

be "a cherub." Whoever has access to him and receives his assistance, evinces himself as wise, and participates in spiritual enjoyments.

And also: "When I had set myself free from saluting and questioning, I said: 'To arrive at this place I experienced much trouble, and my purpose in coming here was to attain knowledge, and the sight of God Almighty. Grant me guidance, that I may satisfy my desire, and then return home.' " That is: by the pure command, which is the holy word, he wished that, as, after the study of nature, his inward sight was opened to clear evidence, he might behold every thing such as it was; he wished that he might find the absolute Being, the first cause, the self-existing necessary Being, the supreme good; and that he might know his unity so that in him multiplicity cannot exist.

What the prophet further said: "That angel took me by the hand, and gave me a passage through several thousand curtains into a world, where I saw nothing like what I had seen before, until he brought me at last near the Lord of glory; then the command came to me: 'Approach.' " This means: that the holy God is exempt from body, substance, and wants, which are found in this world.

Again: "In that majesty I immersed my sense and motion, and found entire relation, contentment, and tranquillity." That is: I acquired such a knowledge of his purity and of his beneficence, as no living being can comprehend with his sense: for he may have a clear perception of bodies, and observe forms and images; a substance *endowed with* a memorial intelligence conceives ideas; but the self-existent necessary Being is out of this category, and cannot be understood by sense, imagination, and memorial power; in his majesty there is no motion, because motion is a change of existence; but the self-existent necessary Being is such as to be the mover of all things.

The prophet said further: "From fear of the Lord I forgot all things I had seen and known before, and I felt such an exaltation, inspiration, and inward delight, that thou wouldst have said: 'I am intoxicated.' " That is: When my intelligence found access to the knowledge of unity, I considered and investigated the parts, and from this study