

such is the case in every position that they may be made to occupy.

As for the lucid point upon the silver globe, Mr. Dick has deceived himself. It can easily be ascertained that the spot he speaks of is a production of the light of the universe, yet it is not the spot where the sun is seen, and consequently the picture of the sun is not by it reflected to the earth from the moon.

Surely Mr. Dick must have been in error when he considered that the surface of a perfectly polished silver globe does not reflect so much light from one part as from another, because he merely sees a lucid spot in one place. The cause why the bright polished globe could not be seen in sun-light was because there was too much light, and consequently no colour; for too much light destroys colours, and renders objects invisible, hence the necessity of boiling the silver globe to give it a colour to render it visible.

The bright spot or point that Mr. Dick spoke of was a colour, and consequently not so bright as the invisible portion of the silver globe that was exposed to sun-light. This was an error occasioned by not knowing that light and colours are distinct substances, and that genuine light is always invisible because it is colourless. The polished silver globe, before it was boiled, was brighter, and a greater reflector of light than it was afterwards, but it could not be seen because it was void of colour.