

succession! Throughout the whole series of terrestrial beings, what studied arrangements, what preconcerted adaptations, what multiplied evidences of intention, what signal proofs of beneficent design exist to attract our notice, to excite our curiosity, and to animate our inquiries. Splendid as are the monuments of divine power and wisdom displayed throughout the firmament, in objects fitted by their stupendous magnitude to impress the imagination and overpower us by their awful grandeur, not less impressive, nor less replete with wonder, are the manifestations of those attributes in the minuter portions of nature, which are more on a level with our senses, and more within the reach of our comprehension. The modern improvements of optical science, which have expanded our prospects into the more distant regions of the universe, have likewise brought within our range of vision the more diminutive objects of creation, and have revealed to us many of the secrets of their structure and arrangement. But, farther, our reason tells us that, from the infinite divisibility of space, there still exist worlds far removed from the cognizance of every human sense, however assisted by the utmost refinements of art; worlds occupied by the elementary corpuscles of matter, composing, by their various configurations, systems upon systems, and comprising endless diversities of motions, of complicated changes, and of widely extended series of causes and effects, destined for ever to remain invisible to human eyes, and inscrutable to human science.

Thus, in whatever field we pursue our inquiries, we are sure to arrive at boundaries within which our powers are circumscribed. Infinity meets us in every direction, whether in the ascending or descending scale of magnitude; and we feel the impotence of our utmost efforts to fathom the depths of creation, or to form any adequate conception of that supreme and Dominant Intelligence, which comprehends the whole chain of being extending from that which is infinitely small to that which is infinitely great.

It is incumbent on us, before engaging in a study of such