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THE ARGVMENT OF the first Booke.

A loue Principium, the Creator,
 Of all that live, sole Animator.
 Atheisme and Sadducisme disputed;
 Their Tenents argued, and refused.
 A Deitie approv'd by all
 Gods Creatures in generall.
 Into the world how false gods came,
 And first began' vsurpe that Name.
 A Queere made the world thoroughout,
 To finde this God, of whom some doubt.

2 Argument.

The blessed Seraph doth imply
 The love we owe to the most High.

Inspire my Purpose, fauour mine Intent,
 (O thou All-knowing and Omnipotent)
 And giue me leaue, that from the first of daies,
 I (Dust and Ashes) may rebound thy praise:
 Able me in thy quarrell to oppose,
 And lend me Armor-prooffe t' encounter those
 Who striue t' eclipse thy glory all they can;
 The *Atheist*, *Sadducee*, and *Mahumetan*.
 That there's a God, who doubts? who dares dispute?
 Be'ng in it selfe a maxime absolute:
 Which fundamentall Truth, as it is seen
 In all things, Light or Darke, Wither'd or Green;
 In Length, Breadth, Height, Depth; what is done or said,
 Or hath existence in this Fabricke, made
 By the word *Fiat*: so amongst the rest,
 In mans owne Conscience it is deep'st exprest.

God in the
Conscience.