

is the earth's revolution on its axis. To this revolving motion, we owe the innumerable minor vicissitudes of temperature, and of light and shade, daily and hourly experienced throughout the world.

Such are the three great natural causes which regulate the distribution of heat and light over our globe. They may be considered as the necessary results of more general laws, to which the Great Author of nature has chosen to restrict himself; and to which, as usual, He most rigidly adheres. Why, among the numerous possible means by which heat and light might have been, and in other instances, are, distributed from a central sun over a distant planet; these regulating causes have been selected for our earth, is absolutely unknown to us. That this selection has been made with some ulterior view, we cannot hesitate to believe; and one such view or purpose, may have been, to demonstrate to us His wisdom and His power; by the methods chosen, for obviating the difficulties necessarily resulting from these primary arrangements. In other planets, where other primary arrangements for the distribution of heat and light have been adopted; there are probably other modes of obviating the difficulties arising from them. Of such arrangements we can form no conception; but to the inhabitants of these planets, they are doubtless an equal evidence of the wisdom and the power of the Deity.