

tures, as he did in the human Mind of CHRIST : Or when one *Man* by Signs suggests Ideas to others, and excites their Courage. Nor are the *Ideas* and *Excitations* receiv'd from GOD, either *mediately* by Men or Angels, or *immediately* by Himself, *proper Inspirations* : Any more than his infusing Millions of Spirits every Moment into new Seeds or Embrios of Animals, making them alive and active ; or infusing into them various Instincts or Geniuses ; or impressing them with Pleasures, Pain, &c.

For, by *Inspiration*, I mean, *the certain Revelation* he has been pleas'd to give of *Himself* and of his *Will*, and of Things past and to come, by CHRIST and his Prophets and Apostles of old, put into the BIBLE and confirm'd by Miracles, as a *definitive Rule* of Faith, Worship, moral and religious Conduct. Every Kind of *Idea* and *Excitation*, or *Propension* in us, whether arising meerly from our own Minds, or from evil or good Men and Ministers, or from evil or good Angels, or even immediately from GOD himself, are therefore all to be brought to this only inspired Rule, and tried thereby ; for which End it was inspired and confirmed. And the *true Origin* of our Ideas and Excitations is kept *concealed* from us, (without any *internal Criterion* to judge from whence they come, as the *Prophets* had of Old) that by *this known divine Rule* we might forever try them. In which Trial we are carefully to use our intellectual Powers : And being aware that in the midst of all we need the Help of GOD, both in understanding the Rule, and in the Application of it ; to him we must humbly and ever repair in CHRIST, and seek for Guidance.

For Illustration — I might easily bring a Multitude of Scriptures ; but the Time would fail me. I shall only cite to *Deut.* xxxii. *1 Sam.* ii. 2 *Sam.* xxii. *1 Chron.* xxix. *Job* v. xii. xxxii—xxxv. *Psal.* xxxiv. xlvii. ciii. civ. cvii. and cxiii. *Ilsa.* xxviii. and xlv. *Dan.* ii. and iv. *Joel* i. and ii. *Mat.* x. 29, 30. *Acts* xvii. 24, — 28.

In short, all Nature, both inanimate and animate, both human and angelical, is full of GOD ; full of his perpetual moving, guiding and over-ruling Influence ; and as the Apostle perfectly expresses it, *Eph.* i. 11. *Who worketh all Things according to the Council of his own Will.*

But then I may not omit to observe, that agreeable to *Scripture Revelation*, THE ETERNAL WORD or SON of GOD, who with the eternal FATHER and SPIRIT created all Things ; in a perfect Union with those divine Persons, He also upholds and rules the World from the *Time he made*