

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 *inferior* 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 superior* Influence.

As to *brutal Animals* — they no doubt receive their various *Instincts* from him: And he may by *Angels* often give them Ideas and rule them.

And as to *Men* — He no doubt inspires their various *Geniuses*: As also frequently, if not continually, uses *Angels*, the *Evil* by Permission, the *Holy* by Command, to suggest *Ideas* to them; and then uses *them* to suggest Ideas to *one another*: Which are instrumental Causes under his permissive, controlling and directive Influence, of numberless Passions, Appetites, Consultations, Projects, Resolutions, Actions and Events. He awakens, sharpens, strengthens, guides the intellectual Powers of *Men*: And where the Powers of *Angels* are insufficient to give compleat Ideas to perform his Schemes: He may *secretly* by his *immediate* Operations, utterly unknown to Men, suggest innumerable *Ideas* in them; and therewith infuse his exciting Influence of Zeal, Activity, Courage and Resolution to fulfil his Councils.

Nor may the unknown *Suggestions* of good *Angels* be accounted *proper Inspirations*; any more than the Suggestions of *Satan* when he raises up in our Minds Ideas of Scrip-
tures,