

Religion Is the Chief Concern

John Fawcett, 1782.

Albert Peace, 1885.

Religion is the chief concern  
Of mortals here below:  
May I its great importance learn  
Its sovereign virtue know!

More needful this than glittering wealth  
Or aught the world bestows;  
Nor reputation, food nor health,  
Can give us such repose.

Religion should our thoughts engage,  
Amidst our youthful bloom;  
'Twill fit us for declining age,  
And for the awful tomb.

O may my heart, by grace renewed,  
Be my Redeemer's throne;  
And be my stubborn will subdued,  
His government to own!

Let deep repentance, faith, and love  
Be joined with godly fear;  
And all my conversation prove  
My heart to be sincere.

Let lively hope my soul inspire;  
Let warm affections rise;  
And may I wait with strong desire  
To mount above the skies!