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very thing ; he told me, that the im- hxxm

very thing ; he told me, that the im- PART

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possibility of satisfying such inquiries ----

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could never be admitted as an objec-

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tion in any species of philosophy. We

tion in any species of philosophy. *We*

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must stop somewhere, says he; nor is it ever

*must stop somewhere, fays he; nor is it ever.*

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within the reach of human capacity to ex-

*within the reach of human capacity to ex-*

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plain ultimate causes, or show the last con-

*plain ultimate causes, or show the last con-*

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nections of any objects. It is sufficient, if

*nections of any objects. It is sufficient, if*

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the steps, so far as we go, are supported by

*the steps, so far as we go, are supported by*

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experience and observation. Now, that

*experience and observation. Now, that*

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vegetation and generation, as well as

*vegetation and generation, as well as*

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reason, are experienced to be principles

*reason, are experienced to be principles*

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of order in nature, is undeniable. If

*of order in nature, is undeniable. If*

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I rest my system of cosmogony on the

*I rest my system of cosmogony on the*

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former, preferably to the latter, it is at

*former, preferably to the latter, it is at*

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my choice. The matter seems entirely

*my choice. The matter seems entirely*

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arbitrary. And when CLEANTHES asks

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me what is the cause of my great vege-

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tative or generative faculty, s am equal-

tative or generative faculty, I am equal-

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ly intitled to ask him the cause of his

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great reasoning principle. These que-

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stions we have agreed to forbear on

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both sides ; and it is chiefly his interest

both sides ; and it is chiefly his interest

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on the present occasion to stick to this

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