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MAN, when he enters on the theatre of this world, naturally inquires, Who he is; whence he comes; whither he is bound; for what purpose he exists; and by what bounteous means he is preserved? He finds himself descended from the ancestry of creation; he looks towards the enjoyment of a blessed immortality; and should therefore employ himself in contemplating the wonders of nature; and, in humble gratitude, acknowledge the continually supporting arm of Providence. Curiosity is natural to man, in common with the rest of animals. These feast, and amuse themselves; they engender, take rest when weary, and provide convenient habitations according to their kinds; they study the preservation and support of their young, and exert their talents in providing for their own safety; they enjoy the faculties of the corporeal senses, and are capable of several mental perceptions. But Man, more noble in his nature, and far superior to all other animals in the faculties of the mind, is possessed of infinitely greater capacity for observing and inquiring into those things which lie within the sphere of his intelligence; from these he is enabled to draw much juster inferences, through the powers of reason; and his exclusive and inestimable privilege is, that from all these he is led humbly to admire the infinite perfection which is every where discoverable in the works of the all-wise Creator.

Hence it is of the greatest importance, that we should be acquainted with the works of Nature; than which no study can be more noble, neither can any thing exist more interesting to the human mind; for, while many things remain concealed for future investigation, that which at present, by its grandeur, occupies our attention, is more to be esteemed for its intrinsic worth, than on account of any recompense, however large, which may accrue to us from the study. Though a very large and magnificent portion of the wonderful works of Nature is laid open to our views, a much greater still lies hid from our eyes; for God hath not permitted all things to be within the reach of human capacity. There are many things of which we have learned the existence; but of those which may exist without our knowledge, we can have no conception. How many things are there of which we have acquired our first knowledge in this age, and even within a few years? and a still larger portion of science, of which we are now entirely ignorant, will belong to our successors. A vast field of inquiry is reserved for future ages, when even the remembrance of this passing generation shall be entirely obliterated; and the time will come when the industry and experience of those who are to follow us, shall have made many discoveries which now lie wholly concealed. We vainly believe ourselves among the favoured number of the initiated, while we still remain only in the porch of Nature's temple; for her mysteries are not indiscriminately revealed to all her votaries; they are concealed in the sacred recesses of the interior chamber, where truth lies veiled, and is only to be attained by patient perseverance. "If temperate youth, mindful of his Creator, would follow these researches; if these noble views were inculcated by the aged, and listened to by the young in years, scarce even then should we reach the depth where truth lies buried, which we now, with ceaseless study, search for on the surface."—"It is certainly of great importance to penetrate into the hidden recesses of Nature, and, not remaining contented with outward appearances, to dive into the sacred mysteries of the Divine operations."

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