

Dan. 12.4

Philosophy, then any thing that hath beene lately thought upon. These *Navigations* haue in part fulfilled that of the Prophet, *Many shall passe to and fro, and knowledge shall be encreased.* This, I suppose; might be obserued from this study, That the great and infinite *Creator* hath so disposed and varied euery thing, that it is impossible for mans reason and obseruation to conclude him: and therefore, though vulgar and receiued *Philosophie*, may giue a man a generall hint, all the world ouer; yet no *Vniuersall* and vnfail-ling certainty.

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Luke 17.10.

This brings mee to my *Second Proposition*, That seeing God will not haue his works, (no more then his Kingdome) to come by obseruation; *Whether, then, ought any humane dictates to be so Magisteriall, as to prescribe against all other examination?*

No humane study more conduces to the setting forth of Gods glory, then the contemplation of his great workes, in *Philosophie*: for though a smattering knowledge in *Second Causes*, warps the mind towards *Atheisme*; yet a higher speculation of them, brings about againe to Religion. No man, I beleeeue, will thinke it fit for vs to haue a *Pope in Philosophie*; one, that no body shall presume to censure of: but all be bound to aduance his *Decretalls*, aboue the *Holy Scriptures*. This is the scandall that my selfe, and diuers good men take, at the vndue authority in some heates pinn'd vpon the *Stagerite*.

Suidas, &
Rabbin.

I am sorry that the *Israelites* dotage vpon *Salomons Philosophie*, should haue caused the zealous *Hezekiah* to call in and to suppress those vnualuable *Physicks*: for feare, I suppose, lest their credit should haue as much derogated from the authority of the *Holy Scriptures*;