

the Light of it: and that is the true Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world, or descends out of heaven from God, by being born of God: John perfectly agrees with himself in all parts of his writings, and gives the glory to God and the Lamb. At the very commencement of the gospel, he attributes to Jesus Christ the same honour and glory, which he attributes to Him in the book of Revelation, as the Light of his people: the application of the view in the Gospel, is not so pointedly applied as in Revelation, but it was not his intention to describe the city in the Gospel; but in Revelation, the weight of all his arguments bears decidedly upon the proofs with regard to the twelve tribes, as the Bride, the Lamb's wife. "There was a man sent from God whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world," John i. 6-9. Now as they come into the world, they must come, either from below or from above; for Christ saith, "I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come. Then said the Jews, will he kill himself? because He saith, whither I go, ye cannot come. And He said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world. I said, therefore, unto you, that ye shall die in your sins; for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins." John viii. 21-24. And, therefore, although many argue, that every man that cometh into the world by human birth, he enlightens; but, in opposition to their untenable system of ignorance, I must still insist, that He only enlightens every man that cometh into the world by the new or spiritual birth: for