

science. In the science of Theology it is inestimable.

7. And, to recur for a moment to the two great reasons why that humility which is so philosophical in all the departments of human inquiry is most peculiarly so in our own—the first being that the field of man's certainty is of such littleness in space, the second that it is of such littleness in time. Each in fact is but an infinitesimal, when compared, either with Immensity on the one hand, or with Eternity on the other. The enlargement of modern discovery has not abated the force of the first of these reasons, but has rather enhanced or given it greater meaning and emphasis than before. That telescope which has opened our way to suns and systems innumerable, leaves the moral administration connected with them in deepest secrecy. It has made known to us the bare existence of other worlds; but it would require another instrument of discovery, ere we could understand their relation to ourselves, as products of the same Almighty Hand, as parts or members of a family under the same Paternal Guardianship. This more extended survey of the Material Universe just tells us how little we know of the Moral or Spiritual Universe. It reveals nothing to us of the worlds that roll in space but the bare elements of Motion and Magnitude and Number—and so leaves us at a more hopeless distance from the secret of the Divine administration, than when we reasoned of the Earth as the Universe, of our species as the alone rational family of God that He had implicated with body, or placed in the midst of a corporeal system.