

APPENDIX. NOTES.

NOTE 1, p. 56.—*The life and motion.* The word *life* may perhaps here be used, in some sense, improperly; but the original motion caused by the agency of the Spirit, and followed by Light and Expansion, may be called the birth, or beginning, of the life of the world, which followed, under the Divine Guidance, as a consequence of it. I speak only of *animal* life, not of *spiritual*, which resulted from the immediate insufflation, if I may so use the term, of the Deity himself.*

I may here be permitted to observe that the Mosaic account of the beginning of creation, especially of the incubation of the Holy Spirit and its consequences, has been transplanted, by many oriental and occidental nations, into their cosmogonies. The circumstances and consequences of it have, in most cases, been altered from their original simplicity; and, in some, it has been assumed as a foundation, on which an Atheistic Philosophy has been erected amongst the Greeks. But when we consider attentively the terms in which these dogmata are delivered, and recollect that the gods of the Greeks and Romans, especially him who was invoked as the father of gods and men, were really the great elementary powers which, under God, govern the uni-

* Gen. ii. 7, comp. John xx. 22.