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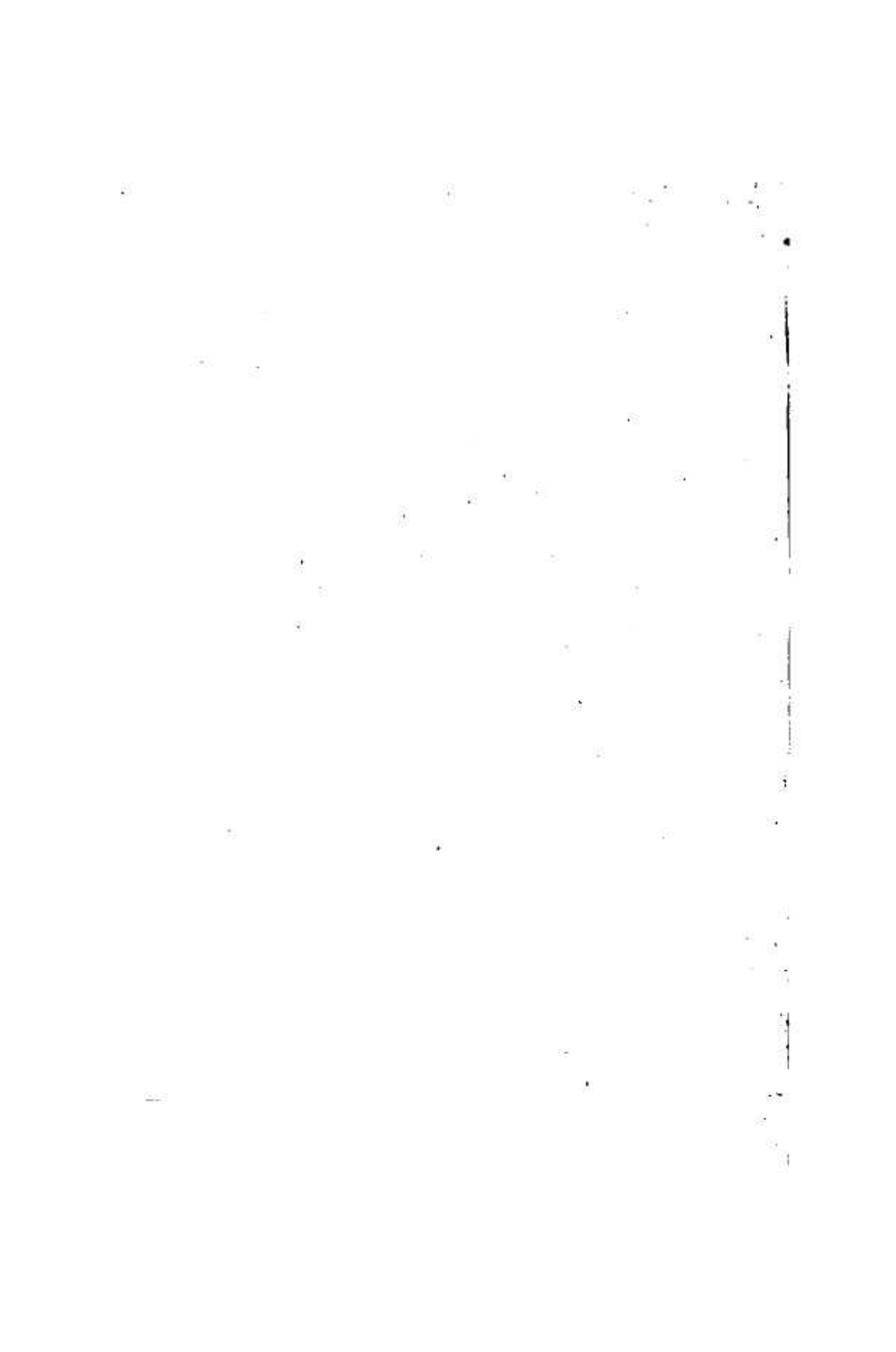
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"A weak, imperfect proof of the existence of God, when it does not leave the attentive mind in the exact condition in which it was found, will incline it—if any direct effect whatever be produced—to take the first step in the road to atheism. And the reader need not be told, that a bad argument, for a Great First Cause, must confirm and encourage the atheist in his disbelief."

W. H. GILLESPIE.