

ful organization of every thing that lives, declares their divine original, so the harmony of the different parts of the Bible, though written at periods of time far remote from each other, by many different persons of different habits and modes of thought, and the wonderful adaptation of its provisions to the wants and necessities of man, proclaim as with a voice from heaven, that the pens of the sacred writers were guided by the finger of inspiration.

The *one great law* in the empire of matter, to which the movement of every orb conforms, is the *universal law of the attraction of gravitation*, which binds the material universe together, and as from a central and commanding eminence, subordinates to itself a thousand less phenomena.

Nature was before religion; the earth and all the hosts of heaven were created, before man was called into being. Before man was created, no light was necessary but the light of the sun; but after man was created a moral and responsible being, endowed with a conscience, moral light became necessary for the illumination of that conscience.

When old chaos and mother night felt the creative energies of the Omnipotent Word, and fair nature, all light and lovely as the morning, arose from the plastic power of the forming spirit and Creative Word, the sun and moon, and stars, every flower that bloomed, and every bird that sung, were subjected to law.

The universal law of gravitation binds together the material Universe, composed of myriads of systems like our own solar system, which is but one of an innumerable sisterhood of systems. Could we press forward with a velocity which should leave the winged arrows of light laying far behind, until we should obtain a point so immeasurably remote from our present situation, that a ray of light could not travel a millionth part of the distance in ten thousand years, we would still be in the midst of the Universe; as many stars would appear before us as we left behind us; worlds on worlds and systems on systems rising interminable. *How wonderful must be the wisdom and power of Him*, who called the Universe into existence, and who keeps in harmonious motion, all its minute as well as its vast and ponderous machinery.

Our solar system is composed of thirty bodies, besides its comets.—The sun is placed in the centre, and all the other bodies revolve round it, according to one great law, and that law is, *that all less bodies shall obey the greater*. In compliance with this law, the moon revolves round the earth, and in obedience to the same law, the earth revolves round the sun. If the earth or moon should deviate a hand's breadth from its appointed orbit, the balance of the universe would be lost, and nothing but the strong arm of Omnipotence could arrest the disorder, and prevent the material Universe from becoming the mighty heap of ruins, burying beneath its rubbish all ranks of created beings, from the tallest Archangel in the heavenly host, to the meanest reptile that crawls upon the earth.

This subordination of less bodies to greater in the universe of matter, is a symbol of moral government in the universe of mind. *Every*