Mount Vernon, Ohio, Nov. 14th, 1822

Dear Sir,

With sentiments of high esteem for you, from a correct knowledge which I have of your important services rendered to our happy country, I venture to address you in this letter, accompanied by two pamphlets of my own writing, I cannot be persuaded that they will be received and read by you with satisfaction no person in the Universe. Perhaps, there are more accurate ideas of your Virtues than myself. For many years past, Brutes have proclaimed from their pulpits (where truth only should be uttered) that Mr. Jefferson was an enemy to the Christian Religion. I have long since abandoned this fallacious doctrine, and entirely submit under the mild and peaceable Gospel of Jesus Christ, the most perfect model of Republicanism in the Universe.

My reasons for laying aside the foolish idea of a plurality of Gods, or that three distinct independent Gods, can make but one God, you will discover in my work. To deny this superstitious priest, they think false and anathema, and condemn all such depositaries as unaccountable Heretics and infidels. Indeed sir, I am not so vain as to suppose that I can give instruction to men of Universal knowledge, yet I am induced to believe, that men of the highest attainments in Philosophy will be the first in receiving evidence, reason and truth, the subject on which I have written. I am sure will not be uninteresting to you, I am too well acquainted with the firm establishment and heavenly principle of your soul.
Which governs your public and private actions? I dare to suppose that I am addressing a Superstitious being.

In twenty years' past, I have made the study of Christianity my great endeavor, the theme became more pleasing and glorious. If the production of my soul should afford you any satisfaction, I am fully persuaded, and well by you be convinced as an evidence of a grateful soul for the mercy done by you, to the safety, happiness and peace of the American people.

Truth is my great object, should you discern a contradiction, or reason, due to the torture. You will be indebted to my own more kind office, to correct me.

I do solemnly invoke the Almighty that your declining days may be spent in promoting peace and happiness, as your former were in integrity, wisdom and honor to your self, and our Great Republic.

Grown sentiments of highest esteem and regard,

I am Respectfully yours, S. Smith.

W. Thomas Jefferson, Esq.
President of the U.S. State.