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1 Corinthians 8:1 Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

. Besides, supposing I sent an Ambassador to reside in your country, how could you possibly make for him the requisite arrangements? First, we are creatures and our dependence upon the Triune God of Scripture is real and constraining on us apart from our sinful rebellion.

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Such knowledge, however, puffs a person up with pride; but love builds up. Enlightenment, true enlightenment that is, is not the overthrowing of the bonds of a self-incurred tutelage. All that He gives and all that He receives is His.

Emperor Qianlong: Letter to George III, 1793

Calvin goes on to tell us that if all we had to go on to assess ourselves and our world around us, we no doubt would think of ourselves more highly than we ought to borrow the language of the apostle Paul. He dreams of someday possessing great wealth. Now concerning the things sacrificed to idols, we know indeed we all have knowledge.

Does God Own Everything That You Possess?

Yesterday your Ambassador petitioned my Ministers to memorialise me regarding your trade with China, but his proposal is not consistent with our dynastic usage and cannot be entertained. Should your vessels touch the shore, your merchants will assuredly never be permitted to land or to reside there, but will be subject to instant expulsion. Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies.

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Every inch of the territory of our Empire is marked on the map and the strictest vigilance is exercised over it all: even tiny islets and farlying sand-

banks are clearly defined as part of the provinces to which they belong. Europe consists of many other nations besides your own: if each and all demanded to be represented at our Court, how could we possibly consent? It may be, O King, that the above proposals have been wantonly made by your Ambassador on his own responsibility, or peradventure you yourself are ignorant of our dynastic regulations and had no intention of transgressing them when you expressed these wild ideas and hopes.

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