

It is required that those who pronounce judgment on points of connection between science and revelation, should be well acquainted with both subjects.

The facts and principles of science, to an unprejudiced, unsophisticated mind, are favorable to piety.

They form a vast storehouse for the use of natural theology.

They cast light upon and illustrate revelation.

The harmony of science and revelation is mutually beneficial.

The cultivation of science, without the restraints of religion, often proves very disastrous.

The general diffusion of science through a community is impossible without religion.

The precise language of science may be useful in stating the principles of theology.

History shows impressively the danger of exalting philosophy above revelation.

And the evils of substituting a denunciatory spirit for knowledge and argument.

It shows us also the evils of mutual jealousy and hard speeches between theologians and philosophers.

And the folly and weakness of predicting injury to revelation from scientific discoveries.

The more threatening to religion the developments of any science at first, the more abundant will be its defence and illustration of religion ultimately.

Finally, it is unwise hastily to denounce any new discovery as unfriendly to religion, and much safer to wait till its nature and bearing are well understood.

Now, in conclusion, is not a code of this description needed? I feel the imperfection of this first effort to draw it out; but I offer it as the beginning of a necessary work. Had the