

trolled by Infinite wisdom, He is the Infinite One, and necessarily present wherever His Love and Wisdom are. These are everywhere; and therefore, He is everywhere to sustain what He has once created; for subsistence is perpetual creation. There is really no distance between a cause and its effect, whatever may be the extent of space; and hence the Lord, as the great first Cause, is present in all space, without being confined to any. The coming of the Lord, therefore, into this world, was a change of condition in adaptation to His creatures; and a visible appearance, as they were able to bear it. He then became the Man Christ Jesus, the Mediator between God and man. Hence time and space are abstracted, or put away, when we think of God, and we are wont to say, in common language, that God is *nearer* to us at some times than at others. The more His word is *obeyed*, and not merely *thought* of, the nearer we are to Him, in the Spiritual sense of the word. This is the Religion of reason and common sense; and there is nothing fanciful or whimsical about it.

These views may not suit certain minds, but they may be no less true on that account. Some persons have no view of the Scripture beyond the mere letter, and they are governed solely by the *appearances* of truth, and the fallacy of the senses. They make the court of Heaven a forensic assembly, where three Deities are consulting together; and where man is allowed to knock for admittance, as it were, into the presence Chamber of the Eternal! *No man hath seen God at any time: the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared Him. No man (being) can see God and live.* The distance between the Finite and the Infinite is an infinite distance, and must for ever remain Infinite! If the Finite were to approach the Infinite Presence, the Finite must perish, as the wood is consumed in the fire, and as the scroll is absorbed in the flame.

The object in attaining definite ideas on Religious subjects is this: if a truth is adopted as a principle, all other truths tend to confirm it, in accordance with the order in which the word of God is written. But if an *appearance* only of a truth is adopted, there will be conflict between apparent truths, and even contradiction. Apply this to the motion of the Heavenly bodies. The apparent truth, in that case, is not the real truth; and if astronomers were to go upon the apparent principle,

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