

appeal to the unknown serves but to show how thoroughly he himself feels that the actually ascertained evidence bears against him. The severe censure of Johnson on reasoners of this class is in no degree over-severe. "He who will determine," said the moralist, "against that which he knows, because there may be something which he knows not, — he that can set hypothetical possibility against acknowledged certainty, — is not to be admitted among reasonable beings."

But the honest farmer's reminiscences of his deceased neighbor the weaver, and his use at second-hand of Hume's experience-argument, naturally lead me to another branch of the subject.