

doubleſſ needful, that the abſolutely ſovereign, wiſe and omni-  
 preſent LORD, Proprietor, and Ruler of all, ſhould reſerve  
 himſelf the juſt Liberty, either *mediate*ly by brutal Animals,  
 Men or Angels; or where their Powers are inſufficient to an-  
 ſwer 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-origina! 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  
 abovemention'd 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 Inſtancé, 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 AGENT has confin'd  
 himſelf from doing as much upon all Occaſions, by his *immediate*  
 tho' ſecreſ Influence? Or ever infinitely more than this? As  
 in raiſing, turning, allaying Winds and Seas, and numberleſſ  
 other Operations, where other Powers, inferiour to his are in-  
 ſufficient to compaſs his Deſigns.

So, in *Scripture*, the vaſt Varieties of Winds and Seas, of  
 Clouds and Vapours, Snow, Fire, Hail and Rain, Cold and  
 Heat, and other material Subſtances, are repreſent'd as con-  
 tinually directed by him, to fulfill his Pleaſure. See *Job*, xxxvi;  
 xxxvii, xxxviii; *Pſal.* lxx, cxlvii, cxlviii, &c.

Nor may this be accounted *properly miraculous*. For 'twould  
 be ſtrange indeed that the huge *Leviathan* ſhould by a Power  
 derived from Him, throw up a Cloud of Water into the Air; or  
 even the moſt minute *Animalculum*, by the Pad of a Fin, in  
 a Moment raiſe up Millions of watery Particles againſt the  
 Laws of Gravity, without a Miracle. And yet for the great  
 GOD to raiſe up a ſingle Atom by his *immediate* Power, ſhould  
 be eſteem'd a Miracle. And as long as theſe are the *uſual*,  
 tho' the *immediate* Operations of GOD, they are no more mi-  
 raculous, than his *immediate* Impreſſion of Gravity on material  
 Subſtances, or on any primary Subſtance, whereby the Impreſ-  
 ſion may be made on others.