

cy, he himself records of the person whose life he writes.

The reality therefore of the apparition of angels, demons, and departed souls, cannot be denied, without destroying the authority of the scriptures, which relate and suppose them.

But a little time more, and we shall be removed into that state, the experience of which we cannot know while upon earth, as those who are gone before us, however willing, are not permitted upon every frivolous occasion to revisit their friends, though upon some momentous occasions we know it has happened, which makes Blair in his poem on the Grave, say,

“ Tell us, ye dead, if ye in pity can,
Beyond this sphere what is the future plan;
Some courteous ghost, if any such there be,
Tell us, in after life, what things ye see;
For some of you, we know, in days of old,
The fatal story to mankind have told:
Forewarning them of death—O then comply,
And tell, in charity, what 'tis to die!
But you're withheld; no matter, death must call,
The curtain drop, and time will clear up all.”

Upon the whole, from what has been said before, and what is hereafter related upon this head, we may conclude,

That angels, glorified spirits, or departed souls, are sometimes known to appear, and consequently, that these apparitions are not only possible, but real and actual, founded upon the authority of the scripture, both of the Old and New Testament, upon the testimony of authors of credit, Greek, Latin, Christian and Heathen, ancient and modern, philosophers, divines, poets, and moralists, and the most sober living tradition asserts the facts, therefore notwithstanding from the want of experience in ourselves, so much is due to