

present to his mind a succession of events, each so vast as to be beyond his finite comprehension; ages of tranquillity, with lands and seas teeming with life and happiness, succeeded by periods in which the earthquake and the volcano spread universal ruin and destruction—and they teach him that all these awful changes bear the impress of the ALMIGHTY'S hand, and were subservient to the eternal purpose of rendering this planet the fit abode of MAN, during his mortal pilgrimage.

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