

the other end of the chain. or, by the law of gravitation, it would fall to the ground. Its formation, or connection, composed of links proves to his mind that a smith made the chain, because he knew that it could not make itself, and the chain could not be put there except some man did so. Here then, first, the prospector believes in a cause; and, second, that a mechanic made the chain, who was an intelligent cause.

Hence the mind of man is convinced of the existence of an adequate cause, for every thing or object that he perceives by his senses or understanding, although he does not see the cause, but he is sure a cause exists; and if there be marks of *design*, he is sure there is a designer.

So, although men cannot see God in the same way they see one another, still they can know that a Creator and a wise God has made all things; His wise designs are seen in the laws of nature, which are invariable in the movements of the sun, moon, stars, &c. Hence God exists, because the world could not make itself nor exist without a *Maker* and *Designer* and *Law*.