

2. In his Operation on Substances *purely spiritual*--He not only by his continual Influence preserves them in their distinguishing Existence, Nature or essential Properties of *Life*, and Powers of *Perceiving*, *Thinking*, *voluntary Motion*, &c, He has been pleas'd to give them ; but to this Influence He also seems to add his further *usual* Operations in these *three* Ways.

(1) By *producing* and continuing secret, inward *Bents* or *Dispositions* in them ; as the holy Bents of holy Angels, and holy Souls departed, &c.

(2) By *rising* and continuing *Ideas* in their Imaginations, Memories and Understandings ; as also impressing them with various Perceptions of *Delight* or *Trouble* : Whereby he chiefly seems to rule the *moral* World. So he continually gives the Millions of holy Angels his Directions : And they are constantly attending to him ; and in every Part of the Universe accomplishing his Orders. And so he makes the holy Angels happy with Perceptions of pure Delight ; and the sinful Angels wretched with Perceptions of Anxiety.

(3) By *awakening*, *sharpening*, *strengthening*, *guiding* their *intellectual Powers*, to conceive and penetrate, compare, distinguish and judge of Things, and contrive and form their Schemes ; and by *exciting* their Pursuits : Whereby he secretly and wonderfully governs in the midst of numberless Contingencies among the Creatures. And then,

3. With Respect to Creatures *Compos'd* of Substances both *Corporeal* and *Spiritual*, as *brutal Animals* and *Men* ; his Operations on them may be of all the various Kinds together, according to their several Natures and Capacities, we have in brief described ; besides *uniting* them, *keeping* them *united*, and some peculiar Impressions of *Pleasure*, *Pain*, &c, suitable to their mysterious *Union*.

And it seems highly reasonable to think, that where the Powers of *inferiour* Creatures suffice not to accomplish his Designs, he employs the *higher*, or *both* together : And where they are all insufficient, He puts forth *his* Power *above* them ; makes them instrumental as far as may be, and then acts by *his own* *superiour* Influence.