

our assurance of the Existence of One supreme Creator of all things, to exalt more highly our conviction of the immensity of his Perfections, of his Might, and Majesty, his Wisdom, and Goodness, and all sustaining Providence; and to penetrate our understanding with a profound and sensible perception,\* of the “high Veneration man’s intellect owes to God.”†

The Earth from her deep foundations unites with the celestial orbs that roll through boundless space, to declare the glory and shew forth the praise of their common Author and Preserver; and the voice of Natural Religion accords harmoniously with the testimonies of Revelation, in ascribing the origin of the Universe to the will of One eternal, and dominant Intelligence, the Almighty Lord and supreme first cause of all things that subsist—“the same yesterday, to-day and for ever”—“before the Mountains were brought forth, or ever the Earth and the World were made, God from everlasting and world without End.”

\* “Though I cannot with eyes of flesh behold the invisible God; yet, I do in the strictest sense behold and perceive by all my senses such signs and tokens, such effects and operations as suggest, indicate, and demonstrate an invisible God.”—Berkley’s *Minute Philosopher*, Dial. iv. c. 5.

† Boyle.