

value of an object is the completeness of the satisfaction afforded. The best flour, the best wheat, the best cotton, the best pictures, satisfy the need better than an inferior quality; and hence they are more valuable.

Now, I think it can be shown that the most necessary thing in the world, the want of which is most universally felt, is a sure and safe refuge; and that this want is alone completely satisfied by the Eternal God.

Even the birds and beasts and insects share this need with man. The young sparrow perches fluttering on the edge of the nest which has been its only home. It fears to trust itself to its untried wings, and soon falls trembling back into its moss-lined nest.

The timid hare, wary and alert, is always careful not to place too great a distance between itself and its burrow.

The herd of deer always keeps an outpost on the watch, with head erect, scanning the horizon and snuffing the breeze, lest a hunter creep between it and its safe refuge in the impenetrable woods.