

to be filled with water, and this world set in the midst thereof, the Mosaic account of the flood becomes easily understood—this world in the midst of a universal liquid, with nothing but its firmament or strong sky keeping it back. He tells us that the fountains of the great deep were broken up. The place or places where the waters of the great deep meet with our seas at the North Pole were broken, or greatly enlarged. The windows of heaven were opened. The water from space, or the great deep, rushed in, compressing the air backward against the firmament, while the air rapidly condensed into rain, giving place to the rising waters. At the end of forty days, the flood was upon the earth and continued to rise until every mountain under heaven was covered. Moses is very plain in telling us how the flood decreased. "The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained." The fountains of the great deep were reduced to their natural size, and from the surface of this universal ocean the air was rapidly escaping, pressing upon its surface, sending the