

terrible death scourge visiting the young? What law has been broken? What neglect of ours has entailed this punishment?

4. There can be no doubt that we are the authors of most of the ills that afflict us, that sickness, disease, premature death and decay are the results of ignorance of, or a want of due attention to the laws of nature.

5. It may at first sight appear a strange idea, but I am convinced that a little thought and consideration will convince any candid reader that I am correct, when I say that most of our trials and afflictions arise principally from our treatment of the lower animals, both domestic and wild; for, although it is true that all animals are created for our use, and are necessary to our existence, yet it is just as true that they exist for our benefit only, by a natural and well-defined law peculiar to themselves, and which it behoves us to be careful not to infringe upon.

6. For God, who is their Creator, as well as ours, will not allow us, even if we are lords of creation, to slash and trample under foot with impunity, any of His laws, or make sport of any of His creatures. It is a fundamental principle in the Divine government of the world, that every violation of the laws of nature, and of God, will be followed by the strictest justice and retribution; and that to this law there is no exception or hope of escape.

7. But, can it be said that mankind in general fulfil their part of this law? Do we find them acting humanely and