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mate light and darkness. Therefore it is no wonder that they are, "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." They are fickle and inconstant in their pursuit of truth; and, therefore, when they meet with a difficult passage in the Word of God, instead of patiently investigating it, and waiting for clearer light, they jump to a conclusion, and wrest it to their own destruction. Unless a man decidedly gives up the world, and gives his heart to God, he can never know the truth, and never, therefore, be free: "For the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."—1 Cor. ii. 14.

Some wilfully err through the pride of intellect: "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: which some professing, have erred concerning the faith."—1 Tim. vi. 20, 21. "But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their words will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hy-menius and Philetus; Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some. Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity."—2 Tim. ii. 16—19. Such is the pride of intellect in some, that they try, by their feeble powers, to overturn the rock of truth; to destroy the foundation which God has laid for us to place our hopes upon, for salvation and eternal life. They will bring their imperfect knowledge of astronomy, chemistry, geology, and other sciences, to show that the Bible is a fable, and the Christian religion an invention of wily priests, who make it an engine of power over the minds of the weak, and a means of extorting money from the pockets of the wealthy; but, after all their puny efforts, the foundation of God standeth sure. Modern science, which is continually becoming more perfect, is robbing the infidel of his weapons, and showing clearly the harmony which exists between the revealed will of God and the material works of God. Men of the highest attainments, of the most patient research, are now showing that geology (whose discoveries, some pious, but weak-minded Christians have dreaded) confirms the declarations of the Bible, and more abundantly reveals to man the wisdom, power,