

so, to *fly off*: Which is commonly called the Law or Power of *Repulsion*; without which all material Substances on Earth wou'd soon unite in one solid Body.

(3) When they are forced within a certain Nearness, he by a different Operation makes them *move* and *join* together in certain Degrees of Power: Which is commonly called the Law or Power of *Cohesion*; without which there would be no such Thing as Union or Coherence in material Substances.

And these are called the *three* prime and general Laws of Nature in the material World; whereby he chiefly appears to govern it. But yet it is most evident that he confines not himself to *these*: For he plainly operates in divers other Manners on the *Planets*, *Comets*, *Rays of Light*; as also in the Cases of *Electricity*, *Magnetism*, *Cohel*, *Heat*, &c. Which are so many various Ways of his Operation, needful for the Schemes of Providence, and the Blessing and Chastizing of the World.

And in the *different Proportions* of all the various Powers and Actions abovementioned, there is no doubt amazing *Wisdom*; which I leave the Learned of Leisure, to consider.

To which we must likewise add, that for the perfect Government of all Things here below, in a due Accommodation between the *material* and the *moral* World, for the *latter* of which the *former* is made, preserv'd and govern'd; — It is doubtless needful, that the absolutely sovereign, wise and omnipresent LORD, Proprietor, and Ruler of all, should reserve to himself the just Liberty, either *mediately* by brutal Animals, Men or Angels; or where their Powers are insufficient to answer his wise Designs, by his *immediate* Influence (which tho' unseen by Men, may be seen by Angels) to move and order all material Substances this way or the other, as He sees best.

And it seems absurd to suppose, that the infinite God, who is absolute and all-original Life and Power, should constantly afford to *Angels* and *Men*, yea to the most minute *Animalcula*, the Power of moving material Substances even contrary to the abovementioned Laws of Nature every Moment; yea that he should be continually making Millions of Animals with such a Power as this; and yet confine himself from doing as much as they, by his *immediate* Power. Thus for Instance, he now affords me by a single Breath the Power of moving Millions of Atoms upwards against the Laws of Gravity: And can we imagine that this great and universal