

And it is of ~~the greatest importance~~ in
 ready traditions of this kind - to ~~con-~~ reflect
 determine first of all whether you are listening
 to a simple person, who is telling you what
 at all events he believes to be true, and in
 way, ^{even} possibly ~~have~~ ^{been} ~~actually~~ ^{true to some extent} been so; or
 to a reserved philosopher who is backing
 a theory of the universe on the ^{under} ~~basis~~ ^{events} ~~of~~ ^{postulate} of
 a fairy tale. It is in general more likely
 that the first ^{supposition} should be the ^{true one} ~~case~~ than the
 book and - simple and ^{credulous} faithful persons
 are fortunately more common than philosophers.
 and it is of the highest importance that when
 you receive their innocent testimony, you should
 take it as it was meant; and not efface under
^{graceful or rapid} the explanation which your own ^{cultivated} ~~ingenious~~ ^{own} ~~may~~
 suggest - either the ^{actual} evidence it may be contain -
 - such as it is worth - of an extraordinary fact having
 taken place. in the unquestionable light which it
 will cast ^{is so frankly} upon the character of the people by
 whom it ~~was~~ believed.