CREATION.

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The latter thought this is our country,
One which is ever and ever our own!
For we are the Gods Creator's sons,
Destined to the throne of sun.

The mind may contemplate, however, with awe and admiration, that with which it is brought in contact, and ever be learning lessons which seem to familiarize man more and more with the designer of our creations, which demand the veneration of intelligent beings who occupy them.

The earth on which we dwell, and the heavens thereof surrounding it, the sphere that pertains to this entire solar system of worlds to which we belong, and the multiplied scenes that fill immensity of space, all bespeak a majesty and intelligence incomprehensible to man. These, all of infinite duration, are subject only to such changes in their formation and growth to maturity as would adapt them to the wants and necessities of life, and intelligences destined to inhabit them in their career to exaltation, which is the destiny of all created things that keep the law and fill the measure of their creation. The field for thought is enlarged to an immensity in which the mind of man is lost—a field where Gods only have power to travel.

Wisdom in science, art and skill,
Creating the objects of space to fill
With worlds, and a system of worlds arranged
For upon homes constructed.

It is but little we know of the universe by actual inspection; its extent escapes the grasp of our limited vision; but reasoning leads us to conclusions beyond the reach of sense.

Reasoning from facts which are within our comprehension, we may arrive at correct conclusions relative to those things which mind only can reach to form any idea of, and may obtain a degree of knowledge through reason that we cannot reach through the senses, and to which they have no relation by reason of perception.

We know, for instance, that an earth or planet does exist upon which living beings dwell, and that this organized planet is capable of sustaining the animal life of intelligent and other creatures dwelling upon it. It seems entirely adapted to that purpose, and to have been created for that end. We see many other planets in worlds moving in space, and, reason and say to ourselves, good that they may have a similar end or destiny appointed unto them; that some of the Creator's works are vain, when considered in view of the utility and perfect adaptation of the one on which we dwell, to the great end in view—the eternal exaltation of the earth and its inhabitants who keep the law of their creation.

Our earth we know to be the residence of vegetable, sensitive and thinking beings; observation teaches us that other planets of the solar system resemble the earth in many respects, and we therefore conclude that they are the residences of vegetable and rational beings. This may be the conclusion of astronomical observation, and there are also other evidences in support of such conclusions. It is written that Enoch walked and talked with God, the Creator of these many worlds. He sees that if man could number the particles of the earth, it would not be a beginning to the number of God's creations, and that His hands could hold and His eyes could pierce them all.

Further observation makes it probable that the fixed stars are bodies like our sun, shining by their own light, and more changing relative positions from which it is concluded that each of them has its train of planets like our earth, and that there are as many solar systems as there are fixed stars, and as all the bodies of our system are mutually related to each other, the inference is drawn that the different solar systems are also connected with each other, and that the whole hosts of stars, with all their planetary trains revolve around some common center, and that the system of the universe is the same on a vast scale, as the solar system is in miniature.

The bewildering thought seems beyond our comprehension and the innumerable systems of these multitudes of worlds in infinite space elude our conceptions. There are perpetual motion and perpetual order, produced by the common principle of attraction which binds the universe together. The Creator of all, the Unsearchable, holds the scales in His almighty hand by which these worlds are balanced against each other, and form a harmoniously framed whole.

Could we comprehend the work of creating this one small earth on which we dwell, and the means by which it was employed in its construction, we would then have but a very faint idea of the intelligence of the Creator who has weighed, measured, and adjusted the various classes of material of which it is composed, so as to cause a uniform motion in its revolutions; endowed it with powers of attraction and repulsion necessary to preserve it permanently in the orbit to which it was assigned, in its relation to other planets of the same system, endowed it with perpetual life so as to provide for the sustenance of the innumerable living beings to come upon it, made earth, air and water so suited to the nature of man that he could derive from them all that was essential to his physical demands for happiness and life, caused the winter to so circulate in both the earth and air as to make them useful and necessary to the life of man, and then, as did one of the prophets, we may ask—In what school was He educated, where numbers were sufficient to determine the sands upon the seashore or the dust of the earth by measure, where chemical knowledge was sufficient to determine the exact proportions of the gases which compose the atmosphere we breathe, so to make it healthful to man and preserve of the earth; and by a change of those proportions can spread pestilence and desolation over every living thing that breathes. Where did He learn to manufacture the materials, and from whence were they produced that are spread out over the earth like a curtain, and by which He may hide himself from the face of man? Where did He learn to hold the waters in the palm of His hand, and when He will, open the fountains thereof and deluge an earth? Where did He learn how to store the clouds with lightning, and use it to destroy whatsoever He will, and then direct thereof to be terrible to man. And we ask may we ask, where are the schools that teach all sciences employed in the creation of worlds, but,

Where are His workshops and furnaces, where all their parts are put together; and where the founds of air and water, combine to make the change of weather?

Many have exclaimed, "Marvelous are Thy works O Lord, and wondrous are Thy ways" and with all that is yet reserved for Him to cause the earth to quake, the mountains to sink, and the islands to flee away out of their places, the waters to be turned to blood and become as corpses at death, the earth to reel to and fro like a drunkard, the sun to refuse to shine upon it, and the moon to be as blood in the firmament, when time shall be no longer measured to man by the revolutions of solar orbits, and the world for be found that time shall cease, the revolve of this to other worlds be no longer recognized, but its elements melt with fervent heat preparatory to its renewal and to assume conditions likened to its appearance as a sea of glass, with streams of gold, having passed the fire of its purification, filled the measure of its creation and entered upon its eternal course of unending glory and exaltation.

It seems to come within the understanding of the human mind, that in the formation of the earth and its surroundings, the distribution of the material employed, whether solid, fluid, or ethereal, or in the variety of its material and mineral wealth, all tends as one and the endowing of it with its relation position, both of attraction and repulsion, of organic or exotic, that every possible science, principle of philosophy, and manifestation of the most sublime arts were employed in its construction.

This nearly confirms the idea that man never studied a science, never solved a problem, never made a valuable discovery relating to any of the elements, or discovered anything beautiful to set for what had a greater agent rather and was used by the Designer in the great work of creation.

No intelligent contemplation of any subject was ever contemplated by man, but what had passed through the divine mind, from whence all intelligence emanates and all inspiration comes to man.

Other writers have declared that scientific truth is but the mere discovery and appreciation of God's immutable and moral truth is but another aspect of God's mind and throughout the ages being God's thoughts as to nature and his other His thoughts as to man, and all truth as necessary for the period of culture of a being, whose moral nature can only be developed by truth.

Morals on earth are but following in the ways of those who have gone before, and there may be but truth and poetry to the declaration made by one similar to the Creator, that there is nothing under the sun; truth been already in old time, which was before us.

Painters may sketch with artistic skill, in all the lovely colors known, and yet the life of the field surpasses eight that they have shown.

The sculptor, too, with faithful form may shape the image drawn in mind, and yet how worthless when contrasted with life in forms by God endowed.

The chemist, he may all dissolve, and all the gases separate; its vital power for man destroy, disease and death thus generate.

No other science makes pretense, nor can as well all matter scan; Self man live and spirit size all components known to man.

The concerns are for life to man, as God for him hath them ordained; by man dissolved, transposed and changed, are states of death—no life is gained.

Thus man has proven that all God's workers are and science well combined to earth and man for his benefit, by their perfection are designed.

The sun and water in the earth, the veins and vital blood in man, converging life to all its parts, is part of the Creator's plan.

As change of seasons to the earth give sign to producing powers, from day and night, to human life, causes vital strength from rental hours.

The air we breathe is food to earth; like man, it could not live but in its mail viewed in every light we will, in type of man who dwell upon it.

Thus we find moons and hours law, various humanity and others; to bearing and to dealing life, becomes the very last of matters.

How well in Author must here known the whole of things for whom creation; how well intelligence divine, know earth and man must be related.

So much like man is earth itself, that born again they both must by water cleansed, by fire refined, both heir of air which to breathe.

Earth, air and water all agree and act in perfect harmony; all powers of element combine to consummate the grand design.

The earth abides the law and will fill the measure of its creation, and by reason thereof must be cleansed from all that will endure law, and pass to a celestial condition and kingdom, and become a kingdom of glory for which it was created; for God will not be troubled in His design of creation.

Man can only comprehend created things to which he is allied, with admiration and delight, and thereby his soul may be filled with gratitude and worship for the Creator who has so wisely designed and adapted all to contribute to the life and happiness of His children—the intelligences who were to inhabit them. And to this we may realize the fact that as one intelligent being is greater than another, there may be another greater still who is beyond our comprehension—the fountain of all wisdom, harmony and truth, as displayed in His creative majesty and power.

To thee had the mind to something higher and better than earthly, and creatures to the Creator—is the object in view in penning these few random thoughts.

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