

earth broken." Notwithstanding, however, the self-confidence of such rationalism, the scriptures stand firm, and a hostile criticism seems but to make more sure the reality of that faith with which a benevolent Creator illuminates his dependent creatures. In these matters, and all such as relate to the salvation of man, our true wisdom is to "Hear the church, the pillar and ground of truth and the keeper of holy writ."

To produce arguments in support of the omnipotence of God, of his omnipresence and merciful consideration towards his creatures, is the principal aim of the following pages; for if we may be reasonably assured that the great Creator has been guiding his work onward to a destined end, and in doing so gives us distinct evidence of "creative interference," and of the thought of the eternal mind, then we may also most reasonably