

TO THE
Right Honourable
WILLIAM
EARL OF
DEVONSHIRE, &c.

My Lord,



Take the Confidence to offer to Your Lordship Humane Nature Represented in Fable. A thing much practis'd by the Ancient *Greeks* and the *Oriental*s, and us'd by their Poets and Philosophers to cause the Vulgar to Admire, and by their Priests to Deceive; whose Art so far improv'd the Mystery, as to make those Portraits in their Temples, design'd as Memorial Characters of Philosophic Notions, to be the Subject of Adoration.

This Book ascrib'd to *Æsop*, in a Plain and Simple Form, contains the Substance of Moral Philosophy, and perhaps as much Truth in order to the Conduct of Life, as History it self commonly