

SCIENCE, regarded as the pursuit of truth, must ever afford occupation of consummate interest, and subject of elevated meditation. The contemplation of the works of creation elevates the mind to the admiration of whatever is noble, accomplishing the object of all study, which, in the elegant language of Sir James Mackintosh, "is to inspire the love of truth, of wisdom, of beauty,—especially of goodness, the highest beauty,—and of that supreme and Eternal Mind, which contains all truth and wisdom, all beauty and goodness. By the love of delightful contemplation and pursuit of these transcendent aims, for their own sake only, the man of mind is raised from low and perishable objects, and prepared for those high destinies which are appointed for all those who are capable of them."

In tracing the connection of the physical sciences, Astronomy affords the most extensive example of their union. In it are combined the sciences of number and quantity, of rest and motion. In it we perceive the operation of a force which is mixed up with every thing that exists in the heavens or on earth; which pervades every atom, rules the motions of animate and inanimate beings, and is as sensible in the descent of a rain drop as in the Falls of Niagara, in the weight of the air as in the periods of the moon.

The heavens afford the most sublime subject of study which can be derived from science. The magnitude and splendour of the objects, the inconceivable rapidity with which they move, and the enormous distances between them, impress the mind with some notion of the energy which maintains them in their motions, with a durability to which we can see no limit. Equally conspicuous is the goodness of the great First Cause, in having endowed man with faculties by which he can not only appreciate the magnificence of his works, but trace with precision the operation of his laws, use the globe he inhabits as a base wherewith to measure the magnitude and distance of the sun and planets, and make the diameter of the earth's orbit the first step of a scale by which he may ascend to the starry firmament. Such pursuits, while they ennoble the mind, at the same time inculcate humility, by showing there is a barrier which no energy, mental or physical, can ever enable us to pass; that, however profoundly we may penetrate the depths of space, there still remain innumerable systems, compared with which, those apparently so vast must dwindle into insignificance, or even become invisible; and that not only man, but the globe he inhabits, nay, the whole system of which it forms so small a part, might be annihilated, and its extinction be unperceived in the immensity of creation.—*Mrs. Somerville.*

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