

CONCERNING INTERPRETATION OF HOLIE SCRIPTURES.

As Prophecie (*or other holie Scripture*) was not at anie time by mans wil, but the (*Prophetes*) holie men of God fpake, inspired by the Holie Ghofte: fo no prophecie (*nor explication*) of Scripture, is made by priuate interpretation, *2. Pet. 1.* but by the fame Spirite wherwith it was written, which our Sauour gaue to the Church, to abide for euer, the Spirite of truth; to teach al truth. *Ioan. 14, 16.* Neither perteyneth it to euerie one, to difcerne the true fpirite, but to fome. *1. Cor. 12.*

Holie Scriptures confift not in reading, but in vnderftanding. *S. Ierom Dialogo aduerf. Luciferianos.*

The wordes of holie Scripture are fo to be vnderftood, as holie men, the Sainctes of God, haue vnderftood them, *S. Aug. Ser. 18. de verb. Domini.* Men muft lerne of men, not expect knowlege immediatly of God, nor only by Angels. *Idem, in prologo Doct. Chrift.*

There be fome thinges, mentioned in holie Scripture, which God wil haue hidden, and thofe are not to be curioufly feached. *S. Amb. li. 1. c. 7. de vocat. Gentium.*

By thofe thinges, which to vs are hidden in holie Scripture, our humilitie is proued, *S. Greg. ho. 17. fuper Ezech.*

Scriptures are to be expounded by the cōmon fpirit of the Church, not by priuate men.

They confift in vnderftanding.

Holy Fathers do beft expound them.

Some Myfteries are hidden.

They proue our humilitie.