

# The Age of RIDDLES!

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*A true List of certain extraordinary Positions, formerly called Contradictions, but now distinguish'd by no Name at all.*

*Faithfully extracted from several Modern Doctrines and Practices.*

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*Qui color est Albus, nunc est contrarius Albo.*

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- I. **A**LL Government is Overturn'd by Obedience, and Establish'd by being Resisted. Therefore
- II. The most eminent Instance of Loyalty, is to condemn Subjection; and He is the greatest Rebel that Preaches against Rebellion.
- III. Those are a Prince's best Subjects, and most faithful Ministers, who deny his Title to the Crown before his Face, and argue against that Right which they are bound by their Offices and their Oaths to defend.
- IV. The worst Cause in the World ought to have the worst Managers; and those are fittest to Censure other People's Speeches, that can't read their own.
- V. A Ch—ch must necessarily be in a safe and flourishing Condition when *Bishops* explode its Doctrines, and *Lawyers* are forc'd to defend 'em.
- VI. They that know nothing of the Laws of the Land, or Act and Plead in direct opposition to 'em, either are already At—ny's and Sol—rs G—rals, or ought to be made L—d Ch—f J—ces.
- VII. Those are the most proper Persons to accuse others of High Crimes and Misdemeanors, who for their Speeches in that very Accusation, ought themselves to be hanged for High Treason.
- VIII. Ignorance, Rudeness, Impudence, Dulness, Blunders and Nonsense, are undoubted Proofs of Wit, Learning and good Manners; and the grossest Slander, Lying and Injustice; the bitterest Railing, Rage, and Malice, are the truest Signs of Christian Charity, Temper and Moderation.
- IX. When a Man is Condemn'd and Punish'd as a Criminal, his Friends ought to testify their Concern by Bonfires and Illuminations.
- X. 'Tis the Business of the Sons of Arch-bishops to Impeach the Church; of Bishops to Vote a Clergyman Guilty of High Crimes and Misdemeanors, for Preaching those Doctrines which Christ and his Apostles, and they themselves have Preach'd: Of *Scotch* Peers to save a Church of *England*-Divine from Ruin; of *Presbyterians* to pull down Meeting-Houses; of Governours to discourage the Principles of Obedience; and of the Mob, to Rebel in defence of Loyalty.

