

sible," said the child, "for this hole to contain the ocean as for your head to contain the thought that now occupies it—God."

People believe on the word of learned men what they do not understand. They believe that the sun stands still, though to the eye it appears to move, and that they are surrounded by an immense weight of atmosphere and yet not crushed. All this they believe, and yet refuse to believe truths on the word of God, because forsooth they do not understand them.

Q. Why do Catholics not make the Bible their rule of faith as the Protestants do?

A. 1. Because the Bible nowhere tells them to do so, and yet St. Paul says: "Without faith it is impossible to please God" (Heb. xi. 6).

2. Because such a rule would be impossible to the generality of Christians.

3. Because it would be changeable according to the interpretation that each individual would choose to put on the text, as his learning, prejudice, ignorance, or previous training would induce him.

4. Because until the Bible was written and possessed by each individual who could read and rightly interpret it, there could be no rule of faith; and yet before the New Testament was entirely written, sixty-three years after Christ, the true faith was spread throughout the entire world without this rule of faith; and again, the Scriptures were not selected from the Apocrypha and approved of by a Council in Rome till the year 494, under Pope Galatius, and consequently could not be the rule of faith. Moreover, until the invention of printing, in 1442, it