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OF  
DE QUINCEY, CARLYLE, DARWIN, HUXLEY  
AND BROWNING

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"The improver of natural knowledge absolutely refuses to acknowledge authority, as such. For him, skepticism is the highest of duties; blind faith the one unpardonable sin. And it cannot be otherwise, for every great advance in natural knowledge has involved the absolute rejection of authority, the cherishing of the keenest skepticism, the annihilation of the spirit of blind faith; and the most ardent votary of science holds his firmest convictions because his experience teaches him that whenever he chooses to bring these convictions into contact with their primary source, Nature—whenever he thinks fit to test them by appealing to experiment and to observation—Nature will confirm them. The man of science has learned to believe in justification, not by faith but by verification."—Huxley, *Advisableness of Improving Natural Knowledge*.

"He that can abolish pain, relieve his fellow mortal from sickness, he is indisputably usefulest of all men. Him savage and civilized will honor. As a Lord Chancellor under one's horsehair wig there might be misgivings, still more so, perhaps, as a Lord Primate under one's cauliflower, but if I could heal disease I should say to all men and angels without fear 'En! Ecce!'"—CARLYLE.

"If by gaining knowledge we destroy our health we labor for a thing that will be useless in our hands."—BACON.

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