

phosphorescent ring around the sun. Inside of this ring of light is the firmament of the sun, which acts as a great reflector to the light, making the light to penetrate the dark waters back to the planets and moons it illuminates, where it is photographed and revealed in all its beauty. The waters of the great deep are the dark chamber of God's own camera obscura, and this earth's firmament is the translucent plate on which is photographed the light of the sun and stars. The firmament of this world is the great object lens of God's own telescope, catching the images and light of the stars beyond, refracting the light to the earth below, where it takes place on the retina of the eye of every living creature turned thereto. It would be as scientific to turn a telescope without its object lens and expect a clear image of any object, as to think that this world could have clear images of the stars without its object lens, the firmament. The stars we see are only images of the distant bodies. God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of heaven to give light upon the earth."