt a
throng of fears & fin. disapp. wt a shad. feel. of Solid Good =
Those wch are in Eag. Purs. Sens. Pleas. — find ye sweet
draught are ming. wt a deadly bitt. — ye Polluted Joy wch
leave a sting beh. ym = = But how Moment. are all
Earth. Delig. = Dth brings ye Prosp. Aff. — ye Prince & Peas.
into ye Dust = To Cure ye Inord. Love wt — Let us Pray
a Vict. to Grac — ye Appr. Recomp. for all man = yt ye Covet. Man
wt Add. heap to heap — & join. farm to = ye Endeav.
in a Narr: Coff. — & confind to six feet = yt ye Asp. Man
wt Mot. of Noth. & Ascend. fr. Step to Step — till he h.
attain: ye Summit of G. — finds his mist. Prop. discernd
— ye fatal stroke Levels him wt. mean. Begg. = yt ye Ind.
wch. ym wch. mt. pron. great Swell. Words Van. — ye Lord
[illegible] mt. speak wt Veng. ag: ed.
to Et. Silence = yt ye Eyes wch sparkle [illegible]
Opp. are cov. wt a Perpet. Night = ye formid. brow
wch. mt. Nat. tremble are depriv. Sense & Mot. = How
Reas. No Complim: fr. h. term. — such Prof. nt. in ye DD =
A Life spent in Pleas. — inst. of sooth. ye Agon. of a
Dy. hour — will mt. Increase its hor. — & fill us wt. Desp.
Appr. fut. Mis. = Such ye Van. is inscrib. on all Worl.
Enj. — since yt will nt make us hap. in dis. — cad. in
Dth — nr Accomp. us into a fut. W. =

II Let us Use ye Use of Creat. — Accord. to Intent. ye Creat.
& Imp. ym as mn to Eng. & Ass. us in h. Servic. ye
Gt Bus. of L. = He is ye mt. satisf. Pos. of an Inord.
Sp. — He mt. is cap. to Rend. me hap. = It is to comm.
a Pract. contem. good Jesus — to conf. ye Relig. to Last
Brane — Sover —

time & Place = But m: B: yt is a div. Cat. — to wch Ed.
Place a Both — Ed. Imply an Exc. Dist. — Ed. Day a
means of Pass. to H. to G. = We Cond. to ye Cont. of ye Bea.
Day — & ye St. of ye Night = Ed. Aff. Enj. Awak. us to
Praise ye G. Benef. = wch we Eat or Drink = I taste h.
Good. in ye Creat. — & Vari. G. B. are all deriv. from
him — he is ye Orig. Source of Hap. — Ed. ye ye Rec. & Refresh
me is an Emanat. from ye Fath. Light = G. is ye Cent.
from wch all ye Str. of Creat. proceed = = He gives
Light to ye Sun — & cloth. face Nat. wt Beaut. = all
ye Comm. ye face of Nat. is Renew. — & ye F. are cov. wt
Plent. = From h. Prod. ye food by wch I am nourish
deriv. its Virt. = I am Indebt. to him for ed. Pleas.
Sens. = Ed. Delightf. Obj. sh. lead me up to G.
ye Fount. of all my Joys = Ed. Refreshm. I taste sh. Insp.
me wt. Grat. — to Obj. h. bountif. Ha. to comm. Hap.
to h. Indig. Creat. = By ye Comm: Merc. of L. I sh.
be Eng. to prest. my self an Hol.

III Let me beg. Impl. my thots up: ye Sup. Exc.
G. of fut. W. = ye h. Purch. Hap. for Dei. & Mak. in
h. Vig. ye Sup. to Give us ass. Int. to all Relig. G. = This
is G. hope to wh. call. by Gosp. = Let us [illegible] h. [illegible]
B. W. — Seek aft it wt Incep. Ard. = yt are dark.
carr. thro ye Vale of tears wt. unceas. Desp. = yt is not
h. Worth to Eng. ye Aff. — all Van. = But G. Ind. ye F.
on high to a W. of shin. with Untarnish: G. — &
fill. wt. Undecay. Pleas. — wch all hap. Inhab. h. P. =
Elev. yr thots m: B: to ye Sup. Man. = all ye Pres.
W. will disap. Mom. = yt will find Noth. Worthy
of Anx. Thot — & is to be Prep. for ye Last Dem. for Ete.
ye G. — [illegible] Gosp. [illegible] Amen —

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So: we are Slaves to y^e Body & seem to live on
y: we m: Ind: its Appt. Inclin:= W: we look up
y W: as if it w: o home – & do n: Consid: Ep: as Pilg=
It is a Melanch: Evid: of an Inord: Love of y^e W= If
we are m: sollicit: to Enc: & Ut– y to m: Prog: in
Y^e Holi= If we taste great^r Joy ~~in an~~ Acquis of W:
y Enj: Sp^l & Et: B:= If we feel deep^r Sor: f. One
disapp:– y^n for o freq: Viol: of y^e L: of G= If we are
m: caref: to sec^r Appl: M:– y: to Sec: Approbat of y
o Mast:= If we fix o thots w: m^r Del: up^n Reals
or y^e mind earth
Obj: y: up: of Felicit: of y^e H: Heav= to be carnally
minded.– Dt. Sp^l minded= I am now to shew

Second: W: we are n: y: to love W: y=
I G. h: y^e just Claim to o h:– & will Adm: of no
Compet:= It is y^e Unalterable Constit: of G^t B[illegible]
on all free Intellig:– y^t y Love y^e L: y G: w: all y=
This is y^e Comprehens: Summ: a L:– is a Compend: of o
Ent: Dut:= It is recomm^d und: y Ch:– by Mos: & y^e
Proph: & & h: Ap:== The G^t teach: of y^e G: Ch: ap: us
y. No m: C: serve 2: Mast:= y. is some Rul: Pasn in
Ev: hum: H:= & h: cann: be eq: divid: between
2: Diff: Obj:– we m: Unavoid: Pref: one to y^e oth:= It
is a bel: Must– y: we C: give y^e throne to Creat. & y^e
Creat:= y: we C: divide o Affections betw: G & y^e W=
y. 2: Mast: are irreconc:– y are as Oppos: as y^e D
& y^e Night= y^e Comm: are so Contr– y: if we obey y^e
One– we Ren: y^e Dom: of y^e oth:= If we are y^e serv
of G– we sh: sep: o Selves f: o Conv: W:= If we
cleave to W:– we Ren: fors: Friend: G= This is o G^t
Reas: W: St John gives in m: text W. we sh: n=
Y an: m love W:– Love of o Fath: is n= y^e W: Ent
us to Sin– Req: us to be hol:= It C: h: y^e Sup

place in o Affect:– o Medit. on H: will be freq: & Delig
– & an Attachm: to y^e W: banish: y^e thots y: h: o y
o M:= One of y^e Pass: conf: o Views to y^e E:– y oth
Ren: o thots ab: its two Enj:= One incli: to Live a
sensual L: acc: Inclin: Anim: Nat– y oth: to Live an
heavenl: L: acc: to dict: Holy Sp:= y^e one Prep: us for
y^e Reg: of L. & Joy– y^e oth: lead: us to Melanch: Ab: of Darkn
& Desp:= Since y^e y^e L: of G & y^e W: E: such irreconc
Opp:– it is of Unutt: Imp: to Kno: W: is y^e Rul: Pasn in
o H:= Can we hesit: a Mom: to determ:– W: we ought
to pref:– a disgrac: ty:– or a Lawf: Sov:= W: is m for
o Adv: to be y^e Slave of a Usurp:– or y^e Subj: of y^e R: K=
G: is m: Am: Mast: provid: for hap: h: Subj:– & y^e W
will dec: o Exped:– & Leave us dest: & Mis:= y bring me
II To say y^e W: can: Constit: us hap– it is Suit: Pasn do=
That W: is y Obj: of o Affect: & Des: ought to be an
Imm: Good– W: is n: Expos: to y^e Revolut: Nat– y^e fre
Ch: W: take Place in pres: Scene= W. y: sh: we fix
o Des: up: pres: W:– W: noth: is permanent– Ev: y is
of a short & Uncert: Durat:= Rich: are oft: tak: f: us
by y^e Viol: H:= hon: like shin: Meteors Van: in a
Mom:= all y^e G: of a M: is like y^e Flow: f:– a Sudd
Blast causes it to With & Dec:= The Pleas: Sens
on: aff: us a trans: Flash of Del:– & are oft: foll: w: y^e
sev: Rem:= y^e best Cement: Friend: will soon be dispo
by D:– our dear: Acq: fors: us at y^e Solit: G:= The
Pomp & Grand: of L: wh: we Poss: y: aff: no Solid Sat
=none of y: desc: w: us int: y^e unof: Mans: of y^e Dead=
Wh: we Enj: W: it is cont: fly: f: o Embraces= is
Vain a dream– & we hast: to D:= all Creat: are
carr: ab: w: an irres: torr:– we h: no Rest to Re[illegible]

y: for a Mom:= III Besid: y. W: is a grand Deceiv–
it impos: up: us by false & flatt: App:= in y^e m: of
abund: it leaves us Poor= Its Profess: of Friend: are
of: no bett: y: a Mercenary Pret:= its hon: are a gild
toy– its Del: a dang: Snare= It Promis: y: W: it cann
give– y: W: it does give– ned: Ansu: o Expect:= o Pleas
ch: w: Age– y^e Pleas: W: transport. o y:– are insip: y
n: disgust: in o Declin: y:= The m: Ard: Pepare
soon: Exting:= a hemisc: Joy– gen: Ends in a Melanc
sigh== Judge y: m: B: y^e y W: is a Worth: Obj: y
o best Affect:= Hap: y. is y^e m: W: is taught by Div: G
to Look down w: just Contemp: on W:– & all y^e W:
m: E: Poss:= Hap: y^e M: W: U: W: in its App: Cred
W: being carr: aw: by its Seduc: Vani:= W: Noth:
Sollic: Flesh & blood– fix: H: H: on G– y^e true Cent:
of Hap: Rest= If o H: are conseq: to G. he will Ev
w: us forev:= a Sense of h: fav: is an Undecay: Sou
of Comf:= a Sup: L: to G– is y^e Ess: & Evid: of h: G
Love to us= y will aff: us an Unfail: Supp: amid
all Revol: Nat– Vicisit: time= G: is U:– y: y: chose h
thus f: o: for y^e Port:– sh: reign w: h: in Et: G:= y
World, Joys sh: soon pass aw:– & y^e hap: in G sh: be
W: End=

I sh: fin: m: Disc: w: some Direct: W: m
serve to Supp: Inord: Love World=

I Consid y: us Pilg: Strang: up:– W: h: here no
Contin: Cit:= This is true of all M:= We are Swift Pass
thro Vari: Stages of Life– we are hasten: up: y^e Winas
of time to o Et: Home= This is in a disting: Sens
y^e Ch: of G: true G:= They all Abont y^e Sentim: of y^e

Devout Ps: I am a strang: & sojourn up: ea: as all m: =
o Div: Mast: decl: bef: Rom: Gov: M: Kingd= E: one
of h: faithf: Disc: m: say– M: Hap: is n: up: E:= My
Joy or Sorr:– my hon: or Infam: dep: n: up: m: World
non: [illegible] pres:=
Situat: & Circum:= My hon: dep: on y^e Approb: m Mak
y^e m: Uncert: dispos: of Cond: & Appl:= M: Advancem: is
n: found: up: y^e fav: of any Prince or Potentate– & up
y^e good Pleas: of Sup: Mon:– to h: Prop: Crown of Gl
K: Chos: Peop:= M: Rich: are n: laid up: in a W: Exp:
to Perpet: Chang:– & in y^e Sup: Mans:– W: y: are Sec:
f: Ev: Viol:– & E: Suff: No Dimin: o Dec:= An Int: in y^e
Lig: of J: & is m: M: Protect: f: m: forms: Ev:– m: only
Ht: to Ev: desired: Good= The Ind: h: Sp: attr me f: y^e
Dom: Sin– conform: me to y^e Im: of G– conf: y^e true Dig
hum: Nat– & prep: me for Sup: & Et: Del:= If m
heav: Fath: Sm:– I can desp: trou: of a misguid: W:=
If he hides h: face I am in m: troub:– in y^e gay: Scenes
of Life= W. y: sh: o Affect: be attach: to y^e W:– W: o
true hap: is Independ: of it= We m: be dest: of Wealth
& h: of an Head: K:= we m: be Enjoin: y^e Ofterings–
& h: a Ht: to Dig: & Prio: Sou: G=

But w: W: hap: we m: Imagine in y^e Pap: is
W:– we h: h: no Contin: Cit:= all in G: are such Pap=
We are Pilg: & Strang:– by y^e Const: of o Nat:– y^e Prov
of G= The Unid: L: of Mort:– loud: Decl: y: y. W: is
n: y^e Place of o Rest– we m: soon dep: out of it== If
y: W: y^e Place of o Et: Abod:= It w: doubt: be m
Advantg: to subd: o Extrav: Pap:– y: to all: y an
unlimit: Indulg:= y^e Peace & tranq: W: reigns in y^e
B: of a M:– W: is free f: y^e tyran: of Inord: App:– is incomp
to be