(And the words of the Most High Himself, by the mouth of Isaiah [having retained the Jews for idolatry], are, ‘I am God and there is none else. I am God and there is none like me. Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My Counsel shall stand and I will do all my pleasure."

Says Christ to His disciples [speaking of the law] till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled.

Now if the law fail not this, certainly the word of God which contains the law must remain [said]."

And St. Paul [Heb. 6:18] speaking of the certainty of God’s promise, adopts the following expressions: Wherein God willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel confirmed it with an oath. That by two immutable things in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation who have fled for refuge to lay hold on the hope set before us, which hope we have as an anchor of the soul both sure and stedfast, and which anchor entereth in to that within the veil, whether
the forerunner is for us entered even Jesus. Thus we learn why we should believe the bible, and its validity of immutability. Also, the reflection arises that the word of God is its own witness that it is true and everliving. Should this evidence be objected to, following on the ground that this sacred volume is a mere fable or the production of wicked men, the following consideration may frustrate the objection. If we suppose wicked men to have written it, we immediately perceive an inconsistency, for it would be no less than suppose them to plant thorns in their own breasts, for the bible is exceedingly pointed and full of rebuke to all wicked men, uniformly representing their way hard and their end miserable. And the circumstance, that it has never needed the aids of whips, swords or pistols for its protection, as how the Hebrew of Mahomet, serves to corroborate the truth. This volume is divine.

My Beloved Friends! Pray, my Decease.

The subject which we have pursued suggests to us, most serious and important reflection. If it be true that the earth shall be burned up, and the heaven being on fire shall be dissolved, to adopt the language of the apostle, what manner of persons ought we to be?
If when the final judgment shall come, the Lord of Glory shall descend from heaven, with a shout which shall awake the dead, and the voice of the archangel which shall sound, and with the trump of God which will echo through creation, summoning both small and great to judgment, how august must be his coming? And if at that time ever bodies having long mouldered in the dust shall arise immortal, and with our souls be reunited. Oh! how important my friends! we should be prepared to stand as on the ashes of the universe, or to soar as it were on angels' wings to meet the Lord in the air, and so be ever with the Lord? And if at this last separation will take place between the saint and sinner as our Savior has plainly taught us in passages which we have noticed, when the righteous are gathered together in the family, when the true Christian and hypocrite will no longer exist together in the same church, and the pious parent and ingratey children, or the reverse of this, will no longer associate together; how important and desirable, that each one of us before among the friends of Christ, who will inherit a kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world?
From what has been said, upon the Word of God, we make a few remarks. And 12. While the reflection that the scriptures are true and immutable, brings joy and gladness to the saint and awakened sinner; it affords no courage to any to continue in sin and rebellion against God. It is on precious promises contained in this Word, that the believer builds his hopes of heaven. Now if the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? But to reverse the question. If the foundations cannot be destroyed, what does follow? Does it not follow, my Christian, that those who have fled to the scriptures and by the scriptures into Christ, and through Christ into God for refuge, have a strong consolation? And may we not march boldly or fighting the good fight of faith, resting assured that never-failing tares will forever encircle our brow, if through Christ we come off conquerors over our spiritual Enemies? Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous, for praise is comely for the upright. Sing unto him a new song for the Word of the Lord is right, and all his works are done in truth. Wherever you find a promise.
promises in the word of God; remember that with the condition annexed it is sure. Give it full weight and enjoy its consolations. Let the thought cheer you that all things shall work together to those who love God and are called according to his purpose. Do not forget that if you faint not, in due season you shall reap. Often rely upon the assurance of Christ to him that overcometh, saying, "If any man overcometh, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out, and I will write upon him my name of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God, and I will write upon him my new name." My dearest friends! if any such there are, I permit me feelingly to say, there is an interest, and a very deep interest, in the subject now under consideration. This sacred volume must either prove a rich blessing to you, or it will serve greatly to augment the aggravation of your condemnation, when it shall evidence against you that, for years it laid its pages open before you to show you the way of life and death, and with unremitting solicitude called upon you to flee from the wrath to come, and to lay hold on eternal life.
Once [a few weeks since] as I stood meditating over the grave of a young lady who in the midst of life was suddenly cut down and conveyed to the bottom of the earth and for all time. I thought as I saw the cold turf covering the can which contained the lifeless body, if I knew nothing beyond what I saw my reflections would be very much altered, for in a little while, and the raised hillock would be grassed over, and the memory of the dead be forgotten. But as I stood meditating, nearly alone, saw the person who was filling up the vault, the words of St. John occurred to my mind, viz. The time is coming in which all that are in the graves shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and shall come forth; they who have done good unto the resurrection of life, and they who have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation, from which I inferred that although the body then buried should soon mingle with its kindred dust and long slumbered in forgetfulness; yet the hour would come when that grave would be opened, and its tenant come forth to the resurrection of life or damnation. I must leave you, my friends, to conceive how great the contrast in
in my views and feelings with these different reflections. And from the same, we may infer the same in regard to you and me. In a little while and the souls of the valley will cover us: and as with all the dead, so will it be with us. We shall all be called to judgment, not one of us shall be forgotten or missing there. Then we shall be judged out of this book according to our deeds.

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