

whole tenor and spirit of the Sacred Code. The Gospel, we allow, was preached to the poor, and its precepts may be made level to the commonest understanding; but still, learning is the handmaid of Religion. The dangers of the ignorant are great, and great, in proportion to their ignorance. The God of all power might have displayed a standing miracle, and dispersed each doubt from every mind; but such has not been his will. The language therefore of the Scriptures, and the knowledge of the doctrines which they contain, can only be acquired, like every other science, by laborious research, and critical investigation.

The same observations apply, and with equal force, to the deductions from natural Theology. The fool hath said in his heart, but the fool alone can say, there is no God. The creation, every where, proclaims its Creator; but still, what different conceptions are entertained by the thoughtless and the observant, concerning the nature and attributes of the Most High? The more closely we examine the work of his hands, the more clearly do we develope the
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