

the probity of others, while they coincide with reason and religion.

Hence we find that the soul is immortal, and that there is a future state, with punishments for the wicked, and rewards for the good, and that nothing defiled shall enter into the kingdom of God. That there are good angels, which incline us to good; and evil spirits, which tempt us to irreligion and wicked practices; and these are the principal points upon which the ensuing sheets are compiled.

We may also confirm ourselves in this great truth, that spiritual beings, as well as departed souls, as angels and demons, are invested by the Supreme Being, the creator and preserver of all things, with an extensive power of acting upon sublunar bodies, and causing in them very great and very dreadful alterations.

We shall add no more than the following lines from Job ix. 12—21. *Now a thing was secretly brought to me, and mine ear received a little thereof. In thoughts from the visions of the night when deep sleep falleth on men, fear came upon me, and trembling which made all my bones to shake. Then a spirit passed before my face, the hair of my flesh stood up: It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image was before my eyes; there was silence, and I heard a voice saying, Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his Maker? Behold, he puts no trust in his servants, and his angels he charged with folly, how much less in them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, which are crushed before the moth? They are destroyed from morning to evening: they perish for ever, without any regarding it. Doth not their excellency which is in them go away? They die even without wisdom?*