

the spherical Form of both Earth and Water are perpetually preserved.

And if any Man be of a contrary Opinion, I will not envy him; but as for my own Part, I will sell my Interest and Hope of Metals in those Places for a Farthing, although I had a Device that the Cold there could not prevent my seeking for them.

Also in Vallies and plain Champain Countries, there is no Hope to prosper in this Design, for the Womb of such Earth is not apt for such a Generation, the Reasons whereof will presently follow.

Now that we have left us no other Places to seek in but the rocky Mountains, I will spend the rest of this Chapter in demonstrating the natural Cause of the Generation of Rocks, Mountains, and Metals, and so proceed forward.

And first, I will set down the Opinion of others with their Confutation; and lastly, the Confirmation of my own Opinion by irrefragable Demonstration.

Some have thought that the mighty Creator made the vast, deformed, and craggy Rocks and Mountains in the Beginning. But this appeareth to be an Opinion, whereby great Dishonour may reflect upon the Creator, who besides his Omnipotent Power, doth continually make use of his admirable Wisdom, and exquisite Artifice in all his Works, and made nothing deformed or unfit for the use for which it was created: Now the Earth being ordained to bear Fruits for the Use of Man, and Rocks are not fit for that Purpose,
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