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*Being and perfections of Deity, from a brief survey of the
Heavens and the Earth.*

SKETCH OF ASTRONOMY.

OUR all-gracious maker, in condescension to the weakness of our faculties, the brevity of our lives, and our many avocations, has comprised the knowledge, which is necessary to our improvement and happiness, in this imperfect and mortal state, within narrow boundaries. That path of life, which the greater part of christians are appointed to tread, allows but little opportunity for philosophical researches. But a sketch of christian philosophy, calculated to elevate the mind to high and honourable thoughts of God, must, to christians, even in the lowest circles of life, be acceptable and useful. *The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth his handy-work.* To this declaration of the devout psalmist agree the words of an apostolical writer of the new testament.—*The invisible things of God, from the creation of the world, are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and God-head.* Can any thing be more becoming rational creatures, than to investigate the works of Deity, in order to excite in themselves that superlative respect, and those devout affections, which constitute the essence of that praise, which is their reasonable and religious service? Are we disposed to employ ourselves in this improving and delightful exercise? The means and the motives are both at hand. His works present themselves to men of every clime, and of every condition, the savage as well as the sage, in a wonderful, an instructive, a pleasing variety. How admirable the plan; and how imitable the execution!

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