

mental culture to the God who made the mind and who controls all its workings? "Think with yourself how easily and how insensibly, by one turn of thought, the Father of lights can lead you into a large scene of useful ideas. He can teach you to lay hold on a clue which may guide your thoughts with safety and ease through all the difficulties of an intricate subject. By his secret and supreme government he can draw you to read some treatise, or converse with some person, who may give you more light into some deep subject in an hour, than you could obtain by a month of your own solitary labor." To doubt God's ability and readiness to give enlightenment and invigoration to the intellectual faculties is practical atheism. Many an eminent thinker has borne witness to the old truth—"Bene precasse est bene studuisse."

The person who completely acquires these four habits has the pathway to excellence open before him.

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PEACE.

How fair the beauty of a summer night!
The bended heavens hang cloudless. Eastward rise
The starry hosts which stud the darkened skies,
Led by the argent moon, whose mellow light
Glims all the lesser stars,—the foremost, bright,
Pierce thro' the mystic veil like heavenly eyes
That watch the flight of souls to paradise.
From out the western sky upon the sight
Falls the last glow of eventide,—a blush
On the fair cheek of Night. Beneath,—above,
The world is still; the flickering shadows cease
Their mazy dance; an universal hush
Envelopes all, foreshadowing that love
Which ever keeps the soul in perfect peace.

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