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Examination continued of the diluvial theory.

LECTURE VII.

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PSALM XII. 6. *The words of the Lord are pure words ; as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.*

The certain and infallible truth of all that is taught in the Holy Scriptures, when taken in its own genuine sense. Our duty to elicit that sense. Induction and examination of the forms of language used in Scripture to convey to man a knowledge of the Nature and Perfections of God. The gracious condescension and benefit of this method, for the religious instruction of mankind. This character of the scriptural style displayed in the descriptions of natural objects. General rule of interpretation hence derived. Superiority of the Christian dispensation.

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Application of the principle established, to the interpretation of the narrative concerning the Creation. The independent position of the first sentence. The subsequent description refers to a limited region of the earth. The series of operations. The human creation. Death, before the fall of man.—The same principle applied to the fact of the Deluge, which is shown to have been universal as to the extent of the human population, but not geographically universal.—Concluding vindication of the principle, and its applications, as irrefutable, and absolutely necessary for maintaining the honour of the word of God.

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ECCLESIASTES XII. 13. *Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter ; Fear God, and keep his commandments : for this is the whole of man.*

Religion the perfection of our nature. The duty of scientific studies, especially in a course of education. Exhortations to personal efforts for improvement. Peculiar claims of Geology. The proper accompaniments of scientific pursuits. Advantage to the comforts of life. Moral uses. Responsibility to the just and holy God. Interest and urgency of these considerations. The rational claims and attractions of religion.