

philosophy, which directs men to act to a right end, and in a right manner, as rational beings subject to God. Solomon indeed was the greatest philosopher that ever existed: but his works of that kind are long ago lost. The most ancient philosophers of the Greeks, called their science, *Sophia*, Wisdom. Pythagoras was more modest, and would have his only called *philosophia*, desire of wisdom. The Greek philosophers partly through ignorance, and partly through vanity, soon divided into a vast number of sects, of which the Epicureans, Stoics and Academics, were the most noted, and to which the Jewish sects of Sadducees, Pharisees, and Essenes, were somewhat similar. Till within these 200 years past, that men have more attended to experience and common sense, most of the philosophy that was for many ages in vogue, was but unmeaning jargon and nonsense. Then it was imagined, almost every thing was understood: now repeated discoveries manifest the wonderful and unsearchable nature of the works of God; and how much more of himself!

That the works of Creation and Providence, really manifest the being and part of the perfections of God, and of our duty to him, or to one another, or that the human mind, abstractly considered, is capable of apprehending these matters, cannot justly be denied. But it is no less evident, that through the prevalence of men's lusts over their reason, there is little actual knowledge in the earth, but what owes its origin one way or other to revelation as aforesaid.

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