

he is not an independent creature, but that by the very fact of his creation he stands in intimate relation to the awful Majesty from whom he received his nature.

A few primary questions then present themselves, to which we necessarily seek answers.

1. Is there in the universe recognised law and order?
2. Is there a nature given to all created living things, and is that nature given to them to enable them to work out the end of their existence.
3. Is that end the accomplishment of the greatest good individually and collectively?

Fortunately at this time the first question will not demand a lengthened explication. The wonderful advance made by physical science, the too rapid accumulation of facts, so rapidly accumulated, as to lead but to an imperfect examination, preventing any thing like accurate inductive generalization, has tended to lead men to an opposite extreme of opinion to that which formerly prevailed, and induces a belief not only in the existence of