

Ideas and Excitations is kept concealed from us, (without any *internal Criterion* to judge from whence they come, as the *Prophets* had of old) that by this known *divine Rule* we might forever try them. In which Trials, are carefully to use our intellectual Powers : And being aware that in the midst of all we need the Help of GOD, both in understanding the Rule and in the Application of it ; to Him we must humbly and ever repair in CHRIST and seek for Guidance.

For *Illustration*---I might easily bring a Multitude of *Scriptures* ; but the Time would fail me. I shall only cite to *Deut.* xxxii. 1 *Sam.* ii. 2 *Sam.* xxii. 1 *Chron.* xxix. *Job.* v. xii. xxxii---xxxv. *Psal.* xxxiv. xlvii. ciii. civ. cvii. and cxiii. *Isai.* xxviii and xlv. *Dan.* ii and iv. *Joel* i. and ii. *Mat.* x. 29, 30. *Acts* xvii. 24,---28.

In short, all Nature, both inanimate and animate, both humane and angelical, is full of GOD ; full of his perpetual, moving, guiding and over-ruling Influence ; and as the Apostle perfectly expresses it, *Eph.* i. 11. *Who worketh all Things according to the Council of his own Will.*

But then I may not omit to observe, that agreeable to *Scripture-Revelation*, THE ETERNAL WORD or SON of GOD, who with the eternal FATHER & SPIRIT created all Things ; in a perfect Union with those divine Persons, He also upholds and rules the World from the *Time he made it* : But from the *Fall*, He rules it also in the special Form of a MEDIATOR : And upon the Exaltation of his *human Nature* to Heaven, it is advanced to a wondrous Participation with his DIVINE PERSON, in his supreme Dignity, transcendent Glory and universal Empire. See *John* i. *Eph.* i. *Col.* i. *Heb.* i. &c.

And thus have we shewn in what *Manner* may the sovereign GOD be said to *operate usually* among his Creatures.

We now come more briefly to consider,

II. When have his *providential Operations* such lively Characters of their being his *Doings*, as they are evidently so to unprejudic'd and careful Observers.

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