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Eph. 5. 14 - in hand at.

Wherefore he saith awake thou that  
sleepest and arise from the Dead and  
Christ shall give thee Light

We may at once receive from the  
Heads, the infinite goodness and pro-  
speration of God towards us. Rebels  
for we have wickedly departed from  
god our Maker and in doing this  
from him we depart from our own  
Happiness, yet we justify all Righte-  
ness and every Mercy, and we can  
claim nothing at the Hands of god  
better than Damnation, and god may  
have justly left us in our misery with  
everlasting Shame and Confusion of  
Face, and when he had thoughts  
of mercy he might have by us, and  
placed his love on the fallen Angels  
who are greater in Power than Man  
they are likely to serve him

Bellev than he: But beholds his  
Mercy is towards the fallen Children  
of Noam, and there is no other Reason  
can be given why he can, but this  
because he will have Mercy on  
whom he will have Mercy and he  
will have Compassion on whom he  
will have Compassion - and this  
his Reply to us, is brought about  
in a way that Men or Angels  
could never find out or invent,  
it must needs be so and thro' the  
Death of his only begotten Son  
here is unparalleled Love that God so  
Loves the World that he gave his  
only begotten Son into the World  
that whosoever believeth in shall  
not perish but have everlasting  
Life, this is good News good News  
unto Miserable Children of fallen  
that there is a Saviour given amongst  
Mankind.

and in further speaking upon <sup>the</sup> text  
I shall endeavour, as God shall  
help, to give the Import of it, in  
several Particulars.

and here first In general  
It plainly implies, that man as he  
is fallen Creature from God, is fallen  
A Sleep Spiritually, he is <sup>fallen</sup> ~~fallen~~ <sup>fallen</sup>  
yea he is fallen Down Dead in  
Transgressions and in Sins

And here I shall endeavour to express  
two sorts of People in <sup>the</sup> world, and  
Distinguish them one from the other.  
The one is Believer, and yet unbeliev-  
er, yet both are a Sleep.

The one is in a ~~Dead~~ Sleep, yet  
not in a Dead Sleep but it is a  
sinful and a venial Sleep

The other is in a Dead Sleep,  
a very dangerous Sleep, they lie  
exposed to everlasting Destruction  
by it.

But secondly  
this text plainly represents unto us  
the Infinite Mercy of God to us in  
sending his own dear Son to a  
wake us out of this dangerous  
Lethargic Sleep -

And lastly I shall conclude  
with the Improvement of the whole

and have first - how is such a  
thing as a human being a sleep  
and when they are so, they are unfit  
to serve God. You they are enjoy-  
ing and dishonouring of him -  
The Lord of the Virgins, in Mat<sup>th</sup> 25  
that were slumbering and sleeping  
while the Bridegroom tarried  
till there was a great Cry or a  
Loud Call made, unto them, it  
seems in such a Language as  
awake them up. Sleep not and be  
ripe for the Lord and ~~that~~

for beholds the bridegroom (come  
up ye and to meet him.  
And then when they heard the voice  
Heavenly voice, and understood it  
they exceedingly Rejoice with great  
Confusion and Trembling, it seems  
and when they come to look about  
them, they find every thing out of  
order, their Lamps have waxen out  
they have gone out, altogether un-  
fit to meet the bridegroom with -  
and now there is very things to do -  
and a very short time to do it in  
for the procurer or the King of the  
bridegroom is already entered into  
the ears of the virgins, he yet hath  
a hole I come quickly and my re-  
ward is with me to give every man  
according as his works shall be -  
is now on his way, swift as the  
Loose, to come with the virgins -  
or ma. think there was great  
excuse of heart and mind among  
the virgins at that season -

and further to Illustrate this Part  
of Truth, let us compare  
Sleep with Natural Sleep, &  
see what resemblance there may  
be — and here, we know by  
experience and observation, that  
a man, that is a Sleep is altogether  
unfit for Business and so long  
he is not doing the least business for  
himself for his Relations or his  
Neighbours, or his King, for he  
has desisted and layd aside all  
Business while he Sleeps —

So is a Christian when he is  
Spiritually a Sleep —

again when a man is a Sleep  
he is ignorant and careless of  
all the Carrying <sup>on and on</sup> of the world,  
he is ignorant of the ~~agreed~~  
Conversation that his Neighbours  
have, the News from a broad

has no Afflict upon him, he has  
no fellow feeling, with his  
Neighbours, either, Joy or sorrow  
It is a Sleepy Christian, he  
knows not what a sweet Commu-  
nication they enjoy <sup>one</sup> with  
the other, <sup>and</sup> what <sup>they</sup> <sup>carry</sup> <sup>on</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>Heaven</sup>, and what  
solace they have from yt  
blessed Comforts and what  
Fellowship <sup>in</sup> Communion they have  
with God, or what fellowship  
they have one with other nor  
what joys or sorrows they  
meet with in their Travail-  
like unto Thomas &c

The means of grace have but  
little effect on ~~the~~ them

Again a man yt is a Sleepy  
is defenceless, he is exposed to  
many dangers he is liable  
to be taken by his Enemies -  
a soldier must watch

He is a Chr<sup>m</sup> yt is a Sleep -  
they are liable to all dangers  
watch and pray

again a man yt is a Sleep may  
Dream Dreams, they may have  
Pleasant, and frightful Dreams  
they may Dream of Prosperity  
and Peace or  
of Poverty and Sorrow -

So may a Chr<sup>m</sup> Dream  
many things

Now let us bring Peter as  
an Instance, one yt has Slept,  
and see what was the fruit  
of his Sleep, and All one yt  
has awakened out this Sleep  
and what was the fruit of it



Now let us consider the State  
of those yet in a Sound Sleep,  
those that are unconcerned  
are in a Sound Sleep. I find in  
Traspasser in Sleep, a very dan-  
gerous Sleep, they are liable to  
fall the Miseries of this life to  
Death it self and to the Pains  
of Hell forever, and in this State  
and Condition it is impossible  
for them to please God, for  
they have no life of God by any means  
therefore they can't do the work of  
God Acceptably, they are de-  
pendent on all their Services are done  
by Reason of Sin. They have  
no love of God, they have  
not right apprehensions of  
Heaven or Hell, they have  
no fear of God, and no love  
to him, not to his Word  
no love to his ordinances, nor  
to his Commandments, Laws or  
his Precepts.

you they have Hellish for Lust  
things, Spiritual things and  
foolishness with them, the voice  
of Charmers from Christ Charm-  
ing never so lively unto them in  
the Tower Bawls of Compassion  
move them not, and the loud-  
ful Thunders and lightnings of  
gods fiery Law from Mount  
Sinai, Don't make them afraid,  
and the goodness and mercy of  
god, yet daily attend Don't  
lead them to repentance, and  
the judgments of god Don't make  
to Confound. All the Reason  
is because they are in a dead  
Sleep, they have no heart  
for Heart for god or his ways  
Sight this gently argue the  
Stupidity and Fardness in such  
souls - - and Consequence  
by such one in every Tongue  
Sleep they lie upon very high  
very Places

They are liable to be cut a  
blunder every Moment by the  
Justice of God. The axe is  
lay'd to the Root of every  
Tree, and every Tree y<sup>t</sup> bring  
eth not good fruit, shall  
be hewn down and cast in-  
to everlasting Fire.

And secondly and lastly  
this Text Represents unto us  
the Astonishing Love and Condesen-  
sion of the great God whose  
Name is Love is Jehovah, in  
sending his own Son into the  
world, after our willful a-  
postasy from God, that who-  
soever believeth in him should  
perish. But have everlasting  
Life. Love is Love indeed  
that gave his Dear Son to  
the True Name, and the Son truly  
except, and undertakes the great  
work Redemption



to them <sup>400</sup> of heart, the voice of a  
Aunt, I have of sleepeth &  
a Pipe from the Dead and  
shall give thee Light.

To Conclude  
let us Improve the whole  
and how fast, is it so as we  
have heard, that there is  
such a thing as Christ's flesh  
in being and sleeping  
first than examine your selves  
and if there <sup>and</sup> sleepers, ~~will~~  
hear the voice of Christ,  
and obey, Arise and trim  
your Lamps, and I shall  
give you Light, — for all  
the work is to go, — and  
Behold the Bridegroom cometh  
go ye out to meet him  
and awake by a true repentance  
and arise by faith in Christ

Fifteen of Voice of god in his  
word, & in the Preach'd go  
- In his Laws Precepts and  
Commands - In the gospel In-  
stitutions and ordinances -  
- In the <sup>the of which</sup> curses of god Law -  
- In the Matting Invitations  
of ye gospel - -  
- In the <sup>of</sup> Creation - -  
- In the Providence of god  
In mercy - in health & Prosper  
In judgments, sickness &c

O! Sleeper is't here enough  
to awake you, hear the voi  
of <sup>the</sup> in these things, and a  
rise from all sin to Righteous  
ness, from all of fruits of <sup>the</sup> <sup>law</sup>  
to the tongue of the Spirit, gal 5:22  
Back sleepers awake and arise  
Luce 11

and ye all receive the Promise  
of glorious Light, of Life  
and light at last to the New-  
worldly Jerusalem.

Recd.

Behold I Come

My friends see we not to him have  
only to gratify our carnal senses &c.

But the great End of our Being  
is to glorify God.

our future State depends upon  
our Behaviour in this life  
according as we behave in this  
world we shall ever hereafter be  
in the world to come.

There

I shall consider the Parts of the Soul  
& how I have ever I command

and shall improve the whole  
by way of Inquiry - first to  
Soul - and then to senses