











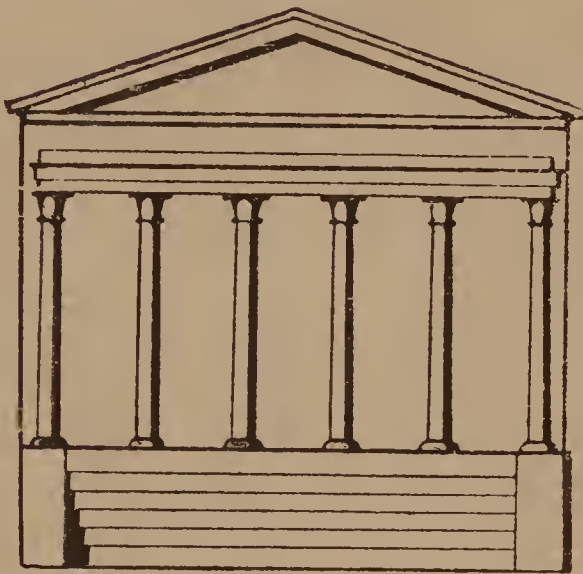
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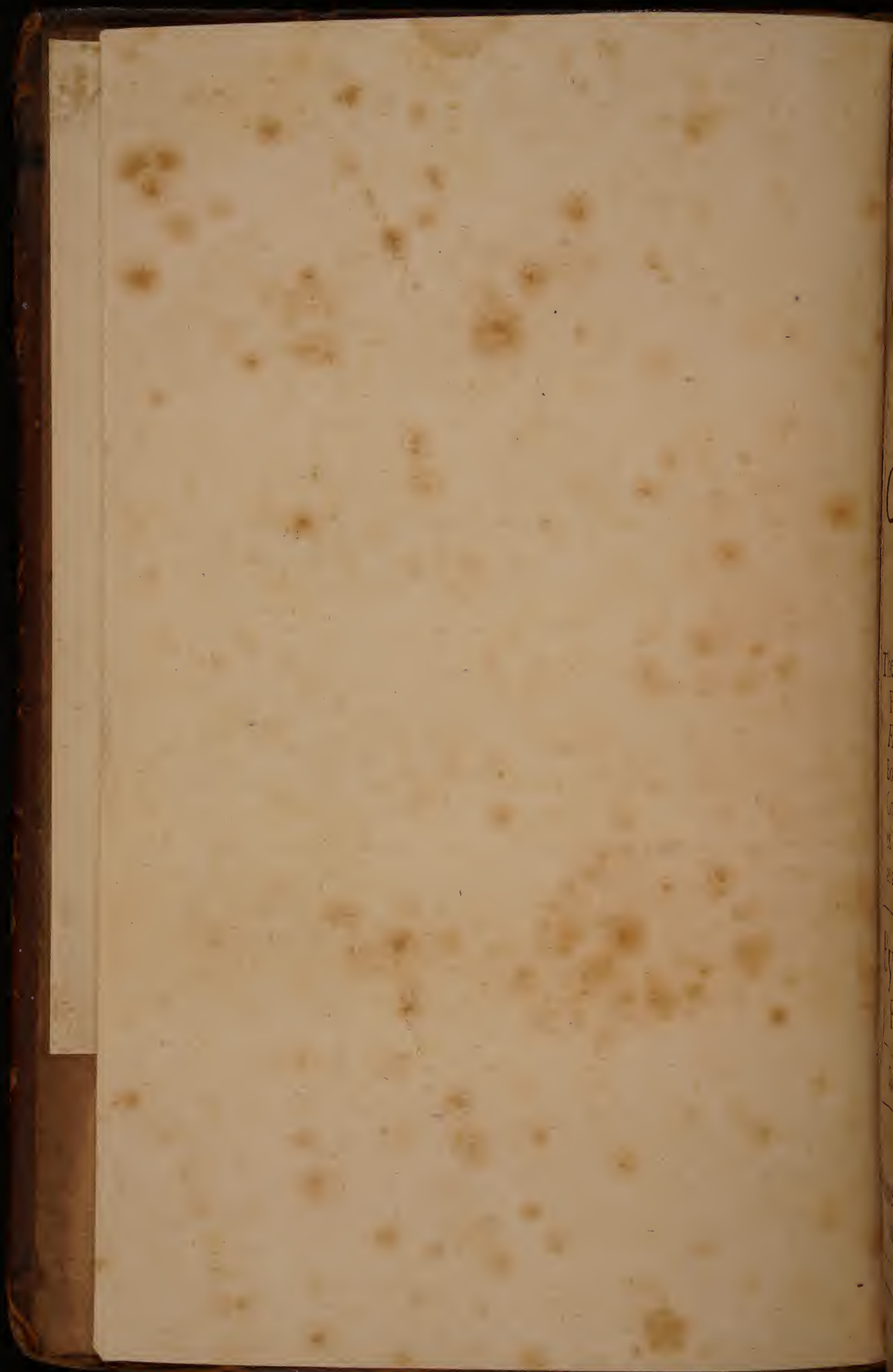


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T O T H E  
Much Honoured and truly Religious Lady,  
T H E  
Lady L E T I C E W E N D Y,  
O F  
*Wendy, in Cambridge-shire.*

M A D A M,

**T**WO or three Reasons induce me to present this Discourse to your Ladiship, and to make choice of you for its Patroness: First, because I owe it to the Liberality of your Honoured Brother, that I have this leisure to write any thing. Secondly, Because also your many and signal Favors, seeing I am not in a Capacity to requite them, seem to exact from me at least a publick Ac-

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knowledgment, which such a Dedication gives me an opportunity to make. Thirdly, Because of such kind of Writings I know not where to chuse a more able Judge, or more candid Reader. I am sensible that you do so much abhor any thing that looks like Flattery, that out of an excess of Modesty you cannot patiently bear the hearing of your own just Commendations, and therefore should I enlarge upon that Subject, I know I should have but little Thanks for my Pains.

Indeed you have much better motives to do well, than the Praise of Men, the Favor of God, Peace of Conscience, the Hope and Expectation of a future Reward of *Eternal Happiness*; and therefore I had rather write of you to others, to provoke them to imitate so excellent an Example, than to your Self, to encourage you in your Christian Course, and to fortifie  
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you in your Athletick Conflicts with the greatest of temporal Evils, bodily Pain and Anguish ; though I do not know why you should reject any consideration that may conduce to support you under so heavy pressures, and of so long continuance ; of which to ingenuous Natures true Honor, that is the concurrent Testimony and Approbation of good Men, is not the meanest. No less Man than *St. Augustine* was doubtful, whether the extremity of bodily Pain, were not the greatest Evil that Human Nature was capable of suffering : Nay (saith he) *I was sometimes compelled to consent to Cornelius Celsus, that it was so, neither did his Reason seem to me absurd ; we being compounded of two Parts, Soul and Body, of which the first is the better, the latter the worse, the greatest Good must be the best thing belonging to the better Part, that is Wisdom, and the greatest Evil the worst*

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*thing incident to the worser Part (the Body) that is Pain.* Now though I know not whether this Reason be firm and conclusive, yet I am of accord with him, that of all the Evils we are sensible of in this World it is the forest; the most resolute Patience being baffled and prostrated by a fierce and lasting Paroxysm of the Gout or Stone, or Colick, and compelled to *yield to its furious Insults*, and confess itself vanquished, the Soul being unable to divert, or to do *anything* else but pore upon the Pain. And therefore those Stoical Vaunts of their Wise Man's being happy in *Perillus's* Bull, I utterly *reject* and *explode*, as vain Rhodomontades and Chimerical Figments, for that there never was such a wise Man among them, nor indeed could be: Yet do I not say, that the Patience of a good Man can be so far conquer'd by the sharpest and severest *Torments*, as to be compelled to *deny*

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or blaspheme God, or his Religion, yea or so much as to complain of his Injustice, though perchance he may be brought with *Job* to curse his Day, yet not to curse his God, as his Wife tempted him to do.

Now that the great Ἀγωνοδότης and Βεβαρυτής, the most just Judge and Rewarder would be pleas'd so to qualifie and mitigate your Sufferings as not to exceed the *measure of your strength and patience*, or else arm you with such an high degree of Christian Fortitude, as to be able to grapple with the most extreme, and when you have finished your Course in this World, grant you a placid and easie passage out of it, and dignifie you as one of his Victors, with a Crown of Eternal Glory and Felicity, is the Prayer of,

*Madam,*

*Your Ladiships most devoted  
in all Service,*

J O H N R A Y.

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THE  
PREFACE.

**I**N all Ages wherein Learning hath Flourished, complaint hath been made of the Itch of Writing, and the Multitude of worthless Books, wherewith importunate Scriblers have pestered the World, Scribimus indocti doctiq: : And — tenet insanabile multos Scribendis Cacoethes. I am sensible that this Treatise may likely incur the Censure of a superfluous Piece, and my self the blame of giving the Reader unnecessary Trouble, there having been so much, so well written of this Subject by the most Learned Men of our time; Dr. More, Dr. Cudworth, Dr. Stillingfleet, now Bishop of Worcester, Dr. Parker, late of Oxon, and to name no more the Honourable Robert Boyle Esquire, so that it will need some Apology First, therefore, in excuse of it I plead, That there are in it some Considerations new and untoucht by others:



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thers : wherein if I be mistaken, I alledge,  
Secondly, That the manner of Delivery and  
Expression may be more suitable to some Mens  
Apprehension, and facile to their Understand-  
ings. If that will not hold, I pretend Third-  
ly, That all the Particulars contained in this  
Book, cannot be found in any one Piece known  
to me but lie scattered and dispersed in many,  
and so this may serve to relieve those Fasti-  
dious Readers, that are not willing to take  
the Pains to search them out : And possibly,  
there may be some whose Ability (whatever  
their Industry might be) will not serve them  
to purchase, nor their opportunity to borrow  
those Books, who yet may spare Money e-  
nough to buy so inconsiderable a Trifle. If  
none of these Excuses suffice to acquit me of  
Blame, and remove all prejudice, I have two  
further Reasons to offer, which I think will  
reach home, and justifie this Undertaking.  
First, That all Men who presume to Write,  
at least whose Writings the Printers will  
venture to publish, are of some Note in the  
World, and where they do or have Lived  
and Conversed, have some Sphere of Friends  
and Acquaintants, that Know and Esteem  
them, who its likely will buy any Book  
they shall Write, for the Author's sake, who  
otherwise, would have read none of that  
Subject, though ten times better ; and so the  
Book,

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Book, however inferior to what have been already Published, may happen to do much good. Secondly, By Virtue of my Function, I suspect my self to be obliged to Write something in Divinity, having written so much on other Subjects: For being not permitted to serve the Church with my Tongue in Preaching, I know not but it may be my Duty to serve it with my Hand by Writing. And I have made choice of this Subject as thinking my self best qualified to Treat of it. If what I have now Written shall find so Favourable Acceptance, as to Encourage me to proceed, God granting Life and Health, the Reader may expect more: If otherwise, I must be content to be laid aside as useless, and satisfy my self in having made this Experiment.

As for this Discourse, I have been careful to admit nothing for matter of Fact or Experiment but what is undoubtedly true, lest I should build upon a Sandy and Ruinous Foundation; and by the Admixture of what is False, render that which is True, Suspicious.

I might have added many more Particulars, nay, my Text warrants me to run over all the visible Works of God in particular, and to Trace the Footsteps of his Wisdom in the Composition, Order, Harmony, and Uses  
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of every one of them, as well as of those that I have Selected. But First, This would be a Task far transcending my Skill and Abilities ; nay, the joynt Skill and Endeavours of all Men now living, or that shall live after a Thousand Ages, should the World last so long. For no Man can find out the Work that God maketh from the beginning to the end, Eccles. 3. 11. Secondly, I was willing to Consult the Infirmitie of the Reader, or indeed of Mankind in general, which after a short Confinement to one sort of Dish, is apt to loath it, though never so wholesome, and which at first was most pleasant and acceptable : And so to moderate my Discourse, as to make an end of Writing before I might presume he should be quite tired with Reading.

I shall now add a Word or two concerning the Usefulness of the Argument or Matter of this Discourse, and the Reason I had to make Choice of it, besides what I have already offered.

First, The Belief of a Deity being the Foundation of all Religion ; (Religion being nothing but a devout Worshipping of God, or an Inclination of Mind to Serve and Worship him ;) For he that cometh to God, must believe that he is : It is a Matter of the highest Concernment to be firmly Settled  
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and Established in a full Perswasion of this main Point: Now this must be Demonstrated by Arguments drawn from the Light of Nature, and Works of the Creation. For as all other Sciences, so Divinity proves not, but supposes its Subject, taking it for granted, that by natural Light, Men are sufficiently convinced of the being of a Deity. There are indeed supernatural Demonstrations of this fundamental Truth, but not common to all Persons or Times, and so liable to Cavil and Exception by Atheistical Persons, as inward Illuminations of Mind, a Spirit of Prophecy and fore-telling future Contingents, Illustrious Miracles and the like. But these Proofs taken from Effects and Operations, exposed to every Man's view, not to be denied or questioned by any, are most effectual to convince all that deny or doubt of it. Neither are they only convictive of the greatest and subtlest Adversaries, but intelligible also to the meanest Capacities. For you may hear illiterate Persons of the lowest Rank of the Commonalty affirming, that they need no Proof of the being of a God, for that every Pile of Grass, or Ear of Corn, sufficiently proves that. For, say they, All the Men of the World cannot make such a thing as one of these; and if they cannot do it, who can, or did make it but God? To tell them that it  
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made it self, or sprung up by chance, would be as ridiculous as to tell the greatest Philosopher so.

Secondly, *The Particulars of this Discourse, serve not only to Demonstrate the being of a Deity, but also to illustrate some of his principal Attributes, as namely his Infinite Power and Wisdom. The vast multitude of Creatures, and those not only small but immensly great : The Sun and Moon, and all the Heavenly Host, are Effects and Proofs of his Almighty Power. The Heavens declare the Glory of God, and the Firmament sheweth his handy Work, Psal. 19. 1. The admirable Contrivance of all and each of them, the adapting all the parts of Animals to their several uses : The Provision that is made for their Sustenance, which is often taken notice of in Scripture, Psal. 145. 15, 16. The Eyes of all wait upon thee, thou givest them their Meat in due season. Thou openest thy Hand and satisfiest the Desire of every living thing. Matth. 6. 26. Behold the Fowls of the Air : for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into Barns ; yet your Heavenly Father feedeth them. Psal. 147. 9. He giveth to the Beast his food, and to the young Ravens when they cry : And Lastly, Their mutual Subserviency to each other,*

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*ther, and unanimous conspiring to promote and carry on the publick Good, are evident Demonstrations of his Sovereign Wisdom.*

*Lastly, They serve to Stir up and Increase in us the Affections and Habits of Admiration, Humilty and Gratitude. Psalm 8. 3.*

*When I considered the Heavens the Work of thy Fingers, the Moon and the Stars which thou hast ordained; What is Man that thou art mindful of him, or the Son of Man that thou visitest him? And to these purposes the Holy Psalmist is very frequent in the Enumeration and Consideration of these Works, which may warrant me doing the like, and justifie the denominating such a Discourse as this, rather Theological than Philosophical.*

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*An Advertisement to the Reader,  
concerning this Second Edition.*

**B**Eing now brought to practise what I have often complained of, and condemned as injurious in others, that is, by publishing a Second Edition of a Book with large Additions, to render the former worthless and unsalable, it is needful to say something by way of Excuse, and if I can, to cast the blame from off myself. First, then I plead, That I was myself solicited by some Friends, who were possessed of the former Edition, to make what Additions of like nature I could to it ; and was assured, that many others that had purchased it, desired the like. Now you know that *Volenti non fit injuria* , if they that are most concerned in the loss would have it so, there's no wrong done ; and the Action is not so much mine as theirs who put me upon it. Secondly, If some be offended, there being more gratified, I ought not to forbear for their sakes, especially considering that the thing is often done in others, and that therefore when they purchased it, they might well presume it would be done in this Treatise : Besides the Book being  
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but small, their loss is not great, and the benefit which they may have received already by the perusal of it, either of information or diversion, may compensate the Expence of the purchase ; most Men often bestowing more to gratifie their Sences with a transient delight.

As for the Additions, I have elected and made use of such instances only, wherein the Divine Wisdom doth most evidently appear. The Subject indeed in the whole latitude of it, is inexhaustible : and I might as well have brought in the whole History of Nature as what I have done ; for there is nothing but what is artificially and wisely contrived and formed. But alas, who is sufficient for such a Task ? I do not say myself, but the ablest and best-gifted Man in the World, is too weak to penetrate, and dim-sighted, to discover the thousandth part of that Art and Wisdom.

Most of these additional Observations are inserted in their proper places : Some that occurred to my Thoughts, or that I met with in Books, after the Copy was committed to the Printers, I chose rather to annex to the end, than to put in an Appendix ; lest I should seem to threaten a Third Edition, which I intend not, and so deter the Buyer from purchasing of this.

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OF THE  
Wisdom of GOD,  
Manifested in the  
WORKS  
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Psalm 104. 24.

*How manifold are thy Works, O Lord? In  
Wisdom hast thou made them all.*

**I**N these Words are two Clauses, in  
the first whereof the Psalmist ad-  
mires the Multitude of God's Works,  
*How manifold are thy Works, O Lord?*  
In the second he celebrates his Wis-  
dom in the Creation of them; *In Wisdom  
hast thou made them all.*

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Of the first of these I shall say little, only briefly run over the Works of this visible World, and give some guess at the Number of them. Whence it will appear, that upon this account they well deserve Admiration, the Number of them being uninvestigable by us; and so affording us a demonstrative Proof of the unlimited extent of the Creator's Skill, and the fecundity of his Wisdom and Power. That the Number of corporeal Creatures is unmeasurably great, and known only to the Creator himself, may thus probably be collected: First of all, The Number of fixt Stars is on all hands acknowledged to be next to infinite; Secondly, Every fixt Star in the now received *Hypothesis* is a Sun or Sunlike body, and in like manner encircled with a *Chorus* of Planets moving about it; For the *fixt Stars* are not all placed in one and the same Concave spherical *Superficies*, and equidistant from us, as they seem to be: But are variously and disorderly situate some nearer, some further off, just like Trees in a Wood or Forest, as *Gassendus* exemplifies them. And as in a Wood, though the Trees grow never so irregularly, yet the Eye of the Spectator where-ever placed, or whithersoever removed describes still a Circle of Trees;



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might be discovered ; and yet after all an incredible Multitude remain, by reason of their immense distance beyond all Ken by the best Telescopes that could possibly be invented or polished by the Wit and Hand of an Angel. For if the World be, as *Des Cartes* would have it, indefinitely extended ; that is, so far as no human Intellect can fancy any bounds of it, then what we see or can come to see must be the least part of what is undiscoverable by us ; the whole Universe extending a Thousand times farther beyond the utmost Stars we can possibly descry, than those be distant from the Earth we live upon. This *Hypothesis* of the fixt Stars being so many Suns, &c. seems more agreeable to the Divine Greatness and Magnificence : But that which induces me much to doubt of the Magnitude of the Universe and immense Distance of the fixed Stars, is the stupendious *Phænomena* of Comets, their sudden ascension or appearance in full Magnitude, the length of their Tails and swiftness of their Motion, and gradual diminution of Bulk and Motion, till at last they disappear : That the Universe is indefinitely extended, *Des Cartes* upon a false ground, [that the *formal ratio* of a Body was nothing but Extension into length, breadth and

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and profundity, or having *partes extra partes*, and that Body and Space were synonymous Terms] asserted: It may as well be limited this way as in the old *Hypothesis*; which places the fixt Stars in the same spherical *Superficies*; according to which (old *Hypothesis*) they may also be demonstrated by the same *Mediums* to be innumerable, only instead of their distance substituting their Smallness for the reason of their Invisibilty.

But leaving the *Cælestial Bodies*, I come now to the *Terrestrial*; which are either *inanimate* or *animate*. The *inanimate* are the *Elements, Meteors and Fossils* of all sorts, at the Number of which last I cannot give any probable guess; But if the Rule, which some considerate Philosophers deliver, holds good; *viz.* how much more imperfect any *Genus* or *Order* of Beings is, so much more numerous are the *Species* contained under it; as for Example: Birds being a more perfect kind of Animals than Fishes, there are more of these than of those, and for the like reason more Birds than Quadrupeds, and more Insects than of any of the rest; and so more Plants than Animals: Nature being more sparing in her more excellent Productions. If this Rule I say holds good; then should there

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be more *Species* of *Fossils* or generally of *inanimate* Bodies than of *Vegetables*; of which there is some reason to doubt, unless we will admit all sorts of formed Stones to be distinct *Species*.

Animate Bodies are divided into four great *Genera* or Orders, *Beasts*, *Birds*, *Fishes* and *Insects*.

The *Species* of *Beasts*, including also *Serpents*, are not very numerous: Of such as are certainly known and described I dare say not above 150. And yet I believe not many, that are of any considerable bigness, in the known Regions of the World, have escaped the Cognizance of the Curious. [I reckon all Dogs to be of one *Species* they mingling together in generation, and the breed of such Mixtures being prolifick.]

The Number of *Birds* known and described may be near 500; And the number of *Fishes*, secluding Shell-fish as many; but if the Shell-fish be taken in, more than six times the number. How many of each *Genus* remain yet undiscovered one cannot certainly nor very nearly conjecture, but we may suppose the whole Sum of *Beasts* and *Birds* to exceed by a third part, and *Fishes* by one half, those known.

The *Insects*, if we take in the Exanguious both Terrestrial and Aquatick, may in derogation to the precedent Rule for number vie even with Plants themselves. For the *Exanguious* alone, by what that Learned and Critical Naturalist my honoured Friend Dr. *Martin Lister* hath already observed and delineated, I conjecture, cannot be fewer than 3000 *Species*, perhaps many more.

The *Butterflies* and *Beetles* are such numerous Tribes, that I believe in our own native Country alone the *Species* of each kind may amount to 150 or more. And if we should make the *Catterpillers* and *Hexapods* from whence these come to be distinct *Species*, as most Naturalists have done, the number will be doubled, and these two *Genera* will afford us 600 *Species*. But if those be admitted for distinct *Species*, I see no reason but the *Aureliæ* also may pretend to a Specifick difference from the *Catterpillers* and *Butterflies*; and so we shall have 300 *Species* more, therefore we exclude both these from the degree of *Species*, making them to be the same Insect under a different *Larva* or Habit.

The *Fly-kind*, if under that name we comprehend all other flying Insects, as well such as have four as such as have but two

Wings, of both which kinds there are many subordinate *Genera*, will be found in multitude of *Species*, to equal if not exceed both the forementioned kinds.

The *creeping Insects* that never come to be winged, though for number they may fall short of the flying or winged, yet are they also very numerous; as by running over the several kinds I could easily demonstrate: Supposing then, there be a thousand several sorts of *Insects* in this Island, and the Sea near it: if the same Proportion holds between the *Insects* native of *England*, and those of the rest of the World, as doth between *Plants* Domestick and Exotick, (that is, as I guess, near a Decuple) the *Species* of *Insects* in the whole Earth (Land and Water) will amount to 10000, and I do believe they rather exceed than fall short of that sum. Since the writing hereof, having this Summer, *An. 1691.* with some diligence prosecuted the History of our *English Insects*, and making Collections of the several *Species* of each Tribe, but particularly and especially of the *Butterflies* both nocturnal and diurnal; I find the number of such of these alone as breed in our Neighbourhood [about *Braintree* and *Notley* in *Essex*] to exceed the sum I last Year assigned to all *England*, having  
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my self observed and described about 200 Kinds great and small, many yet remaining, as I have good reason to believe, by me undiscovered. If then within the small Compass of a Mile or two there are so many *Species* to be found; surely the most modest Conjecture cannot estimate the number of all the kinds of *Papilio's* native of this Island to fall short of 300; which is twice so many as I last Summer guessed them to be. Wherefore using the same Argumentations, the number of all the *British Insects* will amount to 2000, and the total Sum of those of the whole Earth will be 20000. The number of Plants contained in *C. Bauhin's Pinax* is about 6000, which are all that had been described by the Authors that wrote before him, or observed by himself; in which Work, besides mistakes and repetitions incident to the most wary and knowing Men in such a Work as that; there are a great many, I might say some Hundreds put down for different *Species*, which in my Opinion are but accidental Varieties. — Which I do not say to detract from the excellent pains and performance of that Learned, Judicious and Laborious Herbarist, or to defraud him of his deserved Honour, but only to shew, that he was too much sway'd by the Opinions

nions then generally current among Herbalists, that different Colour or multiplicity of Leaves in the Flower, and the like Accidents were sufficient to constitute a specific difference. But supposing there had been 6000 then known and described; I cannot think but that there are in the World more then triple that number; there being in the vast continent of *America* as great a variety of *Species* as with us, and yet but few common to *Europe*, or perhaps *Africk* and *Asia*, and if, on the other side the Equator, there be much Land still remaining undiscovered as probably there may, we must suppose the number of Plants to be far greater.

What can we infer from all this? If the number of Creatures be so exceeding great, how great, nay immense must needs be the Power and Wisdom of him who form'd them all! For (that I may borrow the Words of a Noble and Excellent Author) as it argues and manifests more skill by far in an Artificer to be able to frame both *Clocks and Watches, and Pumps, and Mills, and Granadoes and Rockets*, then he could display in making but one of those sorts of Engines; so the Almighty discovers more of his Wisdom in forming such a vast multitude of different sorts of Creatures, and  
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all with admirable and irreproveable Art, than if he had created but a few: For this declares the greatness and unbounded Capacity of his Understanding. Again, the same Superiority of Knowledge would be displaid by contriving Engines of the same kind or for the same purposes after different fashions, as the moving of Clocks or other Engines by Springs instead of Weights: So the infinitely Wise Creator hath shewn in many Instances, that he is not confin'd to one only Instrument for the working one Effect, but can perform the same thing by divers means. So though Feathers seem necessary for flying, yet hath he enabled several Creatures to fly without them, as two sorts of Fishes, one sort of Lizard, and the Bat, not to mention the numerous Tribes of flying Insects. In like manner though the Air-bladder in Fishes seems necessary for swimming, yet some are so form'd as to swim without it, *viz.* First, The *Cartilagineous* kind, which by what Artifice they poise themselves, ascend and descend at pleasure, and continue in what depth of Water they list, is as yet unknown to us. Secondly, The *Cetaceous* kind, or Sea-beasts differing in nothing almost from Quadrupeds but the want of Feet. The Air which in respiration these receive

receive into their Lungs may serve to render their Bodies equiponderant to the Water ; and the constriction or dilatation of it, by the help of the Diaphragm and Muscles of Respiration, may probably assist them to ascend or descend in the Water, by a light impulse thereof with their Fins.

Again, though the Water being a cold Element, the most wise God hath so tempered the Blood and Bodies of Fishes in general, that a small degree of heat is sufficient to preserve their due consistency and motion, and to maintain Life ; yet to shew that he can preserve a Creature in the Sea, and in the coldest part of the Sea too, that may have as great a degree of heat as *Quadrupeds* themselves ; he hath created variety of these Cetaceous Fishes, which converse chiefly in the Northern Seas, whose whole Body being encompassed round with a copious Fat or Blubber (which, by reflecting and redoubling the internal heat, and keeping off the external cold, doth the same thing to them that Cloths do to us) is enabled to abide the greatest cold of the Sea-water. The reason why these Fishes delight to frequent chiefly the Northern-Seas is I conceive not only for the quiet which they enjoy there,  
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but because the Northern Air, which they breath, being more fully charged with nitrous Particles, is fittest to maintain the vital Heat in that Activity as is sufficient to move such an unwieldy bulk, as their Bodies are with due celerity, and to bear up against and repel the ambient Cold; and may likewise enable them to continue longer under water than a warmer and thinner Air could.

I come now to the second part of the Words; *In Wisdom hast thou made them all.* In discoursing whereof I shall endeavour to make out in particulars what the Psalmist here asserts in general concerning the Works of God, that they are all very wisely contrived and adapted to ends both Particular and General.

But before I enter upon this task, I shall, by way of Preface or Introduction, say something concerning those Systems which undertake to give an Account of the Formation of the Universe by Mechanical *Hypotheses* of Matter moved either uncertainly, or according to some Catholick Laws, without the Intervention and Assistance of any superior immaterial Agent.

There is no greater, at least no more palpable and convincing Argument of the Existence of a Deity than the admirable  
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Art and Wisdom that discovers it self in the Make and Constitution, the Order and Disposition, the Ends and Uses of all the Parts and Members of this stately Fabrick of Heaven and Earth. For if in the Works of Art, as for Example; A curious Edifice or Machine, Counsel, Design, and Direction to an end appearing in the whole frame and in all the several pieces of it, do necessarily infer the Being and Operation of some intelligent Architect or Engineer, why shall not also in the Works of Nature, that Grandeur and Magnificence, that excellent contrivance for Beauty, Order, Use, &c. which is observable in them, wherein they do as much transcend the Effects of humane Art as infinite Power and Wisdom exceeds finite, infer the Existence and Efficiency of an Omnipotent and All-wise Creator?

To evade the force of this Argument, and to give some Account of the Original of the World, Atheistical Persons have set up two *Hypotheses*.

The first is that of *Aristotle*, that the World was from Eternity, in the same condition that now it is, having run through the Successions of infinite Generations; to which they add, Self-existent and unproduced. For *Aristotle* doth not deny God

to be the *efficient Cause* of the World. But only asserts, that he created it from Eternity making him a necessary Cause thereof; it proceeding from him by way of Emanation, as light from the Sun.

This *Hypothesis* which hath some shew of reason, for something must necessarily exist of it self; and if something, why may not all things? This *Hypothesis*, I say, is so clearly and fully confuted by the Reverend and Learned Dr. *Tillotson*, now Lord Arch bishop of *Canterbury*, and Primate of all *England*, in his first printed Sermon, and the R. Reverend Father in God *John*, late Lord Bishop of *Chester*, in Book I. Chap. V. of his Treatise of the *Principles of Natural Religion*, that nothing material can by me be added; to whom therefore I refer the Reader.

*The Epicurean Hypothesis rejected.*

The second *Hypothesis* is that of the *Epicureans*, who held that there were two Principles self-existent: First, Space or Vacuity; Secondly, Matter or Body; both of infinite Duration and Extension. In this infinite Space or Vacuity, which hath neither beginning nor end, nor middle, no limits or extreams, innumerable minute Bodies

dies into which the Matter was divided, called *Atomes*, because by reason of their perfect solidity they were really indivisible (for they hold no body capable of Division, but what hath Vacuities intersperst with Matter) of various but a determinate Number of Figures, and equally ponderous, do perpendicularly descend, and by their fortuitous concourse make compound Bodies, and at last the World it self. But now, because if all these *Atomes* should descend plum down with equal Velocity, as according to their Doctrine they ought to do, (being as we said) all perfectly solid and imporous, and the *vacuum* not resisting their motion, they would never the one overtake the other, but like the drops of a Shower would always keep the same distances, and so there could be no Concourse or Cohæſion of them, and consequently nothing created; partly to avoid this destructive consequence, and partly to give some account of the Freedom of Will (which they did assert contrary to the *Democritick* Fate) they did absurdly feign a declination of some of these Principles, without any shadow or pretence of Reason. The former of these Motives you have set down by \* *Lucretius* in these Words:

\* *De Nat. re rum* l. 2.

*Corpora*



*Corpora cum deorsum rectum per inane  
feruntur*

*Ponderibus propriis, incerto tempore fortè,  
Incertisque locis, Spatio discedere paulùm ;  
Tantum quod nomen mutatum dicere possis.*

And again ;

*Quòd nisi declinare solerent, omnia deorsum  
Imbris uti guttæ caderent per inane pro-  
fundum,*

*Nec foret offensus natus, nec plaga creata  
Principiis, ita nil unquam natura creâsset.*

Now Seeds in downward Motion must  
decline,

Tho' vary little from th' exactest Line,  
For did they still move strait, they needs  
must fall

Like drops of Rain, dissolv'd and scatter'd  
all,

For ever tumbling thro' the mighty space,  
And never joyn to make one single mass.

The second Motive they had to intro-  
duce this gratuitous Declination of A-  
tomes, the same Poet gives us in these  
Verses, *Lib. 2.*

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— *Si semper motus connectitur omnis,  
Et vetere exoritur semper novus ordine  
certo;*

*Nec declinando faciunt primordia motus  
Principium quoddam quod fati fœdera  
rumpat,*

*Ex infinito ne causam causa sequatur;  
Libera per terras unde hæc animantibus  
extat,*

*Unde hæc est, inquam, fatis avolsa vo-  
luntas?*

Besides, did all things move in a direct  
Line,

And still one Motion to another joyn  
In certain order, and no Seeds decline,  
And make a Motion fit to dissipate

The well wrought Chain of Causes and  
strong fate;

Whence comes that freedom living Crea-  
tures find?

Whence comes the Will so free, so uncon-  
fin'd,

Above the Power of fate.

The folly and unreasonableness of this ri-  
diculous and ungrounded Figment, I can-  
not better display and reprove than in the  
Words of *Cicero*, in the beginning of his  
first Bok *de finibus Bonorum & Malorum*.

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This Declination (saith he) is altogether childishly feigned, and yet neither doth it at all solve the difficulty, or effect what they desire. For first they say the Atomes decline, and yet assign no reason why. Now nothing is more shameful and unworthy a Natural Philosopher [*turpius Physico*] than to assert any thing to be done without a Cause, or to give no reason of it. Besides this is contrary to their own *Hypothesis* taken from Sence, that all Weights do naturally move perpendicularly downward. Secondly, Again supposing this were true, and that there were such a Declination of Atomes, yet will it not effect what they intend. For either they do all decline, and so there will be no more concourse than if they did perpendicularly descend; or some decline, and some fall plum down, which is ridiculously to assign distinct Offices and Tasks to the Atomes, which are all of the same Nature and Solidity. Again, in his Book *de Fato* he smartly derides this fond conceit thus; What cause is there in Nature which turns the Atomes aside? Or do they cast Lots among themselves which shall decline, which not? Or why do they decline the least interval that may be, and not a greater? Why not two or three *minima* as well as one? *Optare hoc quidem est*

*non disputare.* For neither is the Atome by any extrinsecal impulse diverted from its natural course; neither can there be any cause imagined in the Vacuity through which it is carried why it should not move directly; neither is there any change made in the Atome it self, that it should not retain the Motion natural to it, by force of its weight or gravity.

As for the whole *Atomical Hypothesis*, either *Epicurean* or *Democritick*, I shall not, nor need I spend time to confute it; this having been already solidly and sufficiently done by many learned Men, but especially *Dr. Cudworth* in his *Intellectual System of the Universe*, and the present Bishop of *Worcester*, *Dr. Stillingfleet* in his *Origines Sacræ*. Only I cannot omit the *Ciceronian* Confutation thereof, which I find in the place first quoted, and in his first and second Books *de Naturâ Deorum*, because it may serve as a general Introduction to the following Particulars. Such a turbulent Concourse of Atomes could never (saith he) *hunc mundi ornatum efficere*, compose so well ordered and beautiful a Structure as the World; which therefore both in *Greek* and *Latine* hath from thence [*ab ornatu & munditie*] obtain'd its name. And again most fully and appositely in his second *De Nat.*

*Nat. Deorum.* If the Works of *Nature* are better, more exact and perfect than the Works of *Art*, and *Art* effects nothing without Reason; neither can the Works of *Nature* be thought to be effected without Reason. For is it not absurd and incongruous? that when thou beholdest a Statue or curious Picture, thou shouldest acknowledge that *Art* was used to the making of it; or when thou seest the course of a Ship upon the Waters, thou shouldest not doubt but the Motion of it is regulated and directed by Reason and *Art*; or when thou confidest a Sun-dial or Clock, thou shouldest understand presently, that the Hours are shewn by *Art* and not by Chance; and yet imagine or believe, that the World which comprehends all these Arts and Artificers was made without Counsel or Reason. If one should carry into *Scythia* or *Britain* such a Sphere as our Friend *Posidonius* lately made, each of whose Conversions did the same thing in the *Sun* and *Moon* and other five *Planets*, which we see effected every Night and Day in the Heavens, who among those Barbarians would doubt that that Sphere was composed by Reason and *Art*? A wonder then it must needs be, that there should be any Man found so stupid and forsaken of reason as

to persuade himself, that this most beautiful and adorned World was or could be produced by the fortuitous concourse of Atomes. He that can prevail with himself to believe this, I do not see why he may not as well admit, that if there were made innumerable Figures of the one and twenty Letters in Gold, suppose, or any other Metal, and these well shaken and mixt together, and thrown down from some high place to the ground, they when they lighted upon the Earth would be so disposed and ranked, that a Man might see and read in them *Ennius's Annals*; whereas it were a great chance if he should find one Verse thereof among them all. For if this concourse of Atomes could make a whole World, why may it not sometimes make, and why hath it not somewhere or other in the Earth made a Temple, or a Gallery, or a *Portico*, or a House, or a City? Which yet it is so far from doing, and every Man so far from believing; that should any one of us be cast, suppose, upon a desolate *Island*, and find there a magnificent Palace artificially contrived according to the exactest Rules of Architecture, and curiously adorned and furnished; it would never once enter into his head, that this was done by an Earthquake, or the

the fortuitous shuffling together of its component Materials; or that it had stood there ever since the Construction of the World, or first cohæſion of Atomes: But would presently conclude that there had been some intelligent Architect there, the effect of whose Art and Skill it was. Or should he find there but upon one single Sheet of Parchment or Paper an Epistle or Oration written, full of profound Sense, expressed in proper and significant Words, illustrated and adorned with elegant Phrase; it were beyond the Possibility of the Wit of Man to perswade him that this was done by the temerarious dashes of an unguided Pen, or by the rude scattering of Ink upon the Paper, or by the lucky Projection of so many Letters at all adventures; but he would be convinced by the evidence of the thing at first sight, that there had been not only some Man, but some Scholar there.

*The Cartesian Hypothesis considered and censured.*

Having rejected this *Atheistick Hypothesis* of *Epicurus* and *Democritus*, I should now proceed to give particular instances of the Art and Wisdom clearly appearing in the

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several Parts and Members of the Universe; from which we may justly infer this general conclusion of the Psalmist, *In Wisdom hast thou made them all*: But that there is a sort of professed *Theists*, I mean *Mons. Des Cartes* and his followers, who endeavour to disarm us of this decretory Weapon; to evacuate and exterminate this Argument which hath been so successful in all Ages to demonstrate the existence, and enforce the belief of a Deity; and to convince and silence all Atheistick Gainsayers. And this they do,

First, By excluding and banishing all consideration of final Causes from Natural Philosophy; upon pretence, that they are all and every one in particular undiscov-  
*rable by us; and that it is rashness and arro-*  
*gance in us to think we can find out God's*  
*Ends and be partakers of his Counsels. At-*  
*que ob hanc unicam rationem totum illud*  
*causarum genus quod à fine peti solet, in re-*  
*bus Physicis nullum usum habere existimo;*  
*non enim absq; temeritate me puto investigare*  
*posse fines Dei. Medit. Metaph. And for*  
*this only reason I think all that kind of causes*  
*which is wont to be taken from the end, to*  
*have no use in Physicks or natural Matters.*  
*For I cannot without rashness think my self*  
*able to find out the ends of God. And a-*  
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gain in his *Principles of Philosophy*, *Nullas unquam rationes circa res Naturales à fine quem Deus aut Natura in iis faciendis sibi proposuit admittimus, quia non tantum nobis debemus arrogare ut ejus Consiliorum participes esse possimus.* We can by no means admit any Reasons, about natural Things taken from the end which God or Nature proposed to themselves in making of them: because we ought not to arrogate so much to our selves to think we may be partakers of his Counsels. And more expressly in his fourth Answer, viz. to Gassendus's Objections; *Nec fingi potest, aliquos Dei fines magis quàm alios in propatulo esse: omnes enim in imper-scrutabili ejus Sapientiae abyssò sunt eodem modo reconditi;* that is, neither can or ought we to feign or imagine, that some of God's Ends are more manifest than others; for all lie in like manner or equally hidden in the unsearchable Abyss of his Wisdom.

This confident Assertion of *Des Cartes* is fully examined and reprov'd by that honourable and excellent Person *Mr. Boyle*, in his *Disquisition about the final Causes of Natural Things*, Sect. 1. from Pag. 10. to the end: And therefore I shall not need say much to it; only in brief this, that it seems to me false and of evil consequence.

as being derogatory from the Glory of God, and destructive of the acknowledgment and belief of a Deity :

For first, Seeing, for instance, That the Eye is employed by Man and all Animals for the use of Vision, which, as they are framed, is so necessary for them, that they could not live without it ; and God Almighty knew that it would be so ; and seeing it is so admirably fitted and adapted to this use, that all the Wit and Art of Men and Angels could not have contrived it better, if so well ; it must needs be highly absurd and unreasonable to affirm, either that it was not designed at all for this use, or that it is impossible for Man to know whether it was or not.

Secondly, How can Man give thanks and praise to God for the use of his Limbs and Senses and those his good Creatures which serve for his sustenance ; when he cannot be sure they were made in any respect for him ; nay, when 'tis as likely they were not, and that he doth but abuse them to serve ends for which they were never intended.

Thirdly, This Opinion, as I hinted before, supersedes and cassates the best *Medium* we have to demonstrate the Being of a Deity ; leaving us no other demonstrative

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Proof but that taken from the innate *Idea*; which, if it be a Demonstration, is but an obscure one, not satisfying many of the Learned themselves, and being too subtle and metaphysical to be apprehended by vulgar Capacities, and consequently of no force to persuade and convince them.

Secondly, They endeavour to evacuate and disannul our great Argument, by pretending to solve all the *Phænomena* of Nature, and to give an Account of the Production and Efformation of the Universe, and all the corporeal Beings therein, both cælestial and terrestrial as well animate as inanimate, not excluding Animals themselves, by a sleight *Hypothesis* of Matter so and so divided and moved. The *Hypothesis* you have in *Des Cartes's Principles of Philosophy*, Part 2. all the Matter of this visible World is by him supposed to have been at first divided by God into Parts nearly equal to each other, of a mean size, viz. about the bigness of those whereof the Heavenly Bodies are now compounded; all together having as much motion as is now found in the World; and these to have been equally moved severally every one by it self about its own Center, and among one another, so as to compose a fluid Body; and also many of them joyntly or in company, about  
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several other points so far distant from one another, and in the same manner disposed as the Centres of the fixt Stars now are. So that God had no more to do than to create the Matter, divide it into two parts, and put it into Motion according to some few Laws, and that would of it self produce the World and all Creatures therein.

For a Confutation of this *Hypothesis*, I might refer the Reader to Dr. *Cudworth's* System, p. 603, 604. but for his ease I will transcribe the words: ——— “God in the mean time standing by as an Idle Spectator of this *Lusus Atomorum*, this sportful Dance of *Atoms*, and of the various Results thereof. Nay these *mechanick Theists* have here quite outstripped and outdone the *Atomick Atheists* themselves, they being much more extravagant then ever thole were. For the professed *Atheists* durst never venture to affirm, that this regular *Systeme* of things resulted from the *fortuitous Motions* of *Atoms* at the very first, before they had for a long time together produced many other *inept Combinations*, or *aggregate Forms* of particular things and *nonsensical Systems* of the whole, and they supposed also that the *regularity* of things here in this World would not always continue such neither, but that some time or other

other Confusion and Disorder will break in again. Moreover that besides this World of ours, there are at this very instant innumerable other Worlds *irregular*, and that there is but one of a thousand or ten thousand among the infinite Worlds that have such regularity in them, the reason of all which is, because it was generally taken for granted, and lookt upon as a common Notion, that τὸ ἀπὸ τύχης ἢ τῆ αὐτομάτης ἔδεν αἰεὶ ἕτα γίνεται, as *Aristotle* expresseth it; none of those things which are from Fortune or Chance come to pass always alike. But our *mechanick Theists* will have their Atoms never so much as once to have fumbled in these their Motions, nor to have produced any inept System, or incongruous forms at all, but from the very first all along to have taken up their places and ranged themselves so orderly, methodically and directly; as that they could not possibly have done it better, had they been directed by the most perfect Wisdom. Wherefore these *Atomick Theists* utterly evacuate that grand Argument for a God taken from the *Phænomenon* of the Artificial frame of things, which hath been so much insisted upon in all Ages, and which commonly makes the strongest Impression of any other upon the Minds of Men, &c. the *Atheists*

*theists* in the mean time laughing in their Sleeves, and not a little triumphing to see the Cause of *Theism* thus betrayed by its professed Friends and Assertors, and the grand Argument for the same totally flur-red by them and so their work done, as it were, to their hands.

Now as this argues the greatest Insensibility of Mind, or Sottishness and Stupidity in pretended *Theists* not to take the least notice of the regular and artificial Frame of things, or of the Signatures of the Divine Art and Wisdom in them, nor to look upon the World and Things of Nature with any other Eyes than Oxen and Horses do. So are there many *Phænomena* in Nature, which being partly above the force of these *mechanick Powers*, and partly contrary to the same, can therefore never be salved by them, nor without *final Causes* and some *vital Principle*; As for Example, that of Gravity or the Tendency of Bodies downward, the Motion of the *Diaphragm* in Respiration, the *Systole* and *Diastole* of the Heart, which is nothing but a Muscular Constriction and Relaxation, and therefore not *mechanical* but *vital*. We might also add among many others the Interfection of the Plains of the *Equator* and *Ecliptick*, or the Earth's diurnal Motion upon an *Axis*

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not parallel to that of the *Ecliptick*, nor perpendicular to the Plain thereof. For though *Des Cartes* would needs imagine this Earth of ours once to have been a Sun, and so it self the Centre of a lesser *Vortex*, whose *Axis* was then directed after this manner, and which therefore still kept the same Site or Posture by reason of the striate Particles finding no fit Pores or Traces for their passages through it, but only in this direction; yet does he himself confess, that because these two Motions of the Earth, the Annual and Diurnal, would be much more conveniently made upon parallel *Axes*, therefore, according to the Laws of Mechanism, they should be perpetually brought nearer and nearer together, till at length the *Equator* and *Ecliptick* come to have their *Axes* parallel, which as it has not yet come to pass, so neither hath there been for these last Two Thousand Years (according to the best Observations and Judgments of Astronomers) any nearer approach made of them one to another. Wherefore the Continuation of these two Motions of the Earth the Annual and Diurnal upon *Axes* not parallel is resolvable into nothing but a *final* and *mental* Cause, or the τὸ Βέλτιστον, because it was best it should be so, the variety of the Seasons of  
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the Year depending thereupon. But the greatest of all the particular *Phænomena* is the Formation and Organization of the Bodies of Animals, consisting of such variety and curiosity; that these mechanick Philosophers being no way able to give an account thereof from the necessary Motion of Matter, *unguided by Mind for Ends*, prudently therefore break off their System there, when they should come to Animals, and so leave it altogether untoucht. We acknowledge indeed there is a *Posthumous* piece extant, imputed to *Cartes*, and entituled, *De la formation du Fætus*, wherein there is some Pretence made to salve all this by fortuitous Mechanism. But as the Theory thereof is built wholly upon a false Supposition, sufficiently confuted by our *Harvey* in his Book of *Generation*, that the *Seed* doth materially enter into the Composition of the Egg; So is it all along precarious and exceptionable; nor doth it extend at all to the Differences that are in several *Animals*, nor offer the least reason why an *Animal* of one *Species* might not be formed out of the Seed of another. Thus far the *Doctor*, with whom for the main I do consent. I shall only add, that Natural Philosophers, when they endeavour to give an account of any of the Works of Nature by pre-



preconceived Principles of their own, are for the most part grossly mistaken and confuted by Experience; as *Des Cartes* in a Matter that lay before him, obvious to Sense and infinitely more easie to find out the Cause of, than to give an account of the Formation of the World; that is the Pulse of the Heart, which he attributes to an Ebullition and sudden Expansion of the Blood in the Ventricles, after the manner of Milk, which being heated to such a Degree doth suddenly and as it were all at once flush up and run over the Vessel. Whether this Ebullition be caused by a Nitro-Sulphureous ferment lodged especially in the left Ventricle of the Heart, which mingling with the Blood excites such an Ebullition, as we see made by the mixture of some Chymical Liquors, *viz.* Oil of Vitriol, and deliquated Salt of Tartar; or by the vital Flame warming and boiling the Blood. But this conceit of his is contrary both to Reason and Experience. For first, It is altogether unreasonable to imagine and affirm that the cool venal Blood should be heated to so high a degree in so short a time as the Interval of two Pulses, which is less than the sixth part of a Minute. Secondly, In cold Animals, as for Example *Eels*, the Heart will beat for many hours after it is

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taken out of the Body, yea tho' the Ventricle be opened and all the Blood squeezed out. Thirdly, The Proceſs of the Fibres which compound the ſides of the Ventricles running in Spiral Lines from the Tip to the Baſe of the Heart, ſome one way and ſome the contrary, do clearly ſhew that the *Syſtole* of the Heart is nothing but a Muſcular conſtriction, as a Purſe is ſhut by drawing the Strings contrary ways: Which is alſo confirm'd by Experience; for if the *Vertex* of the Heart be cut off, and a Finger thruſt up into one of the Ventricles, in every *Syſtole* the Finger will be ſenſibly and manifeſtly pincht by the ſides of the Ventricle. But for a full Confutation of this Fancy, I refer the Reader to Dr. *Lower's* Treatiſe *de Corde*, Chap. 2. And *Des Cartes's* Rules concerning the transferring of Motion from one Body in motion to another in motion or in reſt, are the moſt of them by Experience found to be falſe, as they affirm which have made Trial of them.

This Pulse of the Heart Dr. *Cudworth* would have to be no Mechanical but a Vital motion, which to me ſeems probable, becauſe it is not under the command of the Will, nor are we conſcious of any Power to cauſe or to reſtrain it, but it is carried  
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on and continued without our knowledge or notice ; neither can it be caused by the Impulse of any external movent, unless it be Heat. But how can the Spirits agitated by Heat, unguided by a *vital Principle* produce such a regular reciprocal Motion ? If that Site which the Heart and its Fibres have in the *Diastole* be most natural to them, (as it seems to be) why doth it again contract it self, and not rest in that posture ? If it be once contracted in a *Systole* by the influx of the Spirits, why, the Spirits continually flowing in without let, doth it not always remain so ? [For the *Systole* seems to resemble the forcible bending of a Spring, and the *Diastole* its flying out again to its natural site.] What is the Spring and principal Efficient of this Reciprocation ? What directs and moderates the Motions of the Spirits ? They being but stupid and senseless matter, cannot of themselves continue any regular and constant motion, without the guidance and regulation of some intelligent Being. You will say, what Agent is it which you would have to effect this ? The sensitive Soul it cannot be, because that is indivisible, but the Heart, when separated wholly from the Body in some *Animals*, continues still to pulse for a considerable time ; nay when it

hath quite ceased, it may be brought to beat anew by the Application of warm Spittle, or by pricking it gently with a Pin or Needle. I answer, it may be in these Instances, the scattering Spirits remaining in the Heart, may for a time being agitated by heat, cause these faint Pulsations; though I should rather attribute them to a *plastick Nature* or vital Principle, as the Vegetation of Plants must also be.

But to proceed, neither can I wholly acquiesce in the *Hypothesis* of that *Honourable and deservedly Famous Author* I formerly had occasion to mention; which I find in his *free Enquiry into the vulgar Notion of Nature*, P. 77, 78. delivered in these Words,  
 “I think it probable, that the great and  
 “ wise Author of things did, when he first  
 “ formed the Universal and Undistinguish-  
 “ ed Matter into the World, put its parts  
 “ into various Motions, whereby they were  
 “ necessarily divided into numberless Porti-  
 “ ons of differing Bulks, Figures and Situ-  
 “ ations in respect of each other. And that  
 “ by his infinite Wisdom and Power he did  
 “ so guide and over-rule the Motions of these  
 “ Parts, at the beginning of things, as that  
 “ (whether in a shorter or a longer time  
 “ Reason cannot determine) they were fi-  
 “ nally disposed into that Beautiful and Or-  
 “ derly

“ derly Frame that we call the *World*; a-  
 “ mong whose Parts some were so curious-  
 “ ly contrived, as to be fit to become the  
 “ Seeds or seminal Principles of Plants and  
 “ Animals. And I further conceive, that  
 “ he settled such Laws or Rules of local  
 “ Motion, among the parts of the Univer-  
 “ sal Matter, that by his ordinary and pre-  
 “ serving Concourse the several parts of the  
 “ Universe thus once compleated, should  
 “ be able to maintain the great Constructi-  
 “ on or System and Oeconomy of the mun-  
 “ dane Bodies, and propagate the Species  
 “ of living Creatures. The same *Hypothesis*  
 he repeats again, *Pag.* 124, 125. of the  
 same Treatise.

This *Hypothesis*, I say, I cannot fully ac-  
 quiesce in, because an intelligent Being  
 seems to me requisite to execute the Laws  
 of Motion. For first Motion being a fluent  
 thing, and one part of its Duration being  
 absolutely independent upon another: it  
 doth not follow that because any thing  
 moves this moment, it must necessarily con-  
 tinue to do so the next; unless it were  
 actually possess'd of its future motion, which  
 is a contradiction, but it stands in as much  
 need of an Efficient to preserve and con-  
 tinue its motion as it did at first to pro-  
 duce it. Secondly, Let Matter be divided

into the subtilest parts imaginable, and these be moved as swiftly as you will; it is but a senseless and stupid Being still, and makes no nearer approach to Sense, Perception, or vital Energy than it had before; and do but only stop the internal Motion of its parts and reduce them to Rest, the finest and most subtile Body that is may become as gross, and heavy, and stiff as Steel or Stone. And as for any external Laws or established Rules of Motion, the stupid Matter is not capable of observing or taking any notice of them; but would be as fullen as the Mountain was that *Mahomet* commanded to come down to him, neither can those Laws execute themselves: Therefore there must besides Matter and Law be some Efficient; and that either a Quality or Power inherent in the Matter it self, which is hard to conceive, or some external intelligent Agent, either God himself immediately, or some *Plastick Nature*. This latter I incline to, for the Reasons alledged by *Dr. Cudworth* in his System, *Pag. 149.* which are; First, Because the former, according to vulgar apprehension, would render the Divine Providence operose, solicitous and distractious: and thereby make the belief of it entertained with greater difficulty, and give advantage to  
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Atheists. Secondly, It is not so decorous in respect of God, that he should ἀτρεγείν ἅπαντα, set his own hand as it were to every work, and immediately do all the meanest and triflingst things himself drudgingly, without making use of any inferior or subordinate Ministers. These two Reasons are plausible, but not cogent, the two following are of greater force. Thirdly, The slow and gradual Process that is in the generation of things, which would seem to be a vain and idle Pomp or trifling Formality, if the Agent were omnipotent. Fourthly, Those ἀμαρτήματα, as *Aristotle* calls them, those Errors and Bungles which are committed when the Matter is inept or contumacious, as in Monsters, &c. which argue the Agent not to be irresistible; and that Nature is such a thing as is not altogether incapable, as well as Human Art, of being sometimes frustrated and disappointed by the Indisposition of the Matter: Whereas an Omnipotent Agent would always do its Work infallibly and irresistibly, no ineptitude or stubbornness of the Matter being ever able to hinder such an one, or make him bungle or fumble in any thing. So far the Doctor. For my part, I should make no scruple to attribute the Formation of *Plants*, their

growth and nutrition to the vegetative Soul in them; and likewise the formation of *Animals* to the vegetative Power of their Souls; but that the Segments and Cuttings of some Plants, nay the very Chips and smallest Fragments of their Body, Branches, or Roots, will grow and become perfect Plants themselves, and so the vegetative Soul, if that were the Architect, would be divisible, and consequently no spiritual or intelligent Being; which the *Plastick Principle* must be, as we have shewn. For that must preside over the whole Oeconomy of the Plant, and be one single Agent, which takes care of the Bulk and Figure of the whole, and the Situation, Figure, Texture of all the Parts, Root, Stalk, Branches, Leaves, Flowers, Fruit, and all their Vessels and Juices. I therefore incline to *Dr. Cudworth's* Opinion, that God uses for these Effects the subordinate Ministry of some inferior *Plastick Nature*; as in his Works of Providence he doth of Angels. For the Description whereof I refer the Reader to his *System*.

Secondly, In particular I am difficult to believe, that the *Bodies* of *Animals* can be formed by Matter divided and moved by what Laws you will or can imagine, without the immediate Presidency, Direction  
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and Regulation of some intelligent Being. In the generation or first formation of, suppose the Human Body, out of (though not an Homogeneous Liquor, yet) a fluid Substance, the only material Agent or Mover is a moderate Heat. Now how this, by producing an intestine Motion in the Particles of the Matter, which can be conceived to differ in nothing else but Figure, Magnitude and Gravity, should by virtue thereof, not only separate the Heterogeneous Parts, but assemble the Homogeneous into Masses or Systems, and that not each kind into one Mass, but into many and disjointed ones, as it were so many Troups; and that in each Troup the particular Particles should take their places, and cast themselves into such a Figure; as for Example, the Bones being about 300 are formed of various sizes and shapes, so situate and connected, as to be subservient to many hundred Intentions and Uses, and many of them conspire to one and the same Action, this, I say, I cannot by any means conceive. I might instance in all the Homogeneous Parts of the Body, their Sites and Figures; and ask by what imaginable Laws of Motion their Bulk, Figure, Situation and Connection can be made out? What account can be given of the Valves, of the Veins  
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and Arteries of the Heart, and of the Veins elsewhere, and of their Situation; of the Figure and Consistency of all the the Humours and Membranes of the Eye, all conspiring and exactly fitted to the use of Seeing; but I have touched upon that already, and shall discourse of it largely afterward. You will ask me who or what is the Operator in the Formation of the Bodies of Man and other Animals? I answer, The sensitive Soul it self, if it be a spiritual and immaterial Substance, as I am inclineable to believe: But if it be material, and consequently the whole *Animal* but a mere Machine or *Automaton*, as I can hardly admit, then must we have recourse to a *Plastick Nature*.

That the Soul of Brutes is material, and the whole Animal, Soul and Body, but a mere Machine is the Opinion publicly owned and declared, of *Des Cartes*, *Gassendus*, *Dr. Willis* and others; the same is also necessarily consequent upon the Doctrine of the Peripateticks, *viz.* that the sensitive Soul is educed out of the Power of the Matter, For nothing can be educed out of the Matter, but what was there before, which must be either Matter or some Modification of it. And therefore they cannot grant it to be a spiritual Substance,

stance, unless they will assert it to be educed out of nothing. This Opinion, I say, I can hardly digest. I should rather think Animals to be endued with a lower Degree of Reason, than that they are mere Machines. I could instance in many Actions of *Brutes* that are hardly to be accounted for without Reason and Argumentation; as that commonly noted of Dogs, that running before their Masters they will stop at a divarication of the way, till they see which hand their Masters will take; and that when they have gotten a Prey, which they fear their Masters will take from them, they will run away and hide it, and afterwards return to it; and many the like Actions, which I shall not spend time to relate. Should this be true, that Beasts were *Automata* or Machines, they could have no sense or perception of Pleasure or Pain, and consequently no Cruelty could be exercised towards them; which is contrary to the doleful Significations they make when beaten or tormented, and contrary to the common Sence of Mankind, all Men naturally pitying them as apprehending them to have such a sense and feeling of Pain and Misery as themselves have; whereas no Man is troubled to see a Plant torn, or cut, or stamp'd, or mangled how you please, and  
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at least seemingly contrary to the Scripture too. For it is said, *Prov. 12. 10. A righteous Man regardeth the Life of his Beast; but the tender Mercies of the Wicked are cruel.* The former Clause is usually Englished, *A good Man is merciful to his Beast:* Which is the true Exposition of it; as appears by the opposite Clause, that the *Wicked are cruel.* What less then can be inferred from this place, then that cruelty may be exercised towards Beasts? which were they mere Machines it could not be. To which I do not see what can be answered, but that the Scripture accommodates it self to the common though false Opinion of Mankind, who take these Animals to be endued with sence of pain, and think that cruelty may be exercised towards them; though in reality there is no such thing. Besides, having the same Members and Organs of Sense as we have, it is very probable they have the same Sensations and Perceptions with us. To this *Des Cartes* answers or indeed saith, he hath nothing to answer; but that if they think as well as we, they have an immortal Soul as well as we: Which is not at all likely, because there is no reason to believe it of some Animals without believing it of all, whereas there are many too too imperfect to believe it of them, such as are

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*Oysters and Sponges and the like. To which I answer that there is no Necessity they should be immortal, because it is possible they may be destroyed or annihilated. But I shall not wade further into this Controversie, because it is beside my Scope, and there hath been as much written of it already as I have to say, by Dr. More, Dr. Cudworth, Des Cartes, Dr. Willis and others, Pro and Con.*

*Of the visible Works of God and their Division.*

I come now to take a view of the Works of the Creation, and to observe something of the Wisdom of God discernable in the Formation of them, in their Order and Harmony, and in their Ends and Uses. And first I shall run them over slightly, remarking chiefly what is obvious and exposed to the Eyes and notice of the more careless and incurious Observer. Secondly, I shall select one or two particular Pieces, and take a more exact survey of them; though even in these more will escape our notice than can be discovered by the most diligent Scrutiny: For our Eyes and Senses, however armed or assisted, are too gross to discern the Curiosity of the Workmanship of Na-

Nature, or those minute Parts by which it acts, and of which Bodies are composed and our Understanding too dark and infirm to discover and comprehend all the Ends and Uses to which the infinitely wise Creator did design them.

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But before I proceed, being put in mind thereof by the mention of the assistance of our Eyes, I cannot omit one general Observation concerning the curiosity of the Works of Nature in comparison of the Works of Art, which I shall propose in the late *Bishop of Chester's Words*. "The Observations which have been made in these latter times by the help of the *Microscope*, since we had the use and improvement of it, discover a vast difference between Natural and Artificial Things. Whatever is natural beheld through that appears exquisitely formed, and adorned with all imaginable Elegancy and Beauty. There are such inimitable gildings in the smallest Seeds of Plants, but especially in the parts of Animals, in the Head or Eye of a small Fly; such Accuracy, Order and Symmetry in the frame of the most minute Creatures, a *Louse*, for Example, or a *Mite*, as no Man were able to conceive without seeing of them. Whereas the most curious Works of Art, the sharp-

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“ est and finest Needle doth appear as a  
“ blunt rough Bar of Iron, coming from  
“ the Furnace or the Forge: the most ac-  
“ curate Engravings or Embossments seem  
“ such rude, bungling and deformed Work,  
“ as if they had been done with a Mattock  
“ or a Trowel, so vast a difference is there  
“ betwixt the Skill of Nature, and the  
“ Rudeness and Imperfection of Art. I  
“ might add, that the Works of Nature the  
“ better Lights and Glasses you use, the  
“ more clearer and exactly formed they ap-  
“ pear; whereas the effects of Human Art  
“ the more curiously they are viewed and  
“ examined, the more of Deformity they  
“ discover.

This being premised; for our more clear  
and distinct proceeding in our cursory View  
of the Creation, I shall rank the parts of  
this material and visible World under several  
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mate*. *Inanimate* Bodies are either *cælestial*  
or *terrestrial*. *Cælestial* as the *Sun, Moon*  
and *Stars*: *Terrestrial* are either *simple* as  
the four Elements, *Fire, Water, Earth and*  
*Air*; or *mixt*, either *imperfectly* as the *Me-  
teors*, or more *perfectly*, as *Stones, Metals,*  
*Minerals* and the like. *Animate* Bodies are  
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Soul, as *Plants*; or a *Sensitive* Soul, as  
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as the Bodies of *Animals, Birds, Beasts, Fishes and Insects*; or a *Rational Soul*, as the Body of *Man* and the Vehicles of *Angels*, if any such there be.

I make use of this Division to comply with the common and received Opinion, and for easier Comprehension and Memory; though I do not think it agreeable to Philosophick Verity and Accuracy; but do rather incline to the *Atomick Hypothesis*. For these Bodies we call *Elements* are not the only Ingredients of mixt Bodies; neither are they absolutely simple themselves, as they do exist in the World, the Sea-water containing a copious Salt manifest to Sense; and both Sea and Fresh-water sufficing to nourish many Species of Fish, and consequently containing the various parts of which their Bodies are compounded. And I believe there are many Species of Bodies which the *Peripateticks* call Mixt, which are as simple as the *Elements* themselves, as *Metals, Salts*, and some sorts of *Stones*. I should therefore with *Dr. Grew* and others, rather attribute the various Species of inanimate Bodies to the divers Figures of the minute Particles of which they are made up: And the reason why there is a set and constant number of them in the World, none destroyed, nor any new ones produced,



ced, I take to be, because the Sum of the Figures of those minute Bodies into which matter was at first divided, is determinate and fixt. 2. Because those minute parts are indivisible, not absolutely, but by any natural force; so that there neither is nor can be more or fewer of them: For were they divisible into small and diversly figured parts by Fire or any other natural Agent, the Species of Nature must be confounded, some might be lost and destroyed, but new ones would certainly be produced; unless we could suppose, these new diminutive Particles should again assemble and marshal themselves into corpuscles of such Figures as they compounded before; which I see no possibility for them to do, without some *θεός ἀπό μηχανῆς* to direct them: Not that I think these inanimate Bodies to consist wholly of one sort of *Atoms*, but that their Bulk consists mainly or chiefly of one sort. But whereas it may be objected that Metals, (which of all others seem to be most simple) may be transmuted one into another, and so the *Species* doth not depend upon the being compounded of *Atoms* of one Figure. I answer, I am not fully satisfied of the Matter of Fact: But if any such Transmutation be, possibly all Metals may be of one

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Species, and the diversity may proceed from the admixture of different Bodies with the Principles of the Metal. If it be asked, why may not Atoms of different Species concur to the composition of Bodies? and so though there be but a few sorts of original Principles may there not be produced infinite Species of compound Bodies, as by the various Dispositions and Combinations of Twenty Four Letters innumerable Words may be made up? I answer because the Heterogeneous Atoms or Principles are not naturally apt to cohere and stick together when they are mingled in the same Liquor, as the Homogeneous readily do.

I do not believe that the *Species* of Principles or indivisible Particles are exceeding numerous: But possibly the immediate component Particles of the Bodies of Plants and Animals may be themselves compounded.

*Of the Heavenly Bodies.*

Before I come to treat of the Heavenly Bodies in particular, I shall premise in general, That the whole Universe is divided into two sorts of Bodies, the one very thin and fluid, the other more dense, solid and  
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consistent. The thin and fluid is the *Ether*, comprehending the Air or Atmosphere encompassing the particular Stars and Planets. Now for the Stability and Perpetuity of the whole Universe, the Divine Wisdom and Providence hath given to the solid and Stable Parts a twofold Power, one of Gravity, the other of circular Motion. By the first they are preserved from Dissolution and Dissipation, which the second would otherwise infer. For it being by the Consent of Philosophers an innate Property of every body moved circularly about any Center to recede or endeavour to recede from that Center of its Motion, and the more strongly the swifter it is moved, the Stars and Planets being whirled about with great velocity, would suddenly did nothing inhibit it, at least in a short time, be shatter'd in pieces, and scattered every way through the *Ether*. But now their Gravity unites and binds them up fast, hindring the dispersion of their Parts. I will not dispute what Gravity is; only I will add, that for ought I have heard or read, the mechanical Philosophers have not as yet given a clear and satisfactory Account of it.

The second thing is a circular Motion upon their own *Axes*, and in some of them also, its probable, about other Points, if we admit the *Hypothesis* of every fixt Stars being a Sun or Sun-like Body, and having a Quire of Planets, in like manner, moving about him. These Revolutions we have reason to believe, are as exactly equal and uniform as the Earths are. Which could not be were there any place for chance; and did not a Providence continually oversee and secure them from all alteration or imminution, which either internal changes in their own parts, or external Accidents and Occurrences would at one time or other necessarily induce. Without this circular Motion of the Earth, here could be no living: one Hemisphere would be condemned to perpetual cold and darkness, the other continually roasted and parched by the Sun-beams. And it is reasonable to think, that this circular Motion is as necessary to all other planetary Bodies, as it is to the Earth. As for the fixt Stars, if they be Sun-like Bodies, it is probable also each of them moves circularly upon its own *Axes* as the Sun doth. But what necessity there is of such a Motion, for want of understanding the Nature of those Bodies, I must confess my self

self not yet to comprehend: though that it is very great I doubt not, both for themselves, and for the Bodies about them.

First, For the Cælestial or Heavenly Bodies, the Equability and Constancy of their Motions, the certainty of their Periods and Revolutions, the conveniency of their Order and Situations argue them to be ordained and governed by Wisdom and Understanding; yea so much Wisdom as Man cannot easily fathom or comprehend. For we see by how much the *Hypothesis* of Astronomers are more simple and conformable to Reason, by so much do they give a better account of the Heavenly Motions. It is reported of *Alphonsus* King of *Aragon*, I know not whether truly, that when he saw and considered the many *Eccentricks*, *Epicycles*, *Epicycles upon Epicycles*, *Librations*, and contrariety of Motions, which were requisite in the old *Hypothesis* to give an account of the *Cælestial Phænomena*, he should presume blasphemously to say, that the Universe was a bungling Piece; and that if he had been of God's Counsel, he could have directed him to have made it better. A Speech as rash and ignorant, as daring and prophane.

For it was nothing but Ignorance of the true Process of Nature that induced the Contrivers of that *Hypothesis* to invent such absurd Suppositions, and him to accept them for true, and attribute them to the great Author of the Heavenly Motions. For in the New *Hypothesis* of the modern Astronomers, we see most of those Absurdities and Irregularities rectified and removed, and I doubt not but they would all vanish, could we certainly discover the true Method and Process of Nature in those Revolutions. For seeing in those Works of Nature which we converse with, we constantly find those Axioms true, *Natura non facit circuitus*, Nature doth not fetch a Compass when it may proceed in a streight Line; and *Natura nec abundat in superfluis, nec deficit in necessariis*, Nature abounds not in what is superfluous, neither is deficient in what is necessary: We may also rationally conclude concerning the Heavenly Bodies, seeing there is so much Exactness observed in the time of their Motions, that they punctually come about in the same Periods to the hundredth part of a Minute, as may beyond Exception be demonstrated by comparing their Revolutions, surely there is also used the most simple, facile, and convenient way for the per-

performance of them. Among these Heavenly Bodies ;

First, The *Sun*, a vast Globe of Fire, esteemed by the ancients and most modest Computation above 160 times bigger than the Earth, the very Life of this inferior World, without whose salutary and vivifick Beams all Motion both Animal, Vital and Natural would speedily cease, and nothing be left here below but Darknes and Death: All Plants and Animals must needs in a very short time be not only mortified, but together with the Surface of Land and Water frozen as hard as Flint or Adamant: So that of all the Creatures of the World the ancient Heathen had most reason to worship him as a God, though no true reason; because he was but a Creature and not God: And we Christians to think that the Service of the Animals that live upon the Earth, and principally Man, was one end of his Creation; seeing without him there could no such things have been. This *Sun*, I say, according to the old *Hypothesis* whirled round about the Earth daily with incredible celerity, making Night and Day by his rising and setting: Winter and Summer by his access to the several Topicks, creating such a grateful variety of Seasons, enlightening all parts of the Earth by his

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Beams, and cherishing them by his Heat, situate and moved so in respect of this sublunary World, (and its likely also in respect of all the Planets about him) that Art and Counsel could not have designed either to have placed him better, or moved him more conveniently for the Service thereof; as I could easily make appear by the Inconveniencies that would follow upon the Supposition of any other situation and motion, shews forth the great Wisdom of him who so disposed and moved him.

Secondly, The *Moon*, a Body in all probability somewhat like the Earth we live upon, by its constant and regular Motion helps us to divide our time, reflects the Sun-beams to us, and so by illuminating the Air, takes away in some measure the disconsolate darkness of our Winter Nights, procures or at least regulates the Fluxes and Reflexes of the Sea, whereby the Water is kept in constant Motion, and preserved from Putrefaction, and so rendered more salutary for the maintenance of its Breed, and useful and serviceable for Man's conveniencies of Fishing and Navigation: not to mention the great Influence it is supposed to have upon all moist Bodies, and the growth and increase of Vegetables and Ani-



Animals: Men generally observing the Age of the Moon in the planting of all kind of Trees, sowing of Grain, grafting and inoculating, and pruning of Fruit-Trees, gathering of Fruit, cutting of Corn or Grass; and thence also making Prognosticks of Weather, because such Observations seem to me uncertain. Did this *Luminary* serve to no other ends and uses, as I am persuaded it doth many, especially to maintain the Creatures which in all likelihood breed and inhabit there, for which I refer you to the ingenious Treatises written by *Bishop Wilkins* and *Monsieur Fontenelle* on that subject, yet these were enough to evince it to be the Effect and Product of Divine Wisdom and Power.

Thirdly, As for the rest of the *Planets*; besides their particular Uses, which are to us unknown, or merely conjectural, their Courses and Revolutions, their Stations and Retrogradations, observed constantly so many Ages together in most certain and determinate Periods of time, do sufficiently demonstrate that their Motions are instituted and governed by Counsel, Wisdom and Understanding.

Fourthly, The like may be said of the *fixt Stars* whose Motions are regular, equal and constant. So that we see nothing in the  
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the Heavens which argues Chance, Vanity, or Error ; but on the contrary, Rule, Order and Constancy ; the Effects and Arguments of Wisdom: Wherefore as *Cicero* excellently concludes, *Cælestem ergo admirabilem ordinem, incredibilemque constantiam, ex qua conservatio & salus omnium omnis oritur, qui vacare mente putat, næ ipse mentis expertus habendus est* : Wherefore whosoever thinketh that the admirable Order and incredible Constancy of the Heavenly Bodies and their Motions, whereupon the Preservation and Welfare of all things doth depend, is not governed by Mind and Understanding, he himself is to be accounted void thereof. And again, Shall we (saith he) when we see an artificial Engine, as a Sphere, or Dyal, or the like, at first sight acknowledge, that it is a work of Reason and Art: *Cùm autem impetum cæli, admirabili cum celeritate moveri vertique videamus, constantissimè conficientem vicissitudines anniversarias, cum summâ Salute & Conservatione rerum omnium, dubitare quin ea non solum ratione fiant, sed excellenti quâdam Divinâque ratione* : And can we when we see the force of the Heavens moved and whirled about with admirable Celerity, most constantly finishing its anniversary Vicissitudes, to the eminent Welfare and Preservation

vation of all things, doubt at all that these things are performed not only by Reason, but by a certain excellent and divine Reason.

To these things I shall add an Observation, which I must confess my self to have borrowed of the honourable Person more than once mentioned already, that even the *Eclipses* of the *Sun* and *Moon*, though they be frightful things to the superstitious Vulgar, and of ill influence on Mankind, if we may believe the no less superstitious Astrologers, yet to knowing Men, that can skilfully apply them, they are of great Use, and such as common Heads could never have imagined: Since not only they may on divers Occasions help or settle *Chronology*, and rectifie the Mistakes of *Historians* that writ many Ages ago; but which is, though a less Wonder, yet of greater Utility, they are (as things yet stand) necessary to define with competent Certainty, the Longitude of places or points on the Terraqueous Globe, which is a thing of very great moment not only to *Geography*, but to the most useful and important Art of *Navigation*. To which may be added, which I shall hereafter mention, that they serve to demonstrate the spherical roundness of the Earth. So that I may well conclude  
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with the Psalmist, Psalm 19. 1. *The Heavens declare the Glory of God, and the Firmament sheweth his handy Work.*

*Of Terrestrial and inanimate simple Bodies.*

I come now to consider the Terrestrial Bodies; I shall say nothing of the whole Body of the Earth in general, because I reserve that as one of the Particulars I shall more carefully and curiously examine.

Terrestrial Bodies according to our Method before propounded are either *inanimate* or *animate*, and the *inanimate* either *simple* or *mixt*: *Simple*, as the four *Elements*, *Fire*, *Water*, *Earth* and *Air*; I call these *Elements* in compliance (as I said before) with the vulgarly received Opinion; not that I think them to be the Principles or component Ingredients of all other sublunary Bodies: I might call them the four great Aggregates of Bodies of the same Species, or four sorts of Bodies of which there are great Aggregates. These notwithstanding they are endued with contrary Qualities, and are continually encroaching one upon another, yet they are so balanced and kept in such an *æquilibrium*, that neither prevaileth over other,  
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First, *Fire* cherisheth and reviveth by its Heat, without which all things would be torpid and without Motion, nay without Fire no Life; it being the vital Flame residing in the Blood that keeps the bodily Machine in Motion, renders it a fit Organ for the Soul to work by. The Uses of Fire (I do not here speak of the Peripatetics Elementary Fire in the Concave of the Moon, which is but a mere Figment, but our ordinary Culinary) are in a manner infinite for dressing and preparing of Victuals baked, boiled and roast; for melting and refining of Metals and Minerals; for the Fusion of Glass, a Material whose Uses are so many that it is not easie to enumerate them, it serving us to make Windows for our Houses, drinking Vessels, Vessels to contain and preserve all sorts of fermented Liquors, destilled Waters, Spirits, Oils, Extracts, and other Chymical Preparations, as also Vessels to destil and prepare them in; for Looking-Glasses, Spectacles, Microscopes and Telescopes, whereby our Sight is not only relieved, but wonderfully assisted to make rare Discoveries: For making all sorts of Instruments for Husbandry, mechanick Arts and Trades, all sorts

forts of Arms or Weapons of War defensive and offensive; for fulminating Engines; for burning of Lime, baking of Bricks, Tiles, and all sorts of Potters Vessels or earthen Ware; for casting and forging metalline Vessels and Utensils; for Distillations, and all Chymical Operations hinted before in the use of Glass, For affording us Lights for any Work or Exercise in Winter Night; for digging in Mines and dark Caverns: And finally by its comfortable Warmth securing us from the injuries of Cold, or relieving when we have been bitten and benumbed with it. A Subject or Utensil of so various and inexplicable use, who could have invented and formed, but an infinitely wise and powerful Efficient?

Secondly, The *Air* serves us and all Animals to breath in, containing the Fewel of that vital Flame we spake of, without which it would speedily languish and go out. So necessary is it for us and other Land-Animals, that without the use of it we could live but very few Minutes: Nay Fishes and other Water-Animals cannot abide without the use of it: For if you put Fish into a Vessel of a narrow Mouth full of Water, they will live and swim there, not only Days and Months, but even Years.

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But if with your Hand or any other cover you stop the Vessel so as wholly to exclude the Air, or interrupt its communication with the Water, they will suddenly be suffocated; as *Rondeletius* affirms he often experimented: If you fill not the Vessel up to the top, but leave some space empty for the Air to take up, and then clap your hand upon the mouth of the Vessel; the Fishes will presently contend which shall get uppermost in the Water, that so they may enjoy the open Air; which I have also observed them to do in a Pool of Water that hath been almost dry in the Summer-time because the Air that insinuated it self into the Water did not suffice them for Respiration. Neither is it less necessary for Insects than it is for other Animals but rather more, these having more Air-vessels for their Bulk by far than they, there being many Orifices on each side their Bodies for the admission of Air, which if you stop with Oil or Honey, the Insect presently dies, and revives no more. This was an Observation of the Ancients, though the reason of it they did not understand (*Oleo illito Insecta omnia exanimantur. Plin.*) which was nothing but the intercluding of the Air; for though you put Oil upon them, if you put it not upon or obstruct those

those Orifices therewith whereby they draw the Air, they suffer nothing: If you obstruct only some and not others, the parts which are near and supplied with Air from thence are by and by convulsed and shortly relaxed and deprived of Motion, the rest that were untoucht still retaining it. Nay more than all this, Plants themselves have a kind of Respiration, being furnished with plenty of Vessels for the derivation of Air to all their parts, as hath been observed, nay first discovered by that great and curious Naturalist *Malpighius*. Another use of the Air is to sustain the flight of Birds and Insects. Moreover by its gravity it raises the Water in Pumps, Siphons and other Engines, and performs all those feats which former Philosophers through Ignorance of the Efficient Cause attributed to a Final, namely Natures abhorrence of a Vacuity or empty space. The elastick or expansive Faculty of the Air, whereby it dilates it self, when compressed (indeed this lower Region of it by reason of the weight of the superincumbent is always in a compressed State) hath been made use of in the common Weather-glasses, in Wind-guns, and in several ingenious Water-works, and doubtless hath a great Interest in many natural Effects and Operations.

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Against what we have said of the necessity of the Air for the maintenance of the Vital Flame, it may be objected, That the *Fætus* in the Womb Lives; its Heart Pulsés; and its Blood Circulates; and yet it draws in no Air, neither hath the Air any access to it. To which I Answer, That it doth receive Air so much as is sufficient for it in its present state from the maternal Blood by the *Placenta uterina*, or the *Cotyledones*. This Opinion generally propounded, *viz.* That the Respiration of the Dam, did serve the *Fætus* also; or supply sufficient Air to it, I have met with in Books, but the explicit Notion of it I owe to my Learned and worthy Friend Dr. *Edward Hulse*, which comparing with mine own Anatomical Observations, I found so consonant to Reason, and highly probable, that I could not but yield a firm Assent to it. I say then, That the chief Use of the Circulation of the Blood thro' the *Cotyledones* of a Calf in the Womb, (which I have often dissected) and by Analogy through the *Placenta uterina* in an Humane *Fætus*, seems to be the Impregnation of the Blood with Air; for the feeding of the *vital Flame*. For if it were only for Nutrition, what need of two such great Arteries to convey the Blood thi-

ther? It would (one might rationally think) be more likely, that as in the *Abdomen* of every Animal, so here there should have been some lacteal Veins formed, beginning from the *Placenta*, or *Cotyledons*, which concurring in one common *ductus*, should at last empty themselves into the *vena cava*. Secondly, I have observed in a Calf, the umbilical Vessels to terminate in certain Bodies divided into a multitude of carneous *papillæ*, as I may so call them, which are received into so many Sockets of the *Cotyledons* growing on the Womb; which carneous *papillæ* may without force or laceration be drawn out of those Sockets. Now these *papillæ* do well resemble the *Aristæ* or *radii* of a Fishes Gills, and very probably have the same use to take in the Air. So that the maternal Blood which flows to the *Cotyledones*, and encircles these *papillæ*, communicates by them to the Blood of the *Fætus*, the Air wherewith it self is impregnate; as the Water flowing about the carneous *radii* of the Fishes Gills doth the Air that is lodged therein to them. Thirdly, That the maternal Blood flows most copiously to the *Placenta uterina* in Women, is manifest from the great Hemorrhagy that succeeds the separation thereof at the Birth. Fourthly, After the  
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Stomach and Intestines are formed, the *fœtus* seems to take in its whole nourishment by the Mouth; there being always found in the Stomach of a Calf, plenty of the Liquor contained in the *Amnios* wherein he swims, and *fæces* in his Intestines, and a bundance of Urine in the *Allantoides*. So that the *fœtus* in the Womb doth live as it were the Life of a Fish. Lastly, Why else should there be such an instant necessity of Respiration so soon as ever the *fœtus* is fallen off from the Womb?

I know that if the *Fœtus* be taken out of the Womb inclosed in the *Secundines*, it will continue to live, and the Blood to circulate for a considerable time, as Dr. *Harvey* observes. The reason whereof I conceive to be, because the Blood still circulates through the *Cotyledons* or *Placenta*, which are now exposed to the open Air, and so from thence receives sufficient supplies thereof, to continue its gentle Motion, and feed the vital Flame. But when upon exclusion of the Young the umbilical Vessels are broken, and no more Air is received that way; the Plastick Nature, to preserve the Life of the Animal, speedily raises the Lungs, and draws in to them Air in great abundance, which causes a suddain and mighty accension in the Blood; to the

maintenance whereof a far greater quantity of Air is requisite, then would serve to feed the mild and languid Flame before.

This way we may give a facile and very probable account of it, to wit, because receiving no more Communications of Air from its Dam or Mother, it must needs have a speedy supply from without, or else extinguish and die for want of it: Being not able to live longer without Air at its first Birth, than it can do afterward.

Upon this occasion give me leave to discourse a little concerning the Airs insinuating it self into the Water. I say therefore, That the Air, at least that part of it which is the Aliment of Fire, and Fewel of the vital Flame in Animals, easily penetrates the Body of Water exposed to it, and diffuseth it self through every part of it. Hence it is that we find Fish in subterraneous Rivers, and Fossil Fish in the Earth it self; which can no more live without Air there than in the open Waters: Hence the Miners when they come once at Water, are out of all danger of damps. You'll say, how gets the Air into the Water in Subterraneous Rivers, and into the Earth to the Fossil Fishes? I answer, The same way that the Water doth: which I suppose to be by its upper Superficies; the Water descend-

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ing by Pores and Passages that there it finds into Chinks and Veins, and by a Confluence of many of them by degrees swelling into a Stream, the Air accompanies and follows it by a constant Succession. As for Fossil Fishes, some make their way into the Earth up the Veins of Water opening into the Banks of Rivers, where they lie till they grow so great that they cannot return: in which Veins they find Air enough to serve their turn, needing not much by reason that they lie still, and move but little. Others in times of floods are left in the Meadows, and with the Water sink into the Earth at some holes and pores that the Water finds or makes, by which also they are supplied with Air. The reason why the Miners are out of danger of damps when they come to Water I conceive is, because then presently the Air that stagnated in the Shaft sinks into the Water, and fresh Air descends and succeeds; and so there is a Circulation; in the same manner as by the sinking of an Air-shaft the Air hath liberty to circulate, and carry out the steams both of the Miners breath and the Damps, which would otherwise stagnate there. Indeed, though there were no damps, yet the nitrous part of the Air being spent and consumed by the

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breathing of the Miners, the remaining part would be rendred altogether unfit for respiration unless new and fresh Air could succeed.

And here methinks appears a necessity of bringing in the Agency of some Superintendent intelligent Being, be it a *Plastick Nature*, or what you will. For what else should put the Diaphragm, and all the Muscles serving to Respiration in motion all of a sudden so soon as ever the *Fætus* is brought forth? Why could they not have rested as well as they did in the Womb? What aileth them that they must needs bestir themselves to get in Air to maintain the Creatures life? Why could they not patiently suffer it to die? That the Air of it self could not rush in is clear; for that on the contrary there is required some force to remove the incumbent Air, and make room for the external to enter. You will say the Spirits do at this time flow to the Organs of Respiration, the Diaphragm and other Muscles which concur to that action, and move them. But what rouses the Spirits which were quiescent during the continuance of the *fætus* in the Womb? Here is no appearing impellent but the external Air, the Body suffering no change but of place, out of its close and warm Prison in-

to the open and cool Air. But how or why that should have such influence upon the Spirits, as to drive them into those Muscles electively, I am not subtil enough to discern. As for the Respiration of the Chick in the Egg, I suppose the Air not only to be included in the White, but also to be supply'd thro' the Shell and Membranes.

Thirdly, *Water* is one part, and that not the least of our Sustenance, and that affords the greatest share of Matter in all Productions; containing in it the Principles or minute component Particles of all Bodies. To speak nothing of those inferior Uses of Washing and Bathing, Dressing and Preparing of Victuals. But if we shall consider the great *Conceptacula* and Congregations of Water, and the distribution of it all over the dry Land in Springs and Rivers; there will occur abundant Arguments of Wisdom and Understanding. The Sea, what infinite variety of Fishes doth it nourish? *Psalms* 104. 25. In the Verse next to my Text. *The Earth is full of thy Riches. So is this great and wide Sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great Beasts, &c.* How doth it exactly compose it self to a level or equal Superficies, and with the Earth make up one spherical

Roundness? How doth it constantly observe its Ebbs and Flows, its Spring and Nepe- tides, and still retain its saltness so conve- nient for the maintenance of its Inhabitants? serving also the Uses of Man for Naviga- tion, and the convenience of Carriage. That it should be defined by Shores and Strands and Limits, I mean at first, when it was natural to it to overflow and stand above the Earth. All these particulars de- clare abundance of Wisdom in their primi- tive Constitution. This last the Psalmist takes notice of in the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th Verses of this Psalm. Speaking of the Earth at the first Creation, he saith, *Thou coveredst it with the Deep as with a Gar- ment, the Waters stood above the Mountains. At thy Rebuke they fled, at the Voice of thy Thunder they hasted away. (The Moun- tains ascend, the Valleys descend) unto the place thou hast prepared for them. Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass o- ver: That they turn not again to cover the Earth.* Having my self seen so much of the bottom of the Sea round about the Coasts of *England*, and a great part of the *Low- Countries*, of *Italy* and *Sicily*, I must needs adhere to what I delivered, That where the bottom of the Sea is not Rocky, but Earth, Owze or Sand, and that is incomparably the



the greatest part of it, it is by the Motion of the Waters, so far as the Reciprocation of the Sea extends to the bottom, brought to a level; and if it should be now unequal would in time be levelled again. By level I do not mean so as to have no declivity, (for the Reciprocation preserves that, the Floud hindring the constant carrying down of the bottom) but only to have an equal and uniform descent from the Shores to the Deeps. Now all those Relations of Urinators belong only to those places where they have dived, which are always rocky. For there is no reason why they should dive where the bottom is level and sandy. That the Motion of the Water descends to a good depth, I prove from those Plants that grow deepest in the Sea, because they all generally grow flat in manner of a Fan, and not with branches on all sides like Trees; which is so contrived by the Providence of Nature, for that the edges of them do in that posture with most ease cut the Water flowing to and fro; and should the flat side be objected to the stream, it would soon be turn'd edge wise by the force of it, because in that site it doth least resist the Motion of the Water: whereas did the Branches of those Plants grow round they would be thrown down  
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backward and forward every Tide. Nay not only the Herbaceous and Woody Submarine Plants, but also the *Lithophyta* themselves affect this manner of growing, as I have observed in various kinds of *Corals* and *Pori*. Hence I suspect all those Relations concerning Trees growing at the bottom of the Sea, and bringing forth Fruit there: and as for the *Maldiva Nut*, till better Information I adhere to *Garcias* his Opinion, which may be seen in *Clusius*. Further I do believe, that in the great depths of the Sea there grow no Plants at all, the bottom being too remote from the external Air, which though it may pierce the Water so low, yet I doubt whether in quantity sufficient for the Vegetation of Plants: Nay, we are told that in those deep and bottomless Seas, there are no Fish at all; yet not because there are no Plants or Insects to feed them, for that they can live upon Water alone, *Rondeletius* his Experiment about keeping them in a Glass doth undeniably prove, but because their Spawn would be lost in those Seas, the bottom being too cold for it to quicken there.

Again, the great use and convenience, the beauty and variety of so many Springs and Fountains, so many Brooks and Rivers,  
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so many Lakes and standing Pools of Water, and these so scattered and dispersed all the Earth over; that no great part of it is destitute of them, without which it must without a supply other ways be desolate and void of Inhabitants; afford abundant Arguments of Wisdom and Counsel. That Springs should break forth on the sides of Mountains most remote from the Sea. That there should way be made for Rivers thro' Straits and Rocks, and subterraneous Vaults, so that one would think that Nature had cut a way on purpose to derive the Water, which else would overflow and drown whole Countries. That the Water passing through the Veins of the Earth, should be rendred fresh and potable, which it cannot be by any percolations we can make, but the saline Particles will pass through a tenfold Filtre. That in some places there should spring forth metallick and mineral Waters, and hot Baths, and these so constant and permanent for many Ages; so convenient for divers medicinal Intentions and Uses, the Causes of which things, or the Means and Methods by which they are performed, have not been as yet certainly discovered; only in general *Pliny's* Remark may be true, *Tales sunt aquæ, qualis terra per quam fluunt.* Hence they

they are Cold, Hot, Sweet, Stinking, Purgative, Diuretick or Ferrugineous, Saline, Petrifying, Bituminose, Venenose, and of other Qualities.

Lastly, The *Earth*, which is the basis and support of all Animals and Plants, and affords them the hard and solid part of their Bodies, yielding us Food and Sustenance and partly also Cloathing. How variously is the Surface of it distinguished into Hills, and Valleys, and Plains, and high Mountains affording pleasant Prospects? how curiously cloathed and adorned with grateful verdure of Herbs and stately Trees, either dispersed and scattered singly, or as it were assembled in Woods and Groves, and all these beautified and illustrated with elegant Flowers and Fruits, *quorum omnium incredibilis multitudo, insatiabili varietate distinguitur*, as *Tully* saith. This also shews forth to them that consider it both the Power and Wisdom of God: So that we may conclude with *Solomon*, *Prov. 3. 19. The Lord by Wisdom hath founded the Earth, by Understanding hath he established the Heavens.*

But now, if we pass from Simple to Mixt Bodies, we shall still find more matter of Admiration and Argument of Wisdom. Of these we shall first consider

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## Of Meteors.

As first of all *Rain*, which is nothing else but Water by the heat of the Sun divided into very small invisible Parts, ascending in the Air, till encountering the Cold, it be by degrees condensed into Clouds and descends in Drops; this tho' it be exhaled from the Salt Sea, yet by this Natural Destillation is rendred Fresh and Potable, which our Artificial Destillations have hitherto been hardly able to effect; notwithstanding the eminent use it would be of to Navigators, and the rewards promised to those that should resolve that Problem of destilling Fresh Water out of Salt. That the Clouds should be so carried about by the Winds, as to be almost equally dispersed and distributed, no part of the Earth wanting convenient Showers, unless when it pleaseth God for the punishment of a Nation to withhold Rain by a special Interposition of his Providence; or if any Land wants Rain, they have a supply some other way, as the Land of *Egypt*, though there seldom falls any Rain there, yet hath abundant recompence

pence made it by the annual overflowing of the River. This Distribution of the Clouds and Rain is to me (I say) a great Argument of Providence and divine Disposition; for else I do not see but why there might be in some Lands continual successive Droughts for many Years, till they were quite depopulated; in others as lasting Rains, till they were overflowed and drowned; and these, if the Clouds moved casually, often happening; whereas since the ancientest Records of History we do not read or hear of any such droughts or inundations, unless perhaps that of *Cyprus*, wherein there fell no Rain there for Thirty Six Years, till the Island was almost quite deserted, in the Reign of *Constantine*.

Again, if we consider the manner of the Rains descent, destilling down gradually and by drops, which is most convenient for the watering of the Earth, whereas if it should fall down in a continued Stream like a River, it would gall the Ground, wash away Plants by the Roots, overthrow Houses, and greatly incommode, if not suffocate Animals; If, I say, we consider these things and many more that might be added, we might in this respect also cry out with the Apostle, *O the Depth*

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of the Riches both of the Wisdom and Knowledge of God!

Secondly, Another Meteor is the *Wind*; which how many Uses it doth serve to is not easie to enumerate, but many it doth: *viz.* To ventilate and break the Air, and dissipate noisom and contagious Vapours, which other wise stagnating might occasion many Diseases in Animals; and therefore it is an Observation concerning our Native Country, *Anglia ventosa, si non ventosa venenosa*: To transfer the Clouds from place to place, for the more commodious watering of the Earth. To temper the excesses of the Heat, as they find, who in *Brasil, New Spain*, the Neighbouring Islands, and other the like Countries near the Equator reap the Benefit of the Breezes. To fill the Sails of Ships, and carry them on their Voyages to remote Countries; which of what eminent advantage it is to Mankind, for the procuring and continuing of Trade and mutual Commerce between the most distant Nations, the illustrating every corner of the Earth, and the perfecting Geography and natural History, is apparent to every Man. That the Monsoons and Trade Winds should be so constant and periodical even to the thirtieth Degree of Latitude all round the Globe, and that they

they should so seldom transgress or fall short of those bounds, is a Subject worthy of the Thoughts of the greatest Philosophers. To this may be added the driving about of Windmills for grinding of Corn, making of Oil, draining of Pools, raising of Water, sawing of Wood, fulling of Cloth, &c. That it should seldom or never be so violent and boisterous, as to overturn Houses; yea whole Cities; to tear up Trees by the Roots, and prostrate Woods; to drive the Sea over the lower Countries; as were it the effect of Chance, or meer natural Causes not moderated by a superior Power, it would in all likelihood often do. Hurricanes, Spouts, and Inundations would be more frequent than they are. All these things declare the Wisdom and Goodness of Him *who bringeth the Wind out of his Treasures.*

*Of Inanimate mixt Bodies.*

I proceed now to such inanimate Bodies as are called *Perfectè mixta*, perfectly mixt, improperly enough, they being many of them (for ought I know) as simple as those they call Elements. These are *Stones, Metals, Minerals and Salts.*



In *Stones*, which one would think were a neglected *Genus*, What variety? What beauty and elegance? What constancy in their temper and consistency, in their *Figures* and *Colours*? I shall speak of first some notable *Qualities* wherewith some of them are endued. Secondly, The remarkable *Uses* they are of to us. The *Qualities* I shall instance in are first *Colour*, which in some of them is most lively, sparkling, and beautiful; the *Carbuncle* or *Rubine* shining with red, the *Sapphire* with blue, the *Emerauld* with green, the *Topaz* or *Chrysolite* of the Ancients with a yellow or gold colour, the *Amethyst* as it were tinged with Wine, the *Opal* varying its colours like changeable *Taffaty*, as it is diversly exposed to the Light. Secondly, *Hardness*, wherein some *Stones* exceed all other *Bodies*, and among them the *Adamant* all other *Stones*, being exalted to that degree thereof, that Art in vain endeavours to counterfeit it, the factitious *Stones* of *Chymists* in imitation being easily detected by any ordinary *Lapidist*. Thirdly, *Figure*, many of them shoot into regular *Figures*, as *Crystal* and bastard *Diamonds* into *Hexagonal*; others into those that are more elegant and compounded, as those formed in imitation of the *Shells* of testaceous *Fishes*

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of all sorts, Sharks Teeth and Vertebres, &c. If these be originally Stones, or primary Productions of Nature in imitation of Shells and Fishes Bones, and not the Shells and Bones themselves petrified, as we have sometimes thought. Some have a kind of vegetation and resemblance of Plants, as *Corals*, *Pori* and *Fungites*, which grow upon the Rocks like Shrubs: To which I might add our ordinary *Star-stones* and *Trochites*, which I look upon as a sort of Rock-Plants.

Secondly, For the Uses; some serve for Building and many sorts of Vessels and Utensils; for Pillars and Statues and other carved Works in *relieve*, for the Temples, Ornament of Palaces, Portico's, Piazzas, Conduits, &c. as *Freestone* and *Marble*; some to burn into Lime as *Chalk* and *Limestone*: Some with the mixture of *Beriglia* or *Kelp* to make Glass, as that the *Venetians* call *Cuogolo*, and common *Flints* which serve also to strike Fire; some to cover Houses as *Slates*; some for marking as *Morochthus*, and the forementioned *Chalk*, which is a *πολύχρησον*, serving moreover for manuring Land, and some medicinal Uses; some to make Vessels of which will endure the fire; as that found in the Country of *Chiavenna* near *Plurs*.

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To these useful Stones I might add the *Warming-stone*, digged in *Cornwal*, which being once well heated at the fire retains its warmth a great while, and hath been found to give ease and relief in several Pains and Diseases, particularly that of the internal Hæmorrhoids. I might also take notice that some Stones are endued with an *Electrical* or attractive Vertue. “ My  
 “ honoured Friend Dr. *Tancred Robinson* in  
 “ his *Manuscript Itinerary of Italy* relates  
 “ the many various Figures he observ’d na-  
 “ turally delineated and drawn on several  
 “ sorts of Stones digg’d up in the Quarries,  
 “ Caverns, and Rocks about *Florence* and  
 “ other parts of *Italy*, not only representing  
 “ Cities, Mountains, Ruines, Clouds, Orien-  
 “ tal Characters, Rivers, Woods, Animals,  
 “ but also some Plants (as Ivy, Mosses,  
 “ Maiden-hair, Ferns, and such Vegetables  
 “ as grow in those places) so exactly de-  
 “ sign’d and impress’d upon several kinds  
 “ of Stones, as tho’ some skilful Painters or  
 “ Sculpters had been working upon them;  
 “ the *Doctor* observes also the wonderful  
 “ diversity of Shapes and Colours that  
 “ Oars and other Fossils shoot into, re-  
 “ sembling almost every thing in Nature,  
 “ for which it seems very difficult to him  
 “ to assign any Cause or Principle; in the

“ *Pyrites* alone he believes he himself may  
 “ have seen at home and abroad above a  
 “ hundred Varieties, and yet he confesses he  
 “ has been but a rude Observer of them.  
 “ In the Diaphanous Fossils (as Ambers,  
 “ Chrystals, Agates, &c.) preserv’d in the  
 “ Cabinets of the great *Duke of Tuscany*,  
 “ *Cardinal Chigi, Settali, Moscardi*, and other  
 “ Repositories or Musæum’s of that curi-  
 “ ous Country, he takes notice of the ad-  
 “ mirable diversity of Bodies included and  
 “ naturally imprison’d within them, as  
 “ Flies, Spiders, Frogs, Locusts, Bees,  
 “ Pismires, Gnats, Grasshoppers, drops of  
 “ Liquor, Hair, Leaves, Rushes, Moss,  
 “ Seeds and other Herbage; which seem to  
 “ prove them to have been once in a state  
 “ of Fluidity. The *Bononia* Stone digg’d  
 “ up in the *Appennines* is remarkable for its  
 “ shining quality, The *Amianthus* for its  
 “ Incombustibility; The *Oculus Mundi* for  
 “ its motion and change of Colour. The  
 “ *Lapis Nephriticus, Calaminaris, Cistiocolla*,  
 “ *Ætites*, &c. for their medicinal Uses.

I might spend much time in the dis-  
 coursing of the most strange and unaccount-  
 able Nature and Powers of the Loadstone,  
 a Subject which hath exercised the Wits  
 and Pens of the most acute and ingenious  
 Philosophers; and yet the *Hypotheses* which  
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they have invented to give an account of its admirable *phænomena* seem to me lame and unsatisfactory. What can we say of the subtlety, activity, and penetrancy of its *effluvia*, which no obstacle can stop or repel, but they will make their way thro' all sorts of Bodies, firm and fluid, dense and rare, heavy and light, pellucid and opake: Nay they will pass through a vacuity or empty space, at least devoid of Air and any other sensible Body. Its attractive power of Iron was known to the Ancients, its verticity and direction to the Poles of the Earth is of later Invention: Which of how infinite advantage it hath been to these two or three last Ages, the great Improvement of Navigation and advancement of Trade and Commerce by rendring the remotest Countries easily accessible, the noble Discovery of a vast Continent or new World, besides a multitude of unknown Kingdoms and Islands, the resolving experimentally those ancient Problems of the Spherical roundness of the Earth; of the Being of *Antipodes*, of the Habitableness of the *Torrid Zone*, and the rendring the whole Terraqueous Globe circumnavigable, do abundantly demonstrate; whereas formerly they were wont to coast it, and creep along the Shores, scarce daring

to venture out of the Ken of Land, when they did having no other guide but the *Cynosura* or Pole-star and those near it, and in cloudy weather none at all.

As for *Metals*, they are so many ways useful to Mankind, and those Uses so well known to all, that it would be lost labour to say any thing of them: Without the use of these we could have nothing of culture or civility: No Tillage or Agriculture; no Reaping or Mowing; no Plowing or Digging; no Pruning or Lopping; Grafting or Infition; no mechanical Arts or Trades; no Vessels or Utensils of Household-stuff; no convenient Houses or Edifices; no Shipping or Navigation. What a kind of barbarous and sordid Life we must necessarily have lived, the *Indians* in the Northern parts of *America* are a clear demonstration. Only it is remarkable, that those which are of most frequent and necessary use, as Iron, Brass and Lead, are the most common and plentiful: Others that are more rare, may better be spared, yet are they thereby qualified to be made the common measure and standard of the value of all other Commodities, and so to serve for Coin or Money, to which use they have been employed by all civil Nations in all Ages. Of these Gold is remarkable for  
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its admirable Ductility and Ponderosity, wherein it excels all other Bodies hitherto known. I shall only add concerning Metals, that they do pertinaciously resist all Transmutation; and though one would sometimes think they were turned into a different Substance, yet do they but as it were lurk under a *Larva* or Vizzard, and may be reduced again into their natural Form and Complexions, in despite of all the Tortures of Vulcan or corrosive Waters. *Note, That this was written above Thirty Years since, when I thought I had reason to distrust what ever had then been reported or written to affirm the Transmutation of Metals one into another.*

I shall omit the consideration of other Minerals, and of Salts and Earths, because I have nothing to say of their Uses, but only such as refer to Man, which I cannot affirm to have been the sole or primary End of the Formation of them. Indeed to speak in general of these Terrestrial inanimate Bodies, they having no such organization of parts as the Bodies of Animals, nor any so intricate variety of Texture, but that their production may plausibly be accounted for by an *Hypothesis* of matter divided into minute Particles or Atoms naturally indivisible, of various but

a determinate number of Figures, and perhaps also differing in Magnitude, and these moved, and continually kept in motion according to certain established Laws or Rules; we cannot so clearly discover the Uses for which they were Created, but may probably conclude that among other Ends they were made for those for which they serve us and other Animals. It is here to be noted, That according to our *Hypothesis*, the number of the Atoms of each several kind that is of the same Figure and Magnitude is not nearly equal; but there be infinitely more of some *Species* than of others, as of those that compound those vast Aggregates of *Air, Water* and *Earth*, more abundantly than of such as make up *Metals* and *Minerals*: The reason whereof may probably be, because those are necessary to the Life and Being of Man and all other Animals, and therefore must be always at hand; these only useful to Man, and serving rather his Conveniences than Necessities. The reason why I affirm the minute component Particles of Bodies to be naturally indivisible by any Agent we can employ, even Fire it self (which is the only Catholick Dissolvent, other *menstruums* being rather Instruments than Efficientes in all Solutions, apt by reason of the Figure and

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smallness of their Parts to cut and divide other Bodies, (as Wedges cleave Wood) when actuated by fire or its heat, which else would have no efficacy at all; as Wedges have not unless driven by a Beetle :) the reason, I say, I have already given; I shall now instance in a Body whose minute Parts appear to be indissoluble by the force of Fire, and that is common Water, which distill, boil, circulate, work upon how you will by Fire, you can only dissolve it into Vapour, which when the Motion ceases easily returns into Water again; Vapour being nothing else but the minute Parts thereof by heat agitated and separated one from another. For another Instance, some of the most learned and experienced Chymists do affirm Quick-silver to be intransmutable, and therefore call it *Liquor æternus*. And I am of opinion that the same holds of all simple Bodies, that their component Particles are indissoluble, by any natural Agent.

We may here note the Order and Method that Metals and Minerals observe in their Growth, how regularly they shoot, ferment, and as it were vegetate and regenerate; Salts in their proper and constant Figures, as our ingenious Country-Man Dr. Jordan observes at large in his  
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his Discourse of Baths and Mineral Waters.

*Of Vegetables or Plants.*

I have now done with Inanimate Bodies both Simple and Mixt. The Animate are

First, Such as are endued only with a Vegetative Soul, and therefore commonly called *Vegetables* or *Plants*; of which if we consider either their Stature and Shape, or their Age and Duration, we shall find it wonderful. For why should some Plants rise up to a great height, others creep upon the ground, which perhaps may have equal Seeds, nay the lesser Plant many times the greater seed? Why should each particular so observe its kind, as constantly to produce the same Leaf for consistency, figure, division, and edging; and bring forth the same kind of Flower and Fruit, and Seed, and that though you translate it into a Soil which naturally puts forth no such kind of Plant, so that it is some

\* *Seminal form or virtue.*

\* *Λόγος σπερματικός* which doth effect this or rather some intelligent *plastick Nature*, as we have before intimated. For what account can be given of the determination of the growth and magnitude of Plants from mechanical Principles, of *Matter moved with*

without the Presidency and Guidance of some superior Agent? Why may not Trees grow up as high as the Clouds or Vapours ascend, or if you say the Cold of the superior Air checks them, why may they not spread and extend their lateral Branches so far till their distance from the Center of Gravity depress them to the Earth, be the Tree never so high? How comes it to pass that though by Culture and Manure they may be highly improved, and augmented to a double, treble, nay some a much greater proportion in magnitude of all their Parts; yet is this advance restrained within certain limits? There is a *maximum quod sic* which they cannot exceed. You can by no Culture or Art extend a *Fennel Stalk* to the stature and bigness of an *Oak*. Then why should some be very long lived, others only Annual or Biennial? How can we imagine that any Laws of Motion can determine the *Situation* of the *Leaves*, to come forth by pairs, or alternately, or circling the *Stalk*; the *Flowers* to grow singly, or in company and tufts, to come forth the bosoms of the *Leaves* and *Branches*, or on the tops of *Branches* and *Stalks*; the *Figure* of the *Leaves*, that they should be divided into so many jags or escallops and curiously indented round the edges

edges, as also of the Flower-leaves, the number and site, the figure and number of the *stamina* and their *apices*, the figure of the *Stile* and Seed-vessel, and the number of Cels into which it is divided. That all this be done, and all these parts duly proportioned one to another, there seems to be necessary some intelligent *plastick Nature*, which may understand and regulate the whole Oeconomy of the Plant: For this cannot be the Vegetative Soul, because that is material and divisible together with the Body: Which appears in that a Branch cut off of a Plant will take Root and grow and become a perfect Plant it self, as we have already observed. I had almost forgotten the complication of the Seed-leaves of some Plants in the Seed, which is so strange that one cannot believe it to be done by Matter however moved by any Laws or Rules imaginable. Some of them being so close plaited, and straitly folded up and thrust together within the Membranes of the Seed, that it would puzzle a Man to imitate it, and yet none of the folds sticking or growing together; so that they may easily be taken out of their cases, and spread and extended even with ones Fingers.

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Secondly, If we consider each particular Part of a Plant, we shall find it not without its End or Use : The *Roots* for its stability and drawing nourishment from the Earth. The *Fibres* to contain and convey the Sap. Besides which there is a large sort of Vessels to contain the proper and specific Juice of the Plant : and others to carry Air for such a kind of Respiration as it needeth ; of which we have already spoken. The outer and inner Bark in Trees serve to defend the Trunk and Boughs from the excesses of Heat and Cold and Drought, and to convey the Sap for the Annual augmentation of the Tree. For in truth every Tree may in some sence be said to be an Annual Plant, both Leaf, Flower and Fruit proceeding from the Coat that was superinduced over the Wood the last Year, which Coat also never beareth any more, but together with the old Wood serves as a Form or Block to sustain the succeeding annual Coat. The *Leaves* before the *Gemma* or Bud be explicated to embrace and defend, the Flower and Fruit, which is even then perfectly formed ; afterwards to preserve the Branches, Flowers and Fruit from the Injuries of the Summer Sun, which would too much parch and dry them, if they lay open and exposed to its  
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Beams without any Shelter; the Leaves I say qualifie and contemper the Heat, and serve also to hinder the too hasty evaporation of the moisture about the Root; not to mention the pleasant and delectable, cooling and refreshing Shade they afford in the Summer time; which was very much esteemed by the Inhabitants of hot Countries, who always took great delight and pleasure to sit in the open Air under shady Trees: Hence that Expression so often repeated in Scripture, of every Mans *sitting under his own Vine, and under his own Fig-Tree*, where also they used to eat; as appears by *Abraham's* entertaining the Angels under a Tree, and standing by them when they did eat, *Gen. 18. 8.* Moreover the Leaves of Plants are very beautiful and ornamental. That there is great pulchritude and comeliness of Proportion in the Leaves, Flowers and Fruits of Plants, is attested by the general Verdict of Mankind, as *Dr. More* and others well observe. The adorning and beautifying of Temples and Buildings in all Ages, is an evident and undeniable Testimony of this. For what is more ordinary with *Architects* than the taking in Leaves and Flowers and Fruitage for the garnishing of their Work; as the *Roman* the Leaves of *Acanthus sat.* and the *Jewish*

*Jewish of Palm-Trees and Pomegranates*: and these more frequently than any of the five regular Solids, as being more comly and pleasant to behold. If any Man shall object, that comliness of Proportion and Beauty is but a meer conceit, and that all Things are alike handsome to some Men who have as good Eyes as others; and that this appears by the variation of Fashions, which doth so alter Mens Fancies, that what ere-while seemed very handsome and comly, when it is once worn out of Fashion appears very absurd, uncouth and ridiculous. To this I answer, that Custom and Use doth much in those Things where little of Proportion and Symmetry shew themselves, or which are alike comly and beautiful, to disparage the one, and commend the other. But there are degrees of things; for (that I may use \*Dr. More's \* *Antidote against Atheism*, l. 2. c. 5. Words) I dare appeal to any Man that is not sunk into so forlorn a pitch of degeneracy that he is as stupid to these things as the basest Beasts, whether, for example, a rightly cut *Tetraedrum*, *Cube* or *Icosaedrum* have no more Pulchritude in them than any rude broken Stone, lying in the Field or High-ways; or to name other solid Figures, which though they be not regular properly so called, yet have a settled *Idea* and Nature,

ture, as a *Cone*, *Sphere*, or *Cylinder*, whether the sight of those do not more gratifie the Minds of Men, and pretend to more elegancy of shape than those rude cuttings or chippings of Freestone that fall from the Mafons hands, and serve for nothing but to fill up the middle of the Wall, as fit to be hid from the Eyes of Men for their ugliness. And therefore it is observable, that if Nature shape any thing but near to this *Geometrical* accuracy, that we take notice of it with much content and pleasure, and greedily gather and treasure it up. As if it be but exactly round, as those Spherical Stones found in *Cuba*, and some also in our own Land, or have but its sides parallel, as those rhomboideal *Selenites* found near *St. Ives* in *Huntingtonshire*, and many other places in *England*. Whereas ordinary Stones of rude and uncertain Figures we pass by, and take no notice of at all. But though the Figures of these Bodies be pleasing and agreeable to our Minds, yet (as we have already observed) those of the Leaves, Flowers and Fruits of Trees, more. And it is remarkable, that in the Circumscription and Complication of many Leaves, Flowers and Fruits, and Seeds Nature affects a regular Figure. Of a pentagonal or quincuncial Disposition Sir *Tho. Brown*  
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of *Norwich* produces several examples in his Discourse about the *Quincunx*. And doubtless instances might be given in other regular Figures, were Men but observant.

The *Flowers* serve to cherish and defend the first and tender Rudiments of the Fruit: I might also add the masculine or prolifick Seed contained in the Chives or *Apices* of the *Stamina*. These beside the Elegancy of their Figures are many of them endued with splendid and lovely Colours, and likewise most grateful and fragrant Odors. Indeed such is the beauty and lustre of some Flowers, that our Saviour saith of the *Lilies* of the Field (which some not without reason suppose to have been *Tulips*) that *Solomon in all his Glory was not arrayed like one of these*. And it is observed by \* *Spi-* \* *Isag. ad*  
*gelius*, That the Art of the most skilful rem Her-  
 Painter cannot so mingle and temper bariam.  
 his Colours, as exactly to imitate or counterfeit the native ones of the Flowers of *Vegetables*.

As for the *Seeds* of *Plants*, \* *Dr. More* \* *Antidote*  
 esteems it an evident Sign of Divine Pro- against A-  
 vidence, that every Kind hath its Seed. theism, l. 2<sup>o</sup>  
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ing of so great consequence that they have Seed for the continuance and propagation of their own Species, and also for the gratifying Man's Art, Industry and Necessities (for much of Husbrandry and Gardening lies in this) it cannot but be an Act of Counsel to furnish the several Kinds of Plants with their Seeds.

Now the *Seed* being so necessary for the maintenance and increase of the several *Species*, it is worthy the observation, what Care is taken to secure and preserve it, being in some doubly and trebly defended. As for instance, in the *Walnut*, *Almond* and *Plums* of all sorts, we have first a thick pulpy covering, then a hard Shell, within which is the Seed enclosed in a double Membrane. In the *Nutmeg* another Tegument is added besides all these, *viz.* the *Mace* between the green *Pericarpium* and the hard Shell immediately inclosing the Kernel. Neither yet doth the exterior Pulp of the Fruit or *Pericarpium* serve only for the defence and security of the Seed, whilst it hangs upon the Plant: But after it is mature and tain upon the Earth, for the Stercoration of the Soil, and promotion of the growth, though not the first germination of the Seminal Plant. Hence

\* *Agric.* 2. (as \* *Petrus de Crescentiis* tells us) Husbandmen  
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men to make their Vines bear, Manure them with Vine-leaves, or the Husks of expressed Grapes, and that they observe those to be the most fruitful, which are so manured with their own : Which Observation holds true also in all other Trees and Herbs. But besides this use of the Pulp or *Pericarpium* for the guard and benefit of the Seed, it serves also by a secondary intention of Nature in many Fruits for the Food and Sustenance of Man and other Animals.

Another thing worthy the noting in *Seeds*, and argumentative of Providence and Design, is that pappose Plumage growing upon the Tops of some of them, whereby they are capable of being waisted with the Wind, and by that means scattered and disseminated far and wide.

Furthermore most *Seeds* having in them a seminal Plant perfectly formed, as the Young is in the Womb of Animals, the elegant Complication thereof in some *Species* is a very pleasant and admirable Spectacle; so that no Man that hath a Soul in him can imagine or believe it was so formed and folded up without Wisdom and Providence. But of this I have spoken already.

Lastly, the immense Smalness of some Seeds, not to be seen by the naked Eye, so that the number of Seeds produced at once in some one Plant; as for example *Reed-mace* [*Tipha Palustris*] *Harts-Tongue*, and many sorts of *Ferns*, may amount to a Million, is a convincing Argument of the infinite Understanding and Art of the Former of them.

And it is remarkable that such *Mosses* as grow upon Walls, the Roofs of Houses and other high Places, have Seeds so excessively small, that when shaken out of their Vessels they appear like Vapor or Smoak, so that they may either ascend of themselves, or by an easie impulse of the Wind be raised up to the Tops of Houses, Walls or Rocks: And we need not wonder how the Mosses got thither, or imagine they sprung up spontaneously there.

I might also take notice of many other particulars concerning Vegetables, as, First, That because they are designed for the Food of Animals, therefore Nature hath taken more extraordinary Care and made more abundant Provision for their propagation and increase; so that they are multiplied and propagated not only by the Seed, but many also by the Root, producing Off-sets or creeping under Ground,  
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many by Strings or Wires running above Ground, as *Strawberry* and the like, some by Slips or Cuttings, and some by several of these Ways. And for the security of such *Species* as are produced only by Seed, it hath endued all Seed with a lasting Vitality, that so if by reason of excessive cold, or drought, or any other accident it happen not to germinate the first Year, it will continue its fecundity, I do not say two or three, nor six or seven, but even twenty or thrity Years; and when the Impediment is removed, the Earth in fit case, and the Season proper, Spring up, bear Fruit, and continue its Species. Hence it is that Plants are sometimes lost for a while in places where they formerly abounded; and again after some Years appear anew: lost either because the Springs were not proper for their germination, or because the Land was fallowed, or because plenty of Weeds or other Herbs prevented their coming up, and the like: and *appearing* again when these Impediments are removed. Secondly, That some sorts of Plants, as *Vines*, all sorts of *Pulse*, *Hops*, *Briony*, all Pomiferous Herbs, *Pumpions*, *Melons*, *Gourds*, *Cucumbers*, and divers other *Species*, that are weak and unable to raise or support themselves, are either endued with a

faculty of twining about others that are near, or else furnished with Claspers and Tendrels, whereby as it were with Hands they catch hold of them and so ramping upon Trees, Shrubs, Hedges or Poles, they mount up to a great height, and secure themselves and their Fruit. Thirdly, That others are armed with Prickles and Thorns, to secure them from the browsing of Beasts, as also to shelter others that grow under them. Moreover they are hereby rendered very useful to Man, as if designed by Nature to make both Quick and Dead Hedges and Fences, The great Naturalist *Pliny*, hath given an ingenious Account of the Providence and Design of Nature in thus arming and fencing them in these Words. *Inde* (speaking of Nature) *excogitavit aliquas aspectu hispidas, tactu truces, ut tantum non vocem ipsius Naturæ fingentis illas, rationemque reddentis exaudire videamur, ne se depascat avida quadrupes, ne procaces manus rapiant, ne neglecta vestigia obterant, ne insidens ales infringat; his muniendo aculeis telisque armando, remediis ut salva ac tuta sint. Ità hoc quoque quod in iis odimus hominum causâ excogitatum est.*

As for the Signatures of Plants, or the Notes impressed upon them as *Indices* of their Vertues, though \*some lay great \* D. More Antid. l. 2. c. 6. stress upon them, accounting them strong Arguments to prove that some understanding Principle is the highest Original of the Works of Nature; as indeed they were, could it certainly be made appear that there were such Marks designedly set upon them; because all that I find mentioned and collected by Authors, seem to me to be rather fancied by Men, than designed by Nature to signifie or point out any such Vertues or Qualities as they would make us believe. I have elsewhere, I think upon good Grounds, rejected them; and finding no reason as yet to alter my Opinion, I shall not further insist on them. Howbeit I will not deny but that the noxious and malignant Plants do many of them discover something of their Nature by the sad and melancholick Visage of their Leaves, Flowers and Fruit. And that I may not leave that Head wholly untoucht; one Observation I shall add relating to the Vertues of Plants, in which I think there is something of truth, That is, that there are, by the wise Disposition of Providence, such *Species* of Plants produced in every Country as are most proper and conveni-

ent for the Meat and Medicine of the Men and Animals that are bred and inhabit there. Infomuch that *Solenander* writes, that from the frequency of the Plants that spring up naturally in any Region he could easily gather what endemial Diseases the Inhabitants thereof were subject to: So in *Denmark*, *Friezland* and *Holland* where the Scurvey usually Reigns, the proper Remedy thereof Scurvy-grass doth plentifully grow.

Of Bodies endued with a Sensitive Soul, or Animals.

I proceed now to the consideration of Animate Bodies indued with a Sensitive Soul, called *Animals*. Of these I shall only make some general Observations, not curiously consider the Parts of each particular *Species*, save only as they serve for Instances or Examples.

First of all, because it is the great design of Providence to maintain and continue every *Species*, I shall take notice of the great Care and abundant Provision that is made for the securing this End. *Quanta ad eam rem vis, ut in suo quæque genere permaneat? Cic.* Why can we imagine all Creatures should be made Male and



male but to this purpose? Why should there be implanted in each Sex such a vehement and inexpugnable Appetite of Copulation? Why in viviparous Animals, in the time of Gestation should the Nourishment be carried to the *Embryon* in the Womb, which at other times goeth not that way? When the Young is brought forth, how comes all the Nourishment then to be transferred from the Womb to the Breasts or Paps, leaving its former channel, the Dam at such time being for the most part Lean and Illfavoured? To all this I might add, as a great Proof and Instance of the Care that is taken, and provision made for the preservation and continuance of the Species, the lasting fecundity of the Animal Seed or Egg in the Females of Man, Beasts and Birds. I say the Animal Seed, because it is to me highly probable, that the Females as well of Beasts as Birds have in them from their first Formation the Seeds of all the Young they will afterwards bring forth, which when they are all spent and exhausted by what means soever, the Animal becomes barren and affete. These Seeds in some

*Species* of Animals continue fruitful and apt to take life by the admixture of the Male Seed fifty Years or more, and in some

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Birds fourscore or an hundred. Here I cannot omit one very remarkable Observation I find in *Cicero*. *Atque ut intelligamus* (saith he) *nihil horum esse fortuitum, sed hæc omnia providæ solertisque naturæ, Quæ multiplices fætus procreant, ut Sues, ut Canes, his mammarum data est multitudo, quas easdem paucas habent eæ bestiae quæ pauca gignunt.* That we may understand that none of these things (he had been speaking of) is fortuitous, but that all are the effects of provident and sagacious Nature; multiparous quadrupeds, as Dogs, as Swine, are furnished with a multitude of Paps: Whereas those Beasts which bring forth few have but a few.

That Flying Creatures of the greater sort, that is *Birds*, should all lay Eggs, and none bring forth live Young, is a manifest Argument of Divine Providence, designing thereby their Preservation and Security; that there might be the more plenty of them; and that neither the Birds of Prey, the Serpent, nor the Fowler should straiten their Generations too much. For if they had been Viviparous, the Burthen of their Womb, if they had brought forth any competent number at a time, had been so great and heavy, that their Wings would have failed them, and they became an easie  
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Prey to their Enemies: Or if they had brought but one or two at a time, they would have been troubled all the Year long with Feeding their Young, or Bearing them in their Womb. \* *Dr. More.*

This mention of Feeding their Young puts me in mind of two or three considerable Observations referring thereto.

First, Seeing it would be for many reasons inconvenient for Birds to give Suck, and yet no less inconvenient if not destructive to the Chicken upon exclusion all of a sudden to make so great a change in its Diet, as to pass from liquid to hard Food, before the Stomach be gradually consolidated and by use strengthened and habituated to grind and concoct it, and its tender and pappy Flesh, fitted to be nourished by such strong and solid Diet; and before the Bird be by little and little accustomed to use its Bill, and gather it up, which at first it doth but very slowly and imperfectly; therefore Nature hath provided a large Yolk in every Egg; a great part whereof remaineth after the Chicken is hatch'd, and is taken up and enclosed in its Belly, and by a Channel made on purpose received by degrees into the Guts, and serves instead of Milk to nourish the Chick for a considerable time; which nevertheless

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mean while feeds it self by the Mouth a little at a time, and gradually more and more, as it gets a perfecter Ability and Habit of gathering up its Meat, and its Stomach is strengthen'd to macerate and concoct it, and its Flesh hardened and fitted to be nourished by it.

Secondly, That Birds which feed their Young in the Nest, though in all likelihood they have no ability of counting the number of them, should yet, (though they bring but one morsel of Meat at a time, and have not fewer (it may be) than seven or eight Young in the Nest together, which at the return of their Dams, do all at once with equal greediness, hold up their Heads and gape,) not omit or forget one of them, but feed them all ; which, unless they did carefully observe, and retain in Memory which they had fed, which not, were impossible to be done ; this I say, seems to me most strange and admirable, and beyond the possibility of a meer Machine to perform.

Another Experiment I shall add to prove, that though Birds have not an exact power of numbring, yet have they of distinguishing many from few, and knowing when they come near to a certain number : And that is, that when they have laid such a  
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number of Eggs as they can conveniently cover and hatch, they give over and begin to sit: not because they are necessarily determined to such a number; for that they are not, as is clear, because they have an ability to go on and lay more at their pleasure. Hens, for example, if you let their Eggs alone, when they have laid fourteen or fifteen will give over and begin to sit, whereas if you daily withdraw their Eggs, they will go on to lay five times that number. [Yet some of them are so cunning that if you leave them but one Egg, they will not lay to it, but forsake their Nest.] This holds not only in domestick and mansuete Birds, for then it might be thought the effect of cicuration or institution, but also in the Wild, for my honoured Friend Dr. *Martin Lister* informed me, that of his own knowledge one and the same *Swallow* by the subtracting daily of her Eggs proceeded to lay nineteen successively, and then gave over: as I have \* elsewhere noted. Now that I am upon this \* *Preface to* subject of the number of Eggs, give me *Mr. Wil-* leave to add a remarkable Observation re- *lughby's* *Ornithol.* ferring thereto, viz. That Birds and such oviparous Creatures as are long-lived have Eggs enough at first conceived in them to serve them for many Years laying, probably

bably for as many as they are to live, allowing such a proportion for every Year, as will serve for one or two Incubations, whereas Insects, which are to breed but once, lay all their Eggs at once have they never so many. Now had these things been governed by chance I see no reason why it should constantly fall out so.

Thirdly, The marvellous speedy growth of Birds that are hatched in Nests, and fed by the Old ones there, till they be fledg'd and come almost to their full bigness; at which perfection they arrive within the short term of about one Fortnight, seems to me an Argument of Providence designing thereby their preservation, that they might not lie long in a condition exposed to the ravine of any Vermine that may find them, being utterly unable to escape or shift for themselves.

Another and no less effectual Argument may be taken from the Care and Providence used for the hatching and rearing their young. And First, they search out a secret and quiet Place, where they may be secure and undisturbed in their incubation: Then they make themselves Nests, every one after his kind, that so their Eggs and Young may lie soft and warm, and their exclusion and growth be promoted.

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These Nests some of them so elegant and artificial, that it is hard for Man to imitate them and make the like. I have seen Nests of an *Indian* Bird so artificially composed of the Fibres, I think, of some Roots, so curiously interwoven and platted together as is admirable to behold: Which Nests they hang on the ends of the Twigs of Trees over the Water, to secure their Eggs and Young from the ravage of *Apes* and *Monkeys*, and other Beasts that might else prey upon them. After they have laid their Eggs, how diligently and patiently do they sit upon them till they be hatched, scarce affording themselves time to go off to get them Meat? Nay with such an ardent and impetuous desire of sitting are they inspired, that if you take away all their Eggs, they will sit upon an empty Nest: And yet one would think that sitting were none of the most pleasant Works. After their Young are hatcht for some time they do almost constantly Brood them under their Wings, lest the Cold, and sometimes perhaps the Heat, should harm them. All this while also they labour hard to get them Food, sparing it out of their own Bellies, and pining themselves almost to Death rather than they should want. Moreover it is admirable to observe with what  
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courage they are at that time inspired, that they will even venture their own Lives in defence of them. The most timorous, as *Hens* and *Geese*, become then so couragious as to dare to fly in the Face of a Man that shall molest or disquiet their Young, which would never do so much in their own defence. These things being contrary to any motions of Sense, or instinct of Self-preservation, and so eminent pieces of Self-denial, must needs be the Works of Providence for the continuation of the Species and upholding of the World. Especially if we consider that all this Pains is bestowed upon a thing which takes no notice of it, will render them no thanks for it, nor make them any requital or amends; and also, that after the young is come to some growth, and able to shift for it self, the old one retains no such *созн* to it, takes no further care of it, but will fall upon it, and beat it indifferently with others. To these I shall add three Observations more, relating to this Head. The first borrowed of *Dr. Cudworth*, *System*, *pag. 69*. One thing necessary to the Conservation of the *Species* of Animals; that is, the keeping up constantly in the World a due numerical Proportion between the Sexes of *Male* and *Female*, doth necessarily  
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infer a super-intending Providence. For did this depend only upon Mechanism, it cannot well be conceived, but that in some Ages or other, there should happen to be all *Males*, or all *Females*; and so the Species fail. Nay, it cannot well be thought otherwise, but that there is in this a Providence, superiour to that of the *Plastick* or *Spermatick Nature*, which hath not so much of Knowledge and Discretion allowed to it, as whereby to be able to govern this Affair.

The Second of Mr. *Boyle*, in his Treatise of the *High Veneration Man's Intellect owes to God*, p. 32. That is, the conveniency of the Season [or Time of Year] of the Production of Animals, when there is proper Food and Entertainment ready for them. So we see, that according to the usual course of Nature, Lambs, Kids, and many other living Creatures are brought into the World at the Spring of the Year: when tender Grass, and other Nutritive Plants are provided for their Food. And the like may be observed in the Production of Silk-worms [yea, all other *Eruca's*, and many Insects more] whose Eggs, according to Nature's Institution, are hatch'd when Mulberry-Trees begin to bud, and put forth those Leaves, whereon those precious Insects are to feed: The Aliments  
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being tender, whilst the Worms themselves are so, and growing more strong and substantial, as the Insects increase in vigour and bulk. To these I shall add another instance, that is, of the *Wasp*; whose breeding is deferred till after the Summer Solstice, few of them appearing before *July*: whereas one would be apt to think the vigorous and quickning heat of the Sun in the Youth of the Year should provoke them to generate much sooner. [Provoke them, I say, because every Wasps-Nest is begun by one great Mother-Wasp, which over-lives the Winter, lying hid in some hollow Tree, or other *Latibulum*.] Because then, and not till then, Pears, Plums, and other Fruit, designed principally for their Food, begin to ripen.

The Third is mine own, That all Insects lay their Eggs in such places as are most convenient for their exclusion, and where when hatcht, their proper Food is ready for them. So for example, we see two sorts of white *Butterflies* fastening their Eggs to *Cabbage*-leaves, because they are a fit Aliment for the *Caterpillars* that come of them: whereas, should they affix them to the Leaves of a Plant improper for their Food, such *Caterpillars* must needs be lost; they chusing rather to die than to taste of such

such Plants. For that kind of Insect (I mean Caterpillars) hath a nice and delicate Palate, some of them feeding only upon one particular *Species* of Plant, others on divers indeed, but those of the same nature and quality; utterly refusing them of a contrary. Like instances might be produced in the other Tribes of Insects; it being perpetual in all, if not hindred or imprisoned, electively to lay their Eggs in places where they are seldome lost, or miscarry, and where they have a supply of Nourishment for their Young, so soon as they are hatched, and need it. Whereas should they scatter them carelessly and indifferently in any place, the greatest part of the Young would in all likelihood perish soon after their exclusion for want of Food, and so their Numbers continually decreasing, the whole Species in a few Years in danger to be lost: whereas no such thing, I dare say, hath happened since the first Creation.

It is here very remarkable, that those Insects, for whose Young Nature hath not made provision of sufficient Sustenance, do themselves gather and lay up in store for them. So for example: The *Bee*, the proper Food of whose \* *Eulæ* is Honey, or \* *Bee-mag-* perchance *Erithace*, (which we English got. *Bee-bread*) neither of which Viands is any  
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where to be found amassed by Nature in quantities sufficient for their maintenance, doth herself with unwearied diligence and industry, flying from Flower to Flower, collect and treasure them up.

*Secondly*, I shall take notice of the various strange Instincts of Animals; which will necessarily demonstrate, that they are directed to Ends unknown to them, by a wise Superintendant. As, 1. That all Creatures should know how to defend themselves, and offend their Enemies; where their natural Weapons are situate, and how to make use of them. A *Calf* will so manage his Head as though he would push with his Horns even before they shoot. A *Boar* knows the use of his Tusks; a *Dog* of his Teeth; a *Horse* of his Hoofs; a *Cock* of his Spurs; a *Bee* of her Sting; a *Ram* will butt with his Head, yea though he be brought up tame, and never saw that manner of fighting. Now, why another Animal which hath no Horns should not make a shew of pushing, or no Spurs of striking with his Legs, and the like, I know not, but that every kind is providentially directed to the use of its proper and natural Weapons. 2. That those Animals that are weak, and have neither Weapons nor Courage to fight, are for the most part created

created swift of Foot or Wing, and so being naturally timorous, are both willing and able to save themselves by flight. 3. That Poultry, Partridge and other Birds, should at the first sight know Birds of Prey, and make sign of it by a peculiar Note of their Voice to their Young, who presently thereupon hide themselves: That the Lamb should acknowledge the Wolf its Enemy, though it had never seen one before, as is taken for granted by most Naturalists, and may for ought I know be true, argues the Providence of Nature, or more truly the God of Nature, who for their preservation hath put such an instinct into them. 4. That young Animals, so soon as they are brought forth, should know their Food. As for Example: Such as are nourished with Milk, presently find their way to the Paps, and suck at them, whereas none of those that are not designed for that nourishment ever offer to suck, or to seek out any such Food. Again, 5. That such Creatures as are whole-footed, or fin-toed, *viz.* some Birds, and Quadrupeds, are naturally directed to go into the Water and swim there, as we see *Ducklings*, though hatch'd and led by a Hen, if she brings them to the brink of a River or Pond of Water, they presently leave her, and in they go, though they ne-

ver saw any such thing done before ; and though the Hen crows and calls, and doth what she can to keep them out : This *Pliny* takes notice of, *Hist. Nat. lib. 10. cap. 55.* in these words, speaking of Hens : *Super omnia est Anatum Ovis subditis atq; exclusis admiratio, primò non planè agnoscentis factum : mox incertos incubitus sollicitè convocantis : postremò lamenta circa piscinæ stagna, mergentibus se pullis naturâ duce.* So that we see every part in Animals is fitted to its Use, and the Knowledge of this Use put into them. For neither do any sort of web-footed Fowls live constantly upon the Land, or fear to enter the Water, nor any Land-Fowl so much as attempt to swim there. 6. Birds of the same Kind make their Nests of the same Materials, laid in the same Order, and exactly of the same Figure, so that by the sight of the Nest one may certainly know what Bird it belongs to. And this they do, though living in distant Countries, and though they never saw, nor could see any Nest made, that is, though taken out of the Nest, and brought up by hand ; neither were any of the same kind ever observed to make a different Nest, either for Matter or Fashion. This, together with the curious and artificial Con-  
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convenience for the reception, hatching, and cherishing the Eggs and Young of their respective Builders (which we have before taken notice of) is a great Argument of a superiour Author of their and others Natures, who hath indu'd them with these Instincts, whereby they are, as it were, acted and driven to bring about Ends which themselves aim not at (so far as we can discern) but are directed to; for (as *Aristotle* observes) ἔτε τέχνη, ἔτε ζητήσασα, ἔτε βαλευσάμενα ποιῶν, *They act not by any Art, neither do they enquire, neither do they deliberate about what they do.* And therefore, as *Dr. Cudworth* saith well, they are not Masters of that Wisdom according to which they act, but only passive to the Instincts and Impresses thereof upon them. And indeed to affirm, that brute Animals do all these things by a Knowledge of their own, and which themselves are Masters of, and that without Deliberation and Consultation, were to make them to be endued with a most perfect Intellect, far transcending that of Human Reason: whereas it is plain enough, that Brutes are not above Consultation, but below it; and that these Instincts of Nature in them, are nothing but a kind of Fate upon them. That Birds, seeing they have no Teeth for the

mastication and preparation of their Food, should for the more convenient comminution of it in their Stomachs or Gizzards, swallow down little Pebble Stones, or other hard Bodies, and because all are not fit or proper for that use, should first try them in their Bills, to feel whether they be rough or angular, for their turns; which if they find them not to be, they reject them. When these by the working of the Stomach are worn smooth, or too small for their use, they avoid them by siege, and pick up others. That these are of great use to them for the grinding of their Meat, there is no doubt. And I have observed in Birds, that have been kept up in Houses, where they could get no Pebbles, the very Yolks of their Eggs have changed colour, and become a great deal paler, than theirs who have had their liberty to go abroad.

Besides, I have observed in many Birds, the Gullet, before its entrance into the Gizzard, to be much dilated, and thick set, or as it were granulated, with a multitude of Grandules, each whereof was provided with its excretory Vessel, out of which by an easie pressure you might squeeze a Juice or Pap, which served for the same use which the *Saliva* doth Quadrupeds, that is for the maceration and dissolution of the Meat  
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into a Chyle. For that the *Saliva* notwithstanding its insipidness, hath a notable Vertue of macerating and dissolving Bodies, appears by the effects it hath in killing of Quicksilver, fermenting of Dough like Leaven or Yeast, taking away Warts, and curing other cutaneous Distempers; sometimes exulcerating the Jaws, and rotting the Teeth.

Give me leave to add one particular more concerning Birds, which some may perchance think too homely and indecent to be mentioned in such a Discourse as this; yet because it is not below the Providence of Nature, and designed for cleanliness; and some great Men have thought it worth the observing, I need not be ashamed to take notice of it; that is, that in young Birds that are fed in the Nest, the Excrement that is avoided at one time is so viscid, that it hangs together in a great lump, as if it were enclosed in a film, so that it may easily be taken up, and carried away by the old Bird in her Bill. Besides, by a strange instinct, the young Bird elevates her hinder-parts so high, for the most part, that she seldom fails to cast what comes from her clear over the side of the Nest. So we see here is a double Provision made to keep the Nest clean, which if it were de-  
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filed with Ordure, the Young Ones must necessarily be utterly marred and ruined.

7. The *Bee*, a Creature of the lowest form of Animals, so that no Man can suspect it to have any considerable measure of Understanding, or to have Knowledge of, much less to aim at any End, yet makes her Combs and Cells with that Geometrical Accuracy, that she must needs be acted by an Instinct implanted in her by the wise Author of Nature. For first, she plants them in a perpendicular posture, and so close together as with conveniency they may, beginning at the top, and working downwards, that so no room may be lost in the Hive, and that she may have easie access to all the Combs and Cells. Besides, the Combs being wrought double, that is, with Cells on each side, a common bottom or partition-wall, could not in any other site have so conveniently, if at all, received or contained the Honey. Then she makes the particular Cells most Geometrically and Artificially, as the famous Mathematician *Pappus* demonstrates in the Preface to his third Book of *Mathematical Collections*. First of all (saith he, speaking of the Cells,) It is convenient that they be of such figures as may cohere one to another, and have common sides, else there would be empty spaces

spaces left between them to no use, but to the weakening and spoiling of the work, if any thing should get in there. And therefore though a round figure be most capacious for the Honey, and most convenient for the *Bee* to creep into, yet did she not make choice of that, because then there must have been triangular spaces left void. Now there are only three rectilineous and ordinate figures which can serve to this purpose; and inordinate or unlike ones must have been not only less elegant and beautiful, but unequal. [Ordinate Figures are such as have all their Sides, and all their Angles equal.] The three Ordinate Figures, are *Triangles*, *Squares*, and *Hexagons*. For the space about any point may be filled up either by six equilateral *Triangles*, or four *Squares*, or three *Hexagons*; whereas three *Pentagons* are too little and three *Heptagons* too much. Of these three the *Bee* makes use of the *Hexagon*, both because it is more capacious than either of the other, provided they be of equal compass, and so equal matter spent in the construction of each: And Secondly, Because it is most commodious for the *Bee* to creep into: And Lastly, Because in the other Figures more Angles and Sides must have met together at the same point, and so the work could

could not have been so firm and strong. Moreover, the Combs being double, the Cells on each side the partition are so ordered, that the Angles on one side, insist upon the Centers of the bottoms of the Cells on the other side, and not Angle upon, or against Angle; which also must needs contribute to the strength and firmness of the work. These Cells she fills with Honey for her Winter-Provision, and curiously closes them up with Covers of Wax, that keep the included Liquor from spilling, and from external injuries; as Mr. *Boyle* truly observes, *Treatise of Final Causes*, p. 169. Another sort of Bee I have observed, it may be called the *Tree-Bee*, whose Industry is admirable in making provision for her young. First, She digs round Vaults or Burrows [*Cuniculos*] in a rotten or decayed Tree, of a great length, in them she builds or forms her cylindrical Nests or Cases, resembling Cartrages, or a very narrow Thimble, only in proportion longer, of pieces of Rose or other Leaves which she shares off with her mouth, and plats and joyns close together by some glutinous Substance. These Cases she fills with a red Pap, of a thinner consistence than an Electuary, of no pleasant taste, which where she gathers, I know not: And which is most re-

remarkable, she forms these Cases, and stores them with this provision, before she hath any young one hatcht, or so much as an Egg laid. For on the top of the Pap, she lays one Egg, and then closes up the Vessel with a Cover of Leaves. The enclosed Egg soon becomes an *Eula*, or Maggot, which feeding upon the Pap till it comes to its full growth, changes to a *Nympha*, and after comes out a Bee. Another Insect noted for her seeming prudence, in making provision for the Winter, proposed by *Solomon* to the Sluggard for his imitation, is the *Ant*, which (as all Naturalists agree) hoards up grains of Corn against the Winter for her Sustenance : And is reported by some to \* bite off the *germen* of them, least \* *Plin. l. III. c. 30.* they should sprout by the moisture of the Earth, which I look upon as a meer fiction ; neither should I be forward to credit the former relation, were it not for the Authority of the *Scripture*, because I could never observe any such storing up of Grain by our Country-Ants.

Yet is there a *Quadruped* taken notice of even by the Vulgar for laying up in store Provision for the Winter, that is, the *Squirrel*, whose hoards of Nuts are frequently found and pillaged by them.

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The *Beaver* is by credible Persons Eye-witnesses affirmed to build him Houses for shelter and security in Winter-time: See Mr. *Boyle* of *Final Causes*, p. 173.

Besides these I have mentioned, an hundred others may be found in Books relating especially to Physick; as that *Dogs* when they are sick should vomit themselves by eating Grass: That *Swine* should refuse Meat so soon as they feel themselves ill, and so recover by Abstinence: That the Bird *Ibis* should teach Men the way of administering Clysters, *Plin. lib. 8. cap. 27.* The wild *Goats* of *Dictamnus* for drawing out of Darts, and healing Wounds: The *Swallow* the use of *Celandine* for repairing the sight, &c. *ibid.* Of the truth of which because I am not fully satisfied, I shall make no Inference from them.

*Thirdly*, I shall remark the Care that is taken for the preservation of the Weak, and such as are exposed to Injuries, and preventing the encrease of such as are noisom and hurtful: For as it is a Demonstration of the Divine Power and Magnificence to create such variety of Animals, not only great but small, not only strong and couragious, but also weak and timorous; so is it no less Argument of his Wisdom to give to these Means, and the Power and Skill

Skill of using them, to preserve themselves from the Violence and Injuries of those. That of the weak some should digg Vaults and Holes in the Earth, as *Rabbets*, to secure themselves and their Young; others should be armed with hard Shells; others with Prickles, the rest that have no such armature should be endued with great swiftness or perniciousity: And not only so, but some also have their Eyes stand so prominent, as the *Hare*, that they can see as well behind as before them, that so they may have their Enemy always in their Eye; and long, hollow, movable Ears, to receive and convey the least sound, or that which comes from far, that they be not suddenly surpris'd or taken (as they say) napping. Moreover, it is remarkable, that in this Animal, and in the *Rabbit*, the Muscles of the Loyns and Hind-legs are extraordinarily large in proportion to the rest of the Body, or those of other Animals, as if made on purpose for swiftness, that they may be able to escape the Teeth of so many Enemies as continually pursue and chase them. Add hereto the length of their Hind-leggs which is no small advantage to them, as is noted by *Dame Julian Barns*, in an ancient Dialogue in Verse between the Huntsman and his Man; the Man there asks his Master, What  
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is the reason, why the Hare when she is near spent makes up a Hill? The Master answers, That Nature hath made the Hinder-legs of the Hare longer than the Fore-legs; by which means she climbs the Hill with much more ease than the Dogs, whose Legs are of equal length, and so leaves the Dogs behind her, and many times escapes away clear, and saves her Life. This last Observation, I must confess myself to have borrowed out of the Papers of my honoured Friend Mr. *John Aubrey*, which he was pleased to give me a sight of.

I might here add much concerning the wiles and ruses, which these timid Creatures make use of to save themselves, and escape their Persecutors, but that I am somewhat diffident of the truth of those Stories and Relations, I shall only averr what myself have sometimes observed of a Duck, when closely pursued by a Water-dog; she not only dives to save herself, (which yet she never does but when driven to an exigent, and just ready to be caught, because it is painful and difficult to her) but when she comes up again, brings not her whole Body above Water, but only her Bill, and part of her Head, holding the rest underneath, that so the Dog, who the mean time turns round and looks about him, may  
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not espy her, till she have recovered Breath.

As for *Sheep*, which have no natural Weapons or Means to defend or secure themselves, neither Heels to run, nor Claws to dig; they are delivered into the Hand, and committed to the care and tuition of Man, and serving him for divers Uses, are nourished and protected by him; and so enjoying their Beings for a time, by this means propagate and continue their Species; So that there are none destitute of some Means to preserve themselves and their kind; and these Means so effectual, that notwithstanding all the endeavours and contrivances of Man and Beast to destroy them, there is not to this day one *Species* lost of such as are mentioned in Histories, and consequently and undoubtedly neither of such as were at first created.

Then for Birds of Prey, and rapacious Animals, it is remarkable what *Aristotle* observes, That they are all solitary, and go not in Flocks, *Γαμψανύχων ἔθεν ἀγέλαιον*. No Birds of Prey are gregarious. Again, That such Creatures do not greatly multiply, *τῆς γαμψανύχων ὀλιγοτόμη πάντα*. They for the most part breeding and bringing forth but one or two, or at least a few Young Ones at once: Whereas they that

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are feeble and timorous are generally multiparous ; or if they bring forth but few at once, as *Pigeons*, they compensate that by their often breeding, viz. every Month but two throughout the Year ; by this means providing for the continuation of their kind.

*Fourthly*, I shall note the exact fitness of the Parts of the Bodies of Animals to every ones Nature and manner of living.

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Of this Dr. \* *More* produces an eminent Instance in a poor contemptible Quadruped, the *Mole*. First of all (saith he) her dwelling being under ground, where nothing is to be seen, Nature hath so obscurely fitted her with Eyes, that Naturalists can scarcely agree, whether she hath any sight at all or no. [In our Observation, *Moles* have perfect Eyes, and holes for them through the Skin, so that they are outwardly to be seen by any that shall diligently search for them ; though indeed they are exceeding small, not much bigger than a great Pins-head.] But for amends, what she is capable of for her defence and warning of danger, she has very eminently conferred upon her ; for she is very quick of hearing [doubtless her subterraneous Vaults are like Trunks to convey any Sound a great way.] And then her short Tail, and short

short Legs, but broad Fore-feet armed with sharp Claws, we see by the event to what purpose they are, she so swiftly working herself under Ground, and making her way so fast in the Earth, as they that behold it cannot but admire it. Her Legs therefore are short, that she need dig no more than will serve the meer thickness of her Body: And her Fore-feet are broad, that she may scoup away much Earth at a time: And she has little or no Tail, because she courses it not on the Ground like a *Rat* or *Mouse*, but lives under the Earth, and is fain to dig herself a dwelling there; and she making her way through so thick an Element, which will not easily yield as the Water and Air do; it had been dangerous to draw so long a Train behind her; for her Enemy might fall upon her Rear, and fetch her out before she had perfected and got full possession of her Works: Which being so, what more palpable Argument of Providence than She?

Another instance in Quadrupeds might be the *Tamandua*, or *Ant-Bear*, described by *Marcgrave* and *Piso*, who saith of them, that they are Night-walkers, and seek their Food by Night. Being kept tame they are fed with Flesh, but it must be minced small, because they have not only a slender and

sharp Head and Snout, but also a narrow and toothless Mouth; their Tongue is like a great Lute-string (as big as a Goose-quill) round, and in the greater Kind (for there are two *Species*) more than two foot long, and therefore lies doubled in a Channel between the lower parts of the Cheeks. This when hungry they thrust forth, being well moistened, and lay upon the Trunks of Trees, and when it is covered with *Ants* suddenly draw it back into their Mouths; if the *Ants* lie so deep that they cannot come at them, they dig up the Earth with their long and strong Claws, wherewith for that purpose their Fore-feet are armed. So we see how their Parts are fitted for this kind of Diet, and no other; for the catching of it, and for the eating of it, it requiring no comminution by the Teeth, as appears also in the *Chamæleon*, which is another Quadruped that imitates the *Tamandua* in this property of darting out the Tongue to a great length, with wonderful celerity, and for the same purpose too of catching of Insects.

Besides these Quadrupeds, there are a whole Genus of *Birds*, called *Pici Martii*, or *Woodpeckers*, that in like manner have a Tongue which they can shoot forth to a very great length, ending in a sharp stiff  
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them not for chewing his Prey, but swallows it immediately.

I shall add two Instances more in Birds, and those are,

1. The *Swallow*; whose proper Food is small Beetles, and other Insects flying about in the Air; as we have found by dissecting the Stomachs both of Old Ones and Nestlings: which is wonderfully fitted for the catching of these Animalcules; for she hath long Wings, and a forked Tail, and small Feet, whereby she is as it were made for swift flight, and enabled to continue long upon the Wing, and to turn nimbly in the Air: and she hath also an extraordinary wide Mouth, so that its very hard for any Insect that comes in her way to escape her, It is thought to be a sign of Rain, when this Bird flies low near to the ground; in which there may be some truth; because the Insects which she hunts may at such times, when the superiour Air is charged with Vapours, have a sence of it, and descend near the Earth. Hence when there are no more Insects in the Air, as in Winter-time, those Birds do either abscond, or betake themselves into hot Countries.

2. The *Colymbi*, or *Douchers*, or *Loons*, whose Bodies are admirably fitted and conformed for diving under Water: being covered

vered with a very thick Plumage; and the *Superficies* of their Feathers so smooth and slippery, that the Water cannot penetrate or moisten them: whereby their Bodies are defended from the Cold, the Water being kept at a distance; and so poised that by a light impulse they may easily ascend in it. Then their Feet are situate in the hindmost part of their Body, whereby they are enabled, shooting their Feet backwards, and striking the Water upwards, to plunge themselves down into it with great facility, and likewise to move forwards therein. Then their Legs are made flat and broad, and their Feet cloven into Toes with appendant Membranes on each side; by which configuration they easily cut the Water, and are drawn forward, and so take their stroke backwards; and besides, I conceive, that by means of this Figure their Feet being moved to the Right and Left-hand, serve them as a Rudder to enable them to turn under Water: for some conceive that they swim easier under Water than they do above it. How they raise themselves up again; whether their Bodies emerge of themselves by their lightness, or whether by striking against the bottom, in manner of a leap, or by some peculiar motion of their Legs, I cannot determine: that they dive to the

bottom is clear, for that in the Stomachs both of the greater and lesser kinds we found Grass and other Weeds; and in the lesser kind nothing else; though both prey upon Fish. Their Bills also are made streight and sharp for the easier cutting of the Water, and striking their Prey. Could we see the motions of their Legs and Feet in the Water, then we should better comprehend how they ascend, descend, and move to and fro; and discern how wisely and artificially their Members are formed and adapted to those uses.

II. In *Birds* all the Members are most exactly fitted for the use of flying. First, The Muscles which serve to move the Wings are the greatest and strongest, because much force is required to the agitation of them; the underside of them is also made concave, and the upper Convex, that they may be easily lifted up, and more strongly beat the Air, which by this means doth more resist the descent of their Body downward. Then the Trunk of their Body doth somewhat resemble the Hull of a Ship; the Head, the Prow, which is for the most part small, that it may the more easily cut the Air, and make way for their Bodies; the Train serves to steer, govern,  
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and direct their flight, and however it may be held erect in their standing or walking, yet is directed to lie almost in the same plain with their Backs, or rather a little inclining, when they fly. That the Train serves to steer and direct their flight, and turn their Bodies like the Rudder of a Ship, is evident in the *Kite*, who by a light turning of his Train, moves his Body which way he pleases. *Idem videntur artem gubernandi docuisse caudæ flexibus, in Cælo monstrante natura quod opus esset in profundo, Plin. lib. 10. cap. 10.* They seem to have taught Men the Art of steering a Ship by the flexures of their Tails; Nature shewing in the Air what was needful to be done in the Deep. And it's notable that *Aristotle* truly observes, that whole-footed Birds, and those that have long Legs, have for the most part short Tails; and therefore whilest they fly, do not as others draw them up to their Bellies, but stretch them at length backwards, that they may serve to steer and guide them instead of Tails. Neither doth the Tail serve only to direct and govern the flight, but also partly to support the Body, and keep it even, wherefore when spread, it lies parallel to the horizon, and stands not perpendicular to it, as Fishes do. Hence Birds that have no Tails, as some sorts of *Colymbi*,

*Colymbi*, or Douckers fly very inconveniently with their Bodies almost erect.

To this I shall add further, That the Bodies of Birds are small in comparison of Quadrupeds, that they may more easily be supported in the Air during their flight; which is a great Argument of Wisdom and Design: else why should not we see Species of *Pegasi*, or flying Horses, of *Griffins*, of *Harpies*, and an hundred more, which might make a shift to live well enough, notwithstanding they could make no use of their Wings. Besides, their Bodies are not only small, but of a broad Figure, that the Air may more resist their descents, they are also hollow and light; nay, their very Bones are light: for though those of the Legs and Wings are solid and firm, yet have they ample cavities, by which means they become more rigid and stiff; it being demonstrable, that a hollow Body is more stiff and inflexible than a solid one of equal substance or matter. Then the Feathers also are very light, yet their shafts hard and stiff, as being either empty or filled with a light and spongy substance; and their Webs are not made of continued Membranes, for then had a Rupture by any accident been made in them, it could not have been consolidated, but of two Series of numerous *Plumulae*,

*Plumulæ*, or contiguous Filaments, furnished all along with Hooks on each side, whereby catching hold on one another, they stick fast together; so that when they are ruffled or discomposed, the Bird with her Bill can easily preen them, and reduce them to their due position again. And for their firmer cohæſion, the wise and bountiful Author of Nature hath provided and placed on the Rump two Glandules, having their excretory Veſſels, round which grow Feathers in form of a Pencil, to which the Bird turning her Head, catches hold upon them with her Bill, and a little compressing the Glandules, squeezes out and brings away therewith an oily Pap or Liniment, most fit and proper for the inunction of the Feathers, and causing their little Filaments more strongly to cohere. And is not this strange, and admirable, and argumentative of Providence, that there should be such an Unguent or Pap prepared, such an open Veſſel to excern it into, to receive and retain it; that the Bird should know where it is situate, and how, and to what purposes to use it? And because the Bird is to live many Years, and the Feathers in time would, and must necessarily be worn and shattered, Nature hath made Provision for the casting and renewing of them

them yearly. Moreover, those large Bladders or Membranes, extending to the bottoms of the Bellies of Birds, into which the Breath is received, conduce much to the alleviating of the Body, and facilitating the flight. I might add the use of the Feathers in cherishing and keeping of the Body warm; which, the Creature being of small bulk, must needs stand it in great stead against the rigour of the Cold. And for this reason we see, that Water-Fowls, which were to swim and sit long upon the cold Water, have their Feathers very thick set upon their Breasts and Bellies, and besides a plentiful Down there growing, to fence against the Cold of the Water, and to keep off its immediate contact.

That the Tails of all Birds in general doth not conduce to their turning to the Right and Left, according to the common Opinion, but rather for their ascent and descent, some modern Philosophers have observed and proved by Experiment, for that if you pluck off, for instance, a Pigeon's Tail, she will nevertheless with equal facility turn to and fro: which upon second thoughts, and further consideration, I grant to be true, in Birds whose Tails are pointed, and end in a right line: but in those that have forked Tails, Autopsy convinceth us,  
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that it hath this use ; and therefore they pronounce too boldly of all in general. For it is manifest to sight, that the fork-tailed Kite by turning her Train side-ways, elevating one Horn, and depressing the other, turns her whole Body. And doubtless the Tail hath the same use in *Swallows*, who make the most sudden Turns in the Air of any Birds, and have all of them forked Tails.

III. As for *Fishes* their Bodies are long and slender, or else thin for the most part, for their more easie swimming and dividing the Water. The Wind-bladder, wherewith most of them are furnished, serves to poise their Bodies, and keep them equiponderant to the Water, which else would sink to the bottom, and lie grovelling there, as hath by breaking the Bladder been experimentally found. By the contraction and dilatation of this Bladder, they are able to raise or sink themselves at pleasure, and continue in what depth of Water they list. The Fins made of gristly Spokes or Rays connected by Membranes, so that they may be contracted or extended like Womens Fans, and furnished with Muscles for motion, serve partly for progression, but chiefly to hold the Body upright ; which appears in  
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that when they are cut off, it wavers to and fro, and so soon as the Fish dies, the Belly turns upward. The great strength by which Fishes dart themselves forward with incredible celerity, like an Arrow out of a Bow, lies in their Tails, their Fins mean time, lest they should retard their motion, being held close to their Bodies. And therefore almost the whole Musculous Flesh of the Body is bestowed upon the Tail and Back, and serves for the vibration of the Tail, the heaviness and corpulency of the Water, requiring a great force to divide it.

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In *Cetaceous* Fishes, or as the *Latins* call them \* Sea-beasts, the Tail hath a different Position from what it hath in all other Fishes, for whereas in these it is erected perpendicular to the Horizon, in them it lies parallel thereto, partly to supply the use of the hinder pair of Fins which these Creatures lack, and partly to raise and depress the Body at pleasure. For it being necessary that these Fishes should frequently ascend to the top of the Water to breath, to take in, and let out the Air: it was fitting and convenient, that they should be provided with an Organ to facilitate their ascent and descent as they had occasion. And as for their turning of their Bodies in the Water, they must perform that as Birds do,

do, by the motion of one of their Fins, while the other is quiescent. It is no less remarkable in them, that their whole Body is encompassed round with a copious fat, which our Fishermen call the *Blubber*, of a great thickness; which serves partly to poize their Bodies, and render them equi-ponderant to the Water; partly to keep off the Water at some distance from the Blood, the immediate contact whereof would be apt to chill it; and partly also for the same use that Cloaths serve us, to keep the Fish warm by reflecting the hot steams of the Body, and so redoubling the heat, as we have before noted. For we see by experience, that fat Bodies are nothing near so sensible of the Impressions of Cold as lean. And I have observed fat Hogs to have lien abroad in the open Air upon the cold Ground in Winter-nights, whereas the lean ones have been glad to creep into their Cotes, and lie upon heaps to keep themselves warm.

I might here take notice of those Amphibious Creatures, which we may call Aquatic Quadrupeds (though one of them there is that hath but two Feet, *viz.* the *Manati*, or *Sea-Cow*) the *Beaver*, the *Otter*, the *Phoca*, or *Sea-Calf*, the *Water-Rat*, and the *Frog*, the Toes of whose Feet are joyn-  
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ed by Membranes, as in Water-Fowls for swimming; and who have very small Ears, and Ear-holes, as the Cetacious Fishes have for hearing in the Water.

To this Head belongs the adapting of the parts that minister to Generation in the Sexes one to another; and in Creatures that nourish their Young with Milk, the Nipples of the Breast to the Mouth and Organs of Suction; which he must needs be wilfully blind and void of sence, that either discerns not, or denies to be intended and made one for the other. That the Nipples should be made spongy, and with such perforations, as to admit passage to the Milk when drawn, otherwise to retain it; and the Teeth of the Young either not sprung, or so soft and tender, as not to hurt the Nipples of the Dam, are Effects and Arguments of Providence and Design.

A more full Description of the Breasts and Nipples I meet with, in a Book of that ingenious Anatomist and Physitian, *Antonius Nuck*, entituled, *Adenographia curiosa*, Cap. 2. He makes the Breasts to be nothing but Glandules of that sort they call *Conglomeratæ*, made up of an infinite number of little Knots or Kernels, each whereof hath its excretory Vessel, or lactiferous

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Duct ; three or four, or five of these presently meet, and joyn into one small Trunk; in like manner do the adjacent Glandules meet and unite ; several of these lesser Trunks or Branches concurring make up an excretory Vessel of a notable bigness, like to that of the *Pancreas*, but not so long, yet sufficiently large, to receive and retain a good quantity of Milk ; which before it enters the Nipple is again contracted, and straitned to that degree, that it will scarce admit a small Bristle. Who now can be so impudent as to deny, that all this was contrived and designed purposely to retain the Milk, that it should not flow out of itself, but easily be drawn out by pressure and suction ; or to affirm that this fell out accidentally, then which there could not have been a more ingenious contrivance for the use to which it is employed, invented by the Wit of Man.

To this Head of the fitness of the parts of the Body to the Creatures nature and manner of living, belongs that observation of *Aristotle*, τῶν ὀρνίθων ὅσα μὲν γαμψάνυχα σαρσώδη πάντα. Such Birds as have crooked Beaks and Talons, are all carnivorous ; and so of Quadrupeds, κερχαιοὶ δόντια *carnivora omnia*. All that have ferrate Teeth, are carnivorous. This observation holds

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true concerning all *European* Birds, but I know not but that *Parrots* may be an exception to it. Yet it is remarkable, that such Birds as are carnivorous have no Gizzard, or Musculous, but a Membranous Stomach; that kind of Food needing no such grinding or comminution as Seeds do, but being torn into strings, or small flakes by the Beak, may be easily concocted by a membranous Stomach.

To the fitness of all the Parts and Members of Animals to their respective uses may also be referred another observation of the same *Aristotle*, Πάντα τὰ ζῶα ἄρτις ἔχει πόδας. All Animals have even Feet, not more on one side than another; which if they had, would either hinder their walking, or hang by not only useless, but also burthensome. For though a Creature might make a limping shift to hop, suppose with three Feet, yet nothing so conveniently or steddily to walk, or run, or indeed to stand. So that we see, Nature hath made choice of what is most fit, proper, and useful. They have also not only an even number of Feet, answering by pairs one to another, which is as well decent as convenient; but those too of an equal length, I mean the several pairs; whereas were those on one side longer than they on the other, it would  
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on of *Aristotle*, that is, Πτηνὸν μόνον ἔδειν,  
there is no Creature only volatile, or no fly-  
ing Animal but hath Feet as well as Wings,  
a power of walking or creeping upon the  
Earth; because there is no Food, or at least  
not sufficient Food for them to be had al-  
ways in the Air; or if in hot Countries we  
may suppose there is, the Air being never  
without store of Insects flying about in it,  
yet could such Birds take no rest, for ha-  
ving no Feet, they could not perch upon  
Trees, and if they should alight upon the  
Ground, they could by no means raise  
themselves any more, as we see those Birds  
which have but short Feet, as the *Swift* and  
*Martinet* with difficulty do. Besides, they  
would want means of Breeding, having no  
where to lay their Eggs, to Sit, Hatch, or  
Brood their Young. As for the Story of  
the *Manucodiata*, or *Bird of Paradise*, which  
in the former Age was generally received  
and accepted for true, even by the Learn-  
ed, it is now discovered to be a Fable, and  
rejected and exploded by all Men: Those  
Birds being well known to have Legs and  
Feet, as well as others, and those not short,  
small, nor feeble ones, but sufficiently

great and strong and armed with crooked Talons, as being the Members of Birds of Prey.

It is also very remarkable, That all flying Insects should be covered with shelly Scales, like Armour, partly to secure them from external violence, from injuries by blows and pressures : partly to defend their tender Muscles from the heat of the Sunbeams, which would be apt to parch and dry them up, being of small bulk ; partly also to restrain the Spirits, and to prevent their evaporation.

I shall now add another instance of the Wisdom of Nature, or rather the God of Nature, in adopting the parts of the same Animal one to another, and that is the proportioning the length of the Neck to that of the Legs. For seeing Terrestrial Animals, as well Birds as Quadrupeds, are endued with Legs, upon which they stand, and wherewith they transferr themselves from place to place, to gather their Food, and for other conveniences of Life, and so the Trunk of their Body must needs be elevated above the Superficies of the Earth, so that they could not conveniently either gather their Food or Drink, if they wanted a Neck, therefore Nature hath not only furnished them therewith, but with such an  
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one as is commensurable to their Legs, except here the Elephant, which hath indeed a short Neck, for the excessive weight of his Head and Teeth, which to a long Neck would have been unsupportable, but is provided with a Trunk, wherewith, as with a Hand he takes up his Food and Drink, and brings it to his Mouth. I say, the Necks of Birds and Quadrupeds are commensurate to their Legs, so that they which have long Legs have long Necks, and they that have short Legs short ones, as is seen in the *Crocodile*, and all *Lizards*; and those that have no Legs, as they do not want Necks, so neither have they any, as *Fishes*. This equality between the length of the Legs and Neck is especially seen in Beasts that feed constantly upon Grass, whose Necks and Legs are always very near equal; very near I say, because the Neck must necessarily have some advantage, in that it cannot hang perpendicularly down, but must incline a little. Moreover, because this sort of Creatures must needs hold their Heads down in an inclining posture for a considerable time together, which would be very laborious and painful for the Muscles; therefore on each side the ridge of the Vertebres of the Neck, Nature hath placed an *ἀπὸσπῶ-ρας*, or nervous Ligament of a great thick-

ness and strength, apt to stretch and shrink again as need requires, and void of sence, extending from the Head (to which, and the next Vertebres of the Neck it is fastned at that end) to the middle Vertebres of the back (to which it is knit at the other) to assist them to support the Head in that posture, which *Aponeurosis* is taken notice of by the Vulgar by the name of *Fixfax*, or *Packwax*, or *Whit-leather*. It is also very observable in Fowls that wade in the Water, which having long Legs, have also Necks answerably long. Only in these too there is an exception, exceeding worthy to be noted, for some Water-Fowl, which are *Palmipeds*, or whole-footed, have very long Legs, and yet but short Necks, as *Swans* and *Geese*, and some *Indian* Birds; wherein we may observe the admirable Providence of Nature. For such Birds as were to search and gather their Food, whether Herbs or Insects, in the bottom of Pools deep Waters, have long Necks for that purpose, though their Legs, as is most convenient for swimming, be but short. Whereas there are no Land-Fowl to be seen with short Legs, and long Necks, but all have their Necks in length commensurate to their Legs. This instance is the more considerable, because the Atheists usual clam will

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not hear help them out. For (say they) there were many Animals of disproportionate Parts, and of absurd and uncouth shapes produced at first, in the infancy of the World; but because they could not gather their Food, or perform other Functions necessary to maintain Life, they soon perished, and were lost again. For these Birds we see, can gather their Food upon Land conveniently enough, notwithstanding the length of their Necks; for example: Geese graze upon Commons, and can feed themselves fat upon Land. Yet is there not one Land-Bird, which hath its Neck thus disproportionate to its Legs; nor one Water one neither, but such as are destined by Nature in such manner as we have mentioned to search and gather their Food. For Nature makes not a long Neck to no purpose.

But against the Uses of several Bodies I have instanced in, that refer to Man, it may be objected, That these Uses were not designed by Nature in the formation of the things; but that the things were by the Wit of Man accommodated to those Uses. *Object.*

To which I answer with Dr. *More* in the *Appendix* to his *Antidote against Atheism*. That the several useful Dependencies of this  
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kind, (*viz.* of *Stones, Timber, and Metals* for building of Houses or Ships, the *Magnet* for Navigation, &c. Fire for melting of Metals, and forging of Instruments for the purposes mentioned) we only find, not make them. For whether we think of it or no, it is, for Example, manifest, that Fuel is good to continue Fire, and Fire to melt Metals, and Metals to make Instruments to build Ships and Houses, and so on. Wherefore it being true, that there is such a subordinate usefulness in the Things themselves that are made to our hand, it is but reason in us to impute it to such a Cause as was aware of the usefulness and serviceableness of its own Works. To which I shall add, that since we find Materials so fit to serve all the Necessities and Conveniences, and to exercise and employ the Wit and Industry of an intelligent and active Being, and since there is such an one created that is endued with Skill and Ability to use them, and which by their help is enabled to rule over and subdue all inferiour Creatures, but without them had been left necessitous, helpless, and obnoxious to Injuries above any other; and since the Omniscient Creator could not but know all the Uses, to which they might and would be employed by Man, to them that acknowledge



ledge the Being of a Deity, it is little less than a Demonstration, that they were created intentionally, I do not say only, for those Uses.

Methinks by all this Provision for the Use and Service of Man, the Almighty interpretatively speaks to him in this manner, I have placed thee in a spacious and well furnished World; I have endued thee with an ability of understanding what is beautiful and proportionable, and have made that which is so agreeable and delightful to thee; I have provided thee with Materials whereon to exercise and employ thy Art and Strength; I have given thee an excellent Instrument, the Hand, accommodated to make use of them all; I have distinguished the Earth into Hills, and Valleys, and Plains, and Meadows, and Woods; all these parts capable of Culture and Improvement by thy Industry; I have committed to thee for thy assistance in thy Labours of Plowing, and Carrying, and Drawing, and Travel; the laborious Oxe, the patient Ass, and the strong and serviceable Horse; I have created a multitude of Seeds for thee to make choice out of them, of what is most pleasant to thy Taste, and of most wholsom and plentiful Nourishment; I have also made great variety of Trees, bearing Fruit both  
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for Food and Phyfick, thofe too capable of being meliorated and improved by Tranfplantation, Stercoration, Infition, Pruning, Watering, and other Arts and Devices. Till and manure thy Fields, fow them with thy Seeds, extirpate noxious and unprofitable Herbs, guard them from the invafions and fpoil of Beafts, clear and fence in thy Meadows and Paftures ; drefs and prune thy Vines and fo rank and difpofe them as is moft futable to the Climate ; Plant thee Orchards, with all forts of Fruit-Trees, in fuch order as may be moft beautiful to the Eye, and moft comprehensive of Plants ; Gardens for culinary Herbs, and all kinds of Salletting ; for delectable Flowers, to gratifie the Eye with their agreeable Colours and Figures, and thy fcent with their fragrant Odors ; for odoriferous and ever-green Shrubs and *Suffrutices* ; for Exotick and Medicinal Plants of all forts, and difpofe them in that comly order, as may be both pleafant to behold, and commodious for accefs. I have furnifhed thee with all Materials for Building, as Stone, and Timber, and Slate, and Lime, and Clay, and Earth whereof to make Bricks and Tiles. Deck and befprangle the Country with Houfes and Villages convenient for thy Habitation, provided with Out-houfes and Stables for the har-

harbouring and shelter of thy Cattle, with Barns and Granaries for the reception, and custody, and storing up thy Corn and Fruits. I have made thee a sociable Creature, ζῶον πολιτικόν, for the improvement of thy Understanding by Conference, and communication of Observations and Experiments; for mutual help, assistance, and defence; build thee large Towns and Cities with streight and well paved Streets, and elegant Rows of Houses, adorned with magnificent Temples for my Honour and Worship, with beautiful Palaces for thy Princes and Grandees, with stately Halls for Publick Meetings of the Citizens and their several Companies, and the Sessions of the Courts of Judicature, besides publick Portico's and Aquæducts. I have implanted in thy Nature a desire of seeing strange and forreign, and finding out unknown Countries, for the improvement and advance of thy Knowledge in *Geography*, by observing the Bays, and Creeks, and Havens, and Promontories, the Outlets of Rivers, the Situation of the Maritime Towns and Cities, the Longitude and Latitude, &c. of those Places: In *Politicks*, by noting their Government, their Manners, Laws and Customs, their Diet and Medicine, their Trades and Manufactures, their Houses and  
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Buildings, their Exercises and Sports, &c. In *Physiology*, or Natural History, by searching out their Natural Rarities, the Productions both of Land and Water, what *Species* of Animals, Plants, and Minerals, of Fruits and Drogues are to be found there, what Commodities for Bartering and Permutation, whereby thou may'st be enabled to make large Additions to Natural History, to advance those other Sciences, and to benefit and enrich thy Country by increase of its Trade and Merchandize: I have given thee Timber and Iron to build the Hulls of Ships, tall Trees for Masts, Flax and Hemp for Sails, Cables, and Cordage for Rigging, I have armed thee with Courage and Hardiness to attempt the Seas, and traverse the spacious Plains of that liquid Element; I have assisted thee with a Compass, to direct thy Course when thou shalt be out of all Ken of Land, and have nothing in view but Sky and Water. Go thither for the Purposes before-mentioned, and bring home what may be useful and beneficial to thy Country in general, or thy self in particular.

I persuade myself, that the bountiful and gracious Author of Mans Being and Faculties, and all things else, delights in the Beauty of his Creation, and is well pleased with

with the Industry of Man in adorning the Earth with beautiful Cities and Castles, with pleasant Villages, and Country Houses, with regular Gardens and Orchards and Plantations of all sorts of Shrubs, and Herbs, and Fruits, for Meat, Medicine, or moderate Delight, with shady Woods and Groves, and Walks set with Rows of elegant Trees; *with Pastures clothed with Flocks, and Valleys covered over with Corn,* and Meadows burthened with Grass, and whatever else differenceth a civil and well cultivated Religion from a barren and desolate Wilderness.

If a Country thus planted and adorned, thus polished and civilized, thus improved to the height by all manner of Culture for the Support and Sustainance, and convenient Entertainment of innumerable multitudes of People, be not to be preferred before a barbarous and inhospitable *Scythia*, without Houses, without Plantations, without Corn-fields or Vineyards, where the roving *Hords* of the savage and turbulent Inhabitants, transfer themselves from place to place in Waggon, as they can find Pasture and Forrage for their Cattle, and live upon Milk and Flesh roasted in the Sun at the Pomels of their Saddles; or a rude and unpolished *America*, peopled with slothful  
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and naked *Indians*, instead of well-built Houses, living in pitiful Hutts and Cabans, made of Poles set end-ways; then surely the brute Beasts Condition, and manner of Living, to which, what we have mention'd doth nearly approach, is to be esteem'd better than Mans, and Wit and Reason was in vain bestowed on him.

Lastly, I might draw an Argument of the admirable Art and Skill of the Creator and Composer of them from the incredible Smalness of some of those natural and enlivened Machines, the Bodies of Animals.

Any work of Art of extraordinary Fineness and Subtlety, be it but a small Engine or Movement, or a curious carved or turned Work of Ivory or Metals, such as those Cups turned of Ivory by *Oswaldus Nerlinger* of *Suevia*, mentioned by *Joan. Faber* in his Expositions of *Recchus* his *Mexican* Animals, which all had the perfect form of Cups, and were Gilt with a Golden Border about the Brim, of that wonderful smalness, that *Faber* himself put a thousand of them into an excavated Pepper-corn, and when he was weary of the Work, and yet had not filled the Vessel, his Friend *John Carolus Schad*, that shewed them him, put in Four hundred more. Any such Work, I say, is be-

beheld with admiration, and purchased at a great Rate, and treasured up as a singular Rarity in the *Museums* and Cabinets of the Curious, and as such is one of the first things shew'd to *Travellers* and *Strangers*. But what are these for their fineness and parvity (for which alone, and their Figure, they are considerable) to those Minute Machines endued with life and motion, I mean the Bodies of those *Animalcula*, not long since discovered in *Pepper-water* by Mr. *Leuwenhoek*, of *Delft* in *Holland*, (whose Observations were confirmed and improved by our Learned and Worthy Country-man Mr. *Robert Hook*) who tells us, That some of his Friends (whose Testimonials he desired) did affirm, That they had seen 10000 others 30000, others 45000 little living Creatures in a quantity of Water no bigger than a grain of *Millet*. And yet he made it his request to them, that they would only justify (that they might be within compass) half the number that they believed each of them saw in the Water. From the greatest of these Numbers he infers, that there will be 8280000 of these living Creatures seen in one drop of Water; which number (saith he) I can with Truth affirm, I have discerned. This (proceeds he) doth exceed belief. But I do affirm, if a larger  
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Grain of Sand were broken into 8000000, of equal Parts, one of these would not exceed the bigness of one of those Creatures. Mr. *Hook* tells us, That after he had discovered vast multitudes of those exceeding small Creatures which Mr. *Lewenhock* had described, upon making use of other Lights and Glasses, he not only magnified those he had discovered to a very great bigness, but discovered many other sorts very much smaller than them he first saw, and some of them so exceeding small, that Millions of Millions might be contained in one drop of Water. If *Pliny*, considering such Insects as were known to him, and those were none but what were visible to the naked Eye, was moved to cry out, That the artifice of Nature was no where more conspicuous than in these; and again, *In his tam parvis atque tam nullis quæ ratio, quanta vis, quàm inextricabilis perfectio?* and again, *Rerum natura nusquam magis quàm in minimis tota est*, Hist. Nat. l. II. c. I. What would he have said, if he had seen Animals of so stupendious smalness, as I have mentioned? How would he have been rapt into an Extasie of Astonishment and Admiration?

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Again, If considering the Body of a Gnat, (which by his own confession is none of the least of Insects) he could make so many admiring Queries, *Where hath Nature disposed so many Senses in a Gnat? Ubi visum prætendit? ubi gustatum applicavit? ubi odoratum inseruit? ubi verò truculentam illam & portione maximam vocem ingeneravit? quâ subtilitate pennas adnexuit? prælongavit pedum crura? disposuit jejunam caveam uti alvum? avidam sanguinis & potissimum humani sitim accendit? telum vero perfodiendo tergori quo spiculavit ingenio? atque ut in capaci, cùm cerni non possit exilitas, ità reciproca geminavit arte, ut fodiendo acuminatum pariter sorbendoque fistulosum esset.* Which Words should I translate, would lose of their emphasis and elegance. If, I say, he could make such Queries about the Members of a Gnat, what may we make? and what would he in all likelihood have made, had he seen these incredibly small living Creatures? How would he have admired the immense subtilty (as he phrases it) of their Parts? for to use Mr, *Hook's* Words in his *Microscopium*, p. 103. If these Creatures be so exceeding small, what must we think of their Muscles and other Parts? Certain it is, that the Mechanism by which Nature performs

the Muscular Motion, is exceeding small and curious ; and to the performance of every Muscular Motion, in greater Animals at least, there are not fewer distinct parts concerned than many Millions of Millions, and these visible through a Microscope.

*Use.* Let us then consider the Works of God, and observe the Operations of his Hands : Let us take notice of, and admire his infinite Wisdom and Goodness in the Formation of them : No Creature in this sublunary World, is capable of so doing, beside Man ; and yet we are deficient herein : We content ourselves with the knowledge of the Tongues, and a little skill in Philology, or History perhaps, and Antiquity, and neglect that which to me seems more material, I mean Natural History, and the Works of the Creation : I do not discommend or derogate from those other Studies : I should betray mine own Ignorance and Weakness should I do so ; I only wish they might not altogether jostle out, and exclude this. I wish that this might be brought in fashion among us ; I wish Men would be so equal and civil, as not to disparage, deride, and vilifie those Studies which themselves skill not of, or are not conversant in ; no Knowledge

ledge can be more pleasant than this, none that doth so satisfie and feed the Soul; in comparison whereto that of Words and Phrases seems to me insipid and jejune. That Learning (saith a wise and observant Prelate) which consists only in the form and pedagogy of Arts, or the critical Notions upon Words and Phrases, hath in it this intrinsical imperfection, that it is only so far to be esteemed, as it conduceth to the knowledge of Things, being in itself but a kind of Pedantry, apt to infect a Man with such odd Humors of Pride, and Affectation, and Curiosity, as will render him unfit for any great Employment. Words being but the Images of Matter, to be wholly given up to the Study of these, what is it but *Pygmalion's Phrenzy*, to fall in Love with a Picture or Image. As for *Oratory*, which is the best skill about Words, that hath by some wise Men been esteemed but a voluptuary Art, like to Cookery, which spoils wholesome Meats, and helps unwholesome, by the variety of Sauces serving more to the Pleasure of Taste, than the Health of the Body.

It may be (for ought I know, and as some Divines have thought) part of our business and employment in Eternity, to contemplate the Works of God, and give

him the Glory of his Wisdom, Power, and Goodness manifested in the Creation of them. I am sure it is part of the business of a Sabbath-day, and the Sabbath is a Type of that Eternal Rest; for the Sabbath seems to have been first instituted for a commemoration of the Works of the Creation, from which God is said to have rested upon the Seventh-Day.

Let it not suffice us to be Book-learned, to read what others have written, and to take upon trust more Falshood than Truth: but let us our selves examine things as we have opportunity, and converse with Nature as well as Books. Let us endeavour to promote and increase this Knowledge, and make new Discoveries, not so much distrust- ing our own Parts, or despairing of our own Abilities, as to think that our Industry can add nothing to the Inventions of our Ancestors, or correct any of their Mistakes. Let us not think that the Bounds of Science are fixed like *Hercules's* Pillars, and inscribed with a *Ne plus ultra*. Let us not think we have done, when we have learnt what they have delivered to us. The Treasures of Nature are inexhaustible. Here is Employment enough for the vastest Parts, the most indefatigable Industries, the happiest Opportunities, the most prolix and undisturbed

sturbed Vacancies. *Multa venientis ævi populus ignota nobis sciet: Multa seculis tunc futuris, cum memoria nostri exoleverit reservantur. Pusilla res mundus est, nisi in eo quod quærat omnis mundus habeat, Seneca Nat. Quæst. lib. 7. cap. 31. The People of the next Age shall know many things unknown to us: many are reserved for Ages then to come, when we shall be quite forgotten, no memory of us remaining. The World would be a pitiful small thing indeed, if it did not contain enough for the enquiries of the whole World. Yet, and again, Epist. 64. Multum adhuc restat Operis, multumq; restabit, nec ulli nato post mille sæcula præcludatur occasio aliquid adhuc adjiciandi. Much Work still remains, and much will remain, neither to him that shall be born after a thousand Ages, will matter be wanting for new additions to what hath already been invented. Much might be done would we but endeavour, and nothing is insuperable to pains and patience. I know that a new Study at first, seems very vast, intricate, and difficult; but after a little resolution and progress, after a Man becomes a little acquainted, as I may so say, with it, his Understanding is wonderfully cleared up and enlarged, the difficulties vanish, and the thing grows easie and familiar. And for our en-*

couragement in this Study, observe what the Psalmist saith, *Psal. III. 2. The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.* Which though it be principally spoken of the Works of Providence, yet may as well be verified of the Works of Creation. I am sorry to see so little Account made of real *Experimental Philosophy* in this University, and that those ingenious Sciences of the *Mathematicks* are so much neglected by us: and therefore do earnestly exhort those that are young, especially Gentlemen, to set upon these Studies, and take some pains in them. They may possibly invent something of eminent use and advantage to the World; and one such Discovery would abundantly compensate the Expence and Travel of one Man's whole Life. However, it is enough to maintain and continue what is already invented: neither do I see what more ingenious and manly Employment they can pursue, tending more to the Satisfaction of their own Minds, and the Illustration of the Glory of God. For he is wonderful in all his Works.

But I would not have any Man cross his natural Genius or Inclinations, or undertake such Methods of Study, as his Parts are not fitted to, or not serve those Ends to which  
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his Friends upon mature Deliberation have designed him ; but those who do abound with leisure, or who have a natural Propension and Genius inclining them thereto, or those who by reason of the Strength and Greatness of their Parts, are able to compass and comprehend the whole Latitude of Learning.

Neither yet need those who are designed to Divinity itself, fear to look into these Studies, or think they will engross their whole time, and that no considerable Progress can be made therein, unless Men lay aside and neglect their ordinary Callings, and necessary Employments. No such matter : Our Life is long enough, and we might find time enough, did we husband it well : *Vitam non accepimus brevem sed fecimus, nec inopes ejus, sed prodigi sumus*, as *Seneca* saith. And did but young Men fill up that time with these Studies, which lies upon their hands, which they are incumbered with, and troubled how to pass away, much might be done even so. I do not see but the Study of true Physiology, may be justly accounted a proper *προπαιδεια*, or Preparative to Divinity. But to leave that, It is a generally received Opinion, That all this visible World was created for Man ; that Man is the end of the Creation, as if

there were no other end of any Creature, but some way or other to be serviceable to Man. This Opinion is as old as *Tully*, for saith he, in his Second Book, *De Nat. Deorum Principio ipse Mundus Deorum hominumq; causâ factus est; quæq; in eo sunt omnia ea parata ad fructum hominum & inventa sunt.* But though this be vulgarly received, yet Wise Men now adays think otherwise.

\* *Antid.*  
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*Dr. \* More* affirms, *That Creatures are made to enjoy themselves, as well as to serve us, and that it's a gross piece of Ignorance and Rusticity to think otherwise.* And in another place: *This comes only out of Pride and Ignorance, or a haughty Presumption, because we are encouraged to believe, that in some sense, all things are made for Man, therefore to think that they are not at all made for themselves. But he that pronounceth this, is ignorant of the Nature of Man, and the Knowledge of Things. For if a good Man be merciful to his Beast, then surely, a good God is bountiful and benign, and takes pleasure that all his Creatures enjoy themselves that have Life and Sense, and are capable of Enjoyment. For my part, I cannot believe that all the things in the World were so made for Man, that they have no other use.*



For it is highly absurd and unreasonable, to think that Bodies of such vast magnitude as the fixt Stars, were only made to twinkle to us ; nay, a multitude of them there are, that do not so much as twinkle, being either by reason of their distance or of their smalness, altogether invisible to the naked Eye, and only discoverable by a Telescope, and it is likely perfecter Telescopes than we yet have, may bring to light many more ; and who knows, how many lie out of the ken of the best Telescope that can possibly be made. And I believe there are many Species in Nature, which were never yet taken notice of by Man, and consequently of no use to him, which yet we are not to think were created in vain ; but it's likely (as the Doctor saith) to partake of the overflowing Goodness of the Creator, and enjoy their own Beings. But though in this sence it be not true, that all things were made for Man ; yet thus far it is, that all the Creatures in the World may be some way or other useful to us, at least to exercise our Wits and Understandings, in considering and contemplating of them, and so afford us Subject of Admiring and Glorifying their and our Maker. Seeing then, we do believe and assert that all things were in some sence made for us, we are  
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thereby obliged to make use of them for those purposes for which they serve us, else we frustrate this End of their Creation. Now some of them serve only to exercise our Minds : many others there be, which might probably serve us to good purpose, whose Uses are not discovered, nor are they ever like to be, without Pains and Industry. True it is, many of the greatest Inventions have been accidentally stumbled upon, but not by Men supine and careless, but busie and inquisitive. Some Reproach methinks it is to Learned Men, that there should be so many Animals still in the World, whose outward shape is not yet taken notice of, or described, much less their way of Generation, Food, Manners, Uses, observed. If Man ought to reflect upon his Creator the Glory of all his Works, then ought he to take notice of them all, and not to think any thing unworthy of his Cognizance. And truly the Wisdom, Art, and Power of Almighty God, shines forth as visibly in the Structure of the Body of the minutest Insect, as in that of a *Horse* or *Elephant* : Therefore God is said to be, *Maximus in minimis*. We Men, esteeming it a more difficult Matter, and of greater Art and Curiosity to frame a small Watch, than a large Clock : And no Man blames him who spent

spent his whole time in the consideration of the Nature and Works of a Bee, or thinks his subject was too narrow. Let us not then esteem any thing contemptible or inconsiderable, or below our notice taking; for this is to derogate from the Wisdom and Art of the Creator, and to confess ourselves unworthy of those Endowments of Knowledge and Understanding which he hath bestowed on us. Do we praise *Dædalus*, and *Architas*, and *Hero*, and *Calliocrates*, and *Albertus Magnus*, and many others which I might mention, for their cunning in inventing, and dexterity in framing and composing a few dead Engines or Movements: and shall we not admire and magnifie the Great *Δημιουργὸς Κόσμος*, *Former of the World*, who hath made so many, yea, I may say innumerable, rare Pieces, and those too not dead ones, such as cease presently to move so soon as the Spring is down, but all living, and themselves performing their own Motions, and those so intricate and various, and requiring such a multitude of Parts and subordinate Machins, that it is incomprehensible, what Art, and Skill, and Industry must be employed in the Framing of one of them.

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But it may be objected, That God Almighty was not so selfish and desirous of Glory, as to make the World and all the Creatures therein, only for his own Honour, and to be praised by Man. To assert this, were, in *Des Cartes's* Opinion, an absurd and childish thing, and a resembling of God to a proud Man. It is more worthy the Deity to attribute the Creation of the World to the exundation and overflowing of his Transcendent and Infinite Goodness, which is of its own Nature, and in the very Notion of it most Free, Diffusive, and Communicative.

To this I shall answer in two words. First, The Testimony of Scripture makes God in all his Actions to Intend and Design his own Glory mainly, *Prov. 16. 4. God made all things for himself.* How, for Himself? He had no need of them: He hath no Use of them. No, he made them for the manifestation of his Power, Wisdom, and Goodness, and that he might receive from the Creatures that were able to take notice thereof, his Tribute of Praise. *Psal. 50. 14. Offer unto God thanksgiving.* And in the next Verse, *I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorifie me.* And again in the last Verse, *Whoso offereth praise, glorifieth me.* So Praise is called a Sacrifice, and *the Calves*  
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of the Lips, Hosea 14. 2. Esay 42. 8. *I am the Lord, that is my name, and my glory will I not give to another.* Esay 48. 11.

*And I will not give my glory to another.*

And to me it seems, that where the Heavens and Earth, and Sun and Moon, and Stars, and all other Creatures are called upon to Praise the Lord; the meaning and intention is, to invite and stir up Man to take Notice of all those Creatures, and to Admire and Praise the Power, Wisdom, and Goodness of God manifested in the Creation and Designations of them.

Secondly, It is most reasonable that God Almighty should intend his own Glory: For he being Infinite in all Excellencies and Perfections, and Independent upon any other Being; nothing can be said or thought of him too great, and which he may not justly challenge as His Due; nay, He cannot think too highly of Himself, his other Attributes being adequate to his Understanding; so that, though his Understanding be infinite, yet he understands no more than his Power can effect, because that is Infinite also. And therefore it is fit and reasonable, that he should own and accept the Creatures Acknowledgments and Celebrations of those Vertues and Perfections, which he hath not received of any other, but possesseth

feeth Eternally and Originally of himself. And indeed, (with reverence be it spoken) what else can we imagine the ever Blessed Deity to delight and take complacency in for ever, but his own Infinite Excellencies and Perfections, and the Manifestations and Effects of them, the Works of the Creation, and the Sacrifices of Praise and Thanks offered up by such of his Creatures as are capable of considering those Works, and discerning the Traces and Footsteps of his Power and Wisdom appearing in the Formation of them, and moreover, whose bounden Duty it is so to do. The reason why Man ought not to admire himself, or seek his own Glory, is, because he is a dependent Creature, and hath nothing but what he hath received, and not only dependent, but imperfect; yea, weak and impotent. And yet do I not take Humility in Man to consist in disowning or denying any Gift or Ability that is in him, but in a just valuation of such Gifts and Endowments, yet rather thinking too meanly than too highly of them; because Humane Nature is so apt to err in running into the other extreme, to flatter itself, and to accept those Praises that are not due to it; Pride being an elation of Spirit upon false Grounds, or a desire and acceptance of  
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undue Honour. Otherwise, I do not see why a Man may not admit and accept the Testimonies of others concerning any Perfection, Accomplishment or Skill that he is really possessed of : yet can he not think himself to deserve any great Praise or Honour for it, because both the Power and the Habit are the Gift of God : And considering that one Vertue is counter-balanced by many Vices ; and one Skill or Perfection, with much Ignorance and Infir- mity.

I proceed now to select some particular Pieces of the Creation, and to consider them more distinctly. They shall be only two,

- I. The whole Body of the Earth.
- II. The Body of Man.

*First*, The Body of the Earth, and there- in I shall take notice of, 1. Its Figure. 2. Its Motion. 3. The Constitution of its parts.

By Earth I here understand not the Dry Land, or the Earth contradistinguished to Water, or the Earth considered as an Ele- ment : but the whole *Terraqueous* Globe, composed of Earth and Water.

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I. For the *Figure*, I could easily demonstrate it to be Spherical. That the Water, which by reason of its fluidity should, one would think, compose itself to a Level, yet doth not so, but hath a *Gibbose Superficies*, may to the Eye be demonstrated upon the Sea. For when two Ships sailing contrary ways lose the sight one of another: first the Keel and Hull disappear, afterward the Sails, and if when upon Deck you have perfectly lost sight of all, you get up the top of the Main-mast you may descry it again. Now what should take away the sight of these Ships from each other, but the gibbosity of the interjacent Water? The roundness of the Earth from North to South is demonstrated from the appearance of Northern Stars above the Horizon, and loss of the Southern to them that travel Northward; and on the contrary the loss of the Northern, and appearance of the Southern to them that travel Southward. For were the Earth a Plain, we should see exactly the same Stars where-ever we were placed on that Plain. The roundness from East to West is demonstrated from *Eclipses* of either of the great *Luminaries*. For why the same *Eclipse*, suppose of the *Sun*, which is seen to them that live more Easterly, when the Sun is elevated 6 degrees above the Horizon, should be





such a one, and all its parts having an equal propension, or connivency to the Center, they must needs be in greatest rest, and most immoveable when they are all equidistant from it. Whereas, were it an Angular Body, all the Angles would be vast and steep Mountains, bearing a considerable proportion to the whole bulk, and therefore those parts being extremely more remote from the Center, than those about the middle of the Plains, would consequently press very strongly thitherward; and unless the Earth were made of Adamant or Marble, in time the other parts would give way, till all were levelled.

3. Were the Earth an angular Body, and not round, all the whole Earth would be nothing else but vast Mountains, and so incommodious for Animals to live upon. For the middle Point of every side would be nearer the Center than any other, and consequently from that Point, which way soever one travelled would be up Hill, the tendency of all heavy Bodies being perpendicularly to the Center. Besides, how much this would obstruct Commerce is easily seen. For not only the declivity of all places would render them very difficult to be travelled over, but likewise the midst of every

every side being lowest and nearest the Center, if there were any Rain, or any Rivers, must needs be filled with a Lake of Water, there being no way to discharge it, and possibly the Water would rise so high, as to overthrow the whole *Latus*. But surely, there would be much more danger of the Inundation of whole Countries than now there is : all the Waters falling upon the Earth, by reason of its declivity every way, easily descending down to the common Receptacle the Sea. And these Lakes of Water being far distant one from another, there could be no Commerce between far remote Countries, but by Land.

4. A Spherical Figure is most commodious for *dinetical* motion or revolution upon its own *Axis*. For in that neither can the Medium at all resist the motion of the Body, because it stands not in its way, no part coming into any space but what the precedent left, neither doth one part of the Superficies move faster than another : whereas were it Angular, the parts about the Angles would find strong resistance from the Air, and those parts also about the Angles, would move much faster than those about the middle of the Plains, being remoter from the Center than they. It remains

therefore that this Figure is the most commodious for Motion.

Here I cannot but take notice of the folly and stupidity of the *Epicureans*, who fancied the Earth to be flat and contiguous to the Heavens on all sides, and that it descended a great way with long Roots ; and that the Sun was new made every Morning, and not much bigger than it seems to the Eye, and of a flat Figure, and many other such gross Absurdities as Children among us would be ashamed of.

*Secondly*, I come now to speak of the *Motion* of the *Earth*. That the *Earth* (speaking according to Philosophical accurateness) doth move both upon its own Poles, and in the *Ecliptick*, is now the received Opinion of the most learned and skilful *Mathematicians*. To prove the diurnal Motion of it upon its Poles, I need produce no other Argument than, *First*, The vast disproportion in respect of Magnitude that is between the Earth and the Heavens, and the great unlikelihood, that such an infinite number of vast Bodies should move about so inconsiderable a spot as the Earth, which in comparison with them by the concurrent Suffrages of Mathematicians of both persuasions, is a meer point, that is,

is, next to nothing. *Secondly*, The immense and incredible Celerity of the Motion of the Heavenly Bodies in the Ancient *Hypothesis*. Of its Annual Motion in the *Ecliptick*, the Stations and Retrogradations of the superiour Planets are a convincing Argument, there being a clear and facile Account thereof to be given from the meer Motion of the Earth in the *Ecliptick*; whereas in the Old *Hypothesis* no account can be given, but by the unreasonable Fiction of *Epicycles* and contrary Motions; add hereto the great unlikelihood of such an enormous *Epicycle* as *Venus* must describe about the Sun, not under the Sun, as the old Astronomers fancied. About the Sun I say, as appears by its being hid or eclipsed by it, and by its several *Phases*, like the *Moon*. So that whosoever doth clearly understand both *Hypothesis*, cannot, I perswade myself, adhere to the Old and reject the New, without doing some violence to his Faculties.

Against this Opinion lie two Objections, *First*, That it is contrary to Sense, and the common Opinion and Belief of Mankind. *Secondly*, That it seemeth contrary to some Expressions in *Scripture*. To the first I answer, that our Senses are sometimes mistaken, and what appears to them is not

always in reality so as it appears. For Example : The Sun or Moon appear no bigger at most, than a Cart-wheel, and of a flat figure. The Earth seems to be plain ; the Heavens to cover it like a Canopy, and to be contiguous to it round about : A Fire-brand nimbly moved round, appears like a Circle of Fire ; and to give a parallel Instance, a Boat lying still at Anchor in a River to him that Sails or Rows by it, seems to move apace : and when the Clouds pass nimbly under the Moon, the Moon itself seems to move the contrary way. And there have been whole Books written in Confutation of vulgar Errors. *Secondly*, As to the *Scripture*, when speaking of these things, it accommodates itself to the common and received Opinions, and employs the usual Phrases and Forms of Speech, (as all Wise Men also do, though in strictness, they be of a different or contrary Opinion) without intention of delivering any thing Doctrinally concerning these Points, or confuting the contrary : And yet by those that maintain the Opinion of the Earth's motion, there might a convenient Interpretation be given of such places as seem to contradict it. Howbeit, because some pious Persons may be offended at such an Opinion, as favouring of Novelty, thinking it inconsistent with

with Divine Relation, I shall not positively assert it, only propose it as an *Hypothesis* not altogether improbable. Supposing then, that the Earth doth move, both upon its own Poles, and in the Ecliptick about the Sun, I shall shew how admirably its Situation and Motion are contrived for the conveniency of Man and other Animals: which I cannot do more fully and clearly than Dr. More hath already done in his *Antidote against Atheism*, whose Words therefore I shall borrow.

First, Speaking of the *Parallelism* of the *Axis* of the *Earth*, he saith, I demand whether it be better to have the *Axis* of the Earth steady and perpetually parallel to itself, or to have it carelessly tumble this way and that way as it happens, or at least very variously and intricately: And you cannot but answer me, it is better to have it steady and parallel. For in this lies the necessary Foundation of the Art of Navigation and Dialling. For that steady Stream of Particles, which is supposed to keep the *Axis* of the *Earth* parallel to itself, affords the Mariner both his *Cynosura*, and his *Compass*. The *Load-stone*, and the *Load-star* depend both upon this. The *Load-stone*, as I could demonstrate, were it not too great a digression; and the *Load-star*, be-

cause that which keeps the *Axis* parallel to itself, makes each of the *Poles* constantly respect such a Point in the Heavens; as for Example, the *North-pole* to point almost directly to that which we call the *Pole-star*. And besides, *Dialling* could not be at all without this steadiness of the *Axis*. But both these Arts are pleasant, and one especially of mighty Importance to Mankind. For thus there is an orderly measuring of our time for Affairs at home, and an opportunity of Traffick abroad with the most remote Nations of the World, and so there is a mutual Supply of the several Commodities of all Countries, besides the enlarging our Understandings by so ample Experience we get both of Men and Things. Wherefore if we were rationally to consult, whether the *Axis* of the *Earth* were better be held steady and parallel to itself, or left at random, we would conclude it ought to be steady, and so we find it *de Facto*, though the *Earth* move floating in the liquid Heavens. So that appealing to our own Faculties we are to affirm, That the constant Direction of the *Axis* of the *Earth* was Established by a Principle of Wisdom and Counsel.

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Again, there being several postures of this steady Direction of the *Axis* of the *Earth*, *viz.* Either perpendicular to a Plain, going through the Center of the *Sun*, or coincident, or inclining, I demand which of all these Reason and Knowledge would make choice of. Not of a perpendicular Posture. For so both the pleasant Variety, and great Convenience of Summer and Winter, Spring and Autumn would be lost, and for want of Accession of the Sun, these Parts of the Earth, which now bring forth Fruits, and are Habitable, would be in an incapacity of ever bringing forth any, and consequently could entertain no Inhabitants, and those Parts that the full heat of the Sun could reach, he plying them always alike without any annual Recession or Intermision, would at last grow tired or exhausted, or be wholly dried up, and want moisture, the Sun dissipating and casting off the Clouds Northwards and Southwards. Besides, we observe that an orderly Vicissitude of Things, doth much more gratifie the Contemplative Property in Man.

And now in the second place, neither would Reason make choice of a coincident Position. For if the *Axis* thus lay in a Plain that goeth through the Center of the  
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*Sun*, the *Ecliptick* would like a *Colure*, or one of the *Meridians*, pass through the *Poles* of the Earth, which would put the *Inhabitants* of the World into a pitiful condition. For they that escape best in the *Temperate Zone*, would be accloyed with long *Nights* very tedious, no less than *Forty Days*, and those that now never have their *Night* above *Twenty Four Hours*, as *Friesland Island*, the furthest parts of *Russia* and *Norway* would be deprived of the *Sun*, above a *Hundred and Thirty Days* together. Our selves in *England*, and the rest of the same *Clime* would be closed up in darkness no less than a *Hundred or Eighty Days*: and so proportionably of the rest, both in, and out of the *Temperate Zones*. And as for *Summer* and *Winter*, though those *Vicissitudes* would be, yet it could not but cause raging *Diseases*, to have the *Sun* stay so long, describing his little *Circles* so near the *Poles*, and lying so hot on the *Inhabitants*, that had been in so long extremity of *Darkness* and *Cold* before.

It remains therefore, that the posture of the *Axis* of the Earth be inclining not perpendicular, not coincident to the fore-mentioned *Plain*. And verily, it is not only inclining, but in so fit a proportion, that there  
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can be no fitter imagined to make it to the utmost capacity, as well pleasant as habitable. For though the course of the Sun be curbed between the Tropicks, yet are not those parts directly subject to his perpendicular Beams, either Unhabitable, or extremely Hot, as the Ancients fancied: By the Testimony of Travellers, and particularly Sir *Walter Rawleigh*, the parts under and near the Line, being as fruitful and pleasant, and fit to make a Paradise of, as any in the World. And that they are as suitable to the Nature of Man, and as convenient to live in, appears from the Longevity of the Natives; as for instance, the *Æthiopes*, called by the Ancients, *Maxe-gioi*; but especially the *Brasilians* in *America*, the ordinary Term of whose Life is a Hundred Years, as is set down by *Piso*, a Learned Physitian of *Holland*, who travelled thither on purpose to augment Natural Knowledge, but especially what related to Physick. And reasonable it is, that this should be so, for neither doth the Sun lie long upon them, their Day being but twelve Hours, and their Night as long, to cool and refresh them; and besides, they have frequent Showers, and constant Breezes, or fresh Gales of Wind from the *East*. Seeing then, this best posture which our Reason could

could make choice of, we see really established in Nature, we cannot but acknowledge it to be the issue of Wisdom, Counsel, and Providence. Moreover, a further Argument to evince this is, That though it cannot but be acknowledged, that if the *Axis* of the Earth were perpendicular to the Plain of the Ecliptick, her motion would be more easie and natural, yet notwithstanding for the Conveniences fore-mentioned, we see it is made in an inclining posture.

If any Man shall object and say, It would be more convenient for the Inhabitants of the Earth, if the Tropicks stood at a greater distance, and the Sun moved further Northward and Southward, for so the North and South parts would be relieved, and not exposed to so extreme cold, and thereby rendred uninhabitable as now they are.

To this I answer, That this would be more inconvenient to the Inhabitants of the *Earth* in general, and yet would afford the *North* and *South* parts but little more comfort. For then as much as the distances between the *Tropicks* were enlarg'd, so much would also the *Artick* and *Antartick* Circles be enlarg'd too; and so we here in *England*, and so on Northerly should not have

have that grateful and useful Succession of Day and Night, but proportionably to the Suns coming towards us, so would our Days be of more than Twenty four hours length, and according to his recess in Winter our Nights proportionable; which how great an inconvenience it would be, is easily seen. Whereas now the whole Latitude of Earth, which hath at any time above Twenty four hours Day, and Twenty four hours Night, is little and inconsiderable in comparison of the whole bulk, as lying near the *Poles*. And yet neither is that part altogether unuseful, for in the Waters there live Fishes, which elsewhere are not obvious, so we know the chief *Whale-fishing* is in *Green-land*: And on the Land, *Bears*, and *Foxes*, and *Deer*, in the most Northerly Country, that was ever yet touched, and doubtless, if we shall discover further to the very *North-pole*, we shall find all that Tract not to be vain, useless, or unoccupied.

*Thirdly*, The third and last thing I proposed, was the Constitution and Consistency of the parts of the Earth. And first, Admirable it is, that the Waters should be gathered together into such great *Conceptacula*, and the dry Land appear, and though we had not been assured thereof by Divine  
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Revelation, we could not in Reason, but have thought such a Division and Separation, to have been the Work of Omnipotency, and Infinite Wisdom and Goodness. For in this condition the Water nourishes and maintains innumerable Multitudes of various kinds of Fishes; and the dry Land supports and feeds as great varieties of Plants and Animals, which have there firm Footing and Habitation. Whereas had all been *Earth*, all the Species of *Fishes* had been lost, and all those Commodities which the Water affords us; or all *Water*, there had been no living for Plants, or Terrestrial Animals, or Man himself, and all the Beauty, Glory, and Variety of this inferiour World had been gone, nothing being to be seen, but one uniform dark Body of Water: or had all been mixt and made up of Water and Earth into one Body of Mud or Mire, as one would think, should be most natural: for why such a separation, as at present we find, should be made, no account can be given, but Providence. I say, had all this Globe been Mire or Mud, then could there have been no possibility for any *Animals* at all to have lived, excepting some few, and those very dull and inferiour ones too. That therefore the *Earth* should be made thus, and not only so, but with so great variety  
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of parts, as Mountains, Plains, Vallies, Sand, Gravel, Lime, Stone, Clay, Marble, Argilla, &c. which are so delectable and pleasant, and likewise so useful and convenient for the breeding, and living of various Plants and Animals; some affecting Mountains, some Plains, some Vallies, some Watery Places, some Shade, some Sun, some Clay, some Sand, some Gravel, &c. That the Earth should be so figured as to have Mountains in the Mid-land parts, abounding with Springs of Water pouring down Streams and Rivers for the Necessities and Conveniencies of the Inhabitants of the lower Countries; and that the Levels and Plains should be formed with so easie a declivity as to cast off the Water, and yet not render Travelling or Tillage very difficult or laborious. These things, I say, must needs be the result of Counsel, Wisdom, and Design. Especially when (as I said before) not that way which seems more facile and obvious to Chance is chosen, but that which is more difficult and hard to be traced, when it is most convenient and proper for those nobler Ends and Designs, which were intended by its Wise Creator and Governor. Add to all this, that the whole dry Land is, for the most part, covered over with a lovely Carpet

pet of green Grass, and other Herbs, of a colour, not only most grateful and agreeable, but most useful and salutary to the Eye ; and this also decked and adorned with great variety of Flowers of beautiful Colours and Figures , and of most pleasant and fragrant Odours for the refreshment of our Spirits, and our innocent Delight. As also with beautiful Shrubs, and stately Trees , affording us not only pleasant and nourishing Fruits, many Liquors, Drugs, and good Medicines , but Timber, and Utensils for all sorts of Trades, and the Conveniences of Man. Out of many thousands of which, we will only just name a few, lest we should be tedious, and too bulky.

*First*, The *Coco*, or *Coker-nut*-Tree, that supplies the *Indians* with almost whatever they stand in need of, as Bread, Water, Wine, Vinegar, Brandy, Milk, Oyl, Honey, Sugar, Needles, Thred, Linnen, Cloths, Cups, Spoons, Beesoms, Baskets, Paper, Masts for Ships, Sails, Cordage, Nails, Coverings for their Houses, &c. Which may be seen at large in the many printed Relations of Voyages and Travels to the *East-Indies*, but most faithfully in the *Hortus*  
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*Malabaricus*, published by that immortal Patron of Natural Learning, *Henry Van Rheedee van Draakenstein*, who has had great Commands and Employments in the *Dutch Colonies*.

Secondly, The *Aloe Muricata vel Aculeata*, which yields the *Americans* every thing their Necessities require, as Fences and Houses, Darts, Weapons, and other Arms, Shoes, Linnen, and Cloaths, Needles and Thread, Wine and Honey, besides many Utensils, for all which *Hernandes*, *Garcilasso de la Vega*, and *Margrave* may be consulted.

Thirdly, The *Bandura Cingalensium*, call'd by some the *Priapus Vegetabilis*, at the end of whose Leaves hang long Sacks or Bags, containing a pure limpid Water of great use to the *Natives*, when they want Rain for eight or ten Months together.

Fourthly, The *Cinamon-Tree* of *Ceylon*, in whose parts there is a wonderful diversity; out of the Root they get a sort of *Camphire*, and its Oyl; out of the Bark of the Trunk the true Oyl of *Cinamon*; from the Leaves, an Oyl like that of *Cloves*;  
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out of the Fruit a *Juniper Oyl*, with a mixture of those of *Cinamon* and *Cloves*; besides, they boyl the Berries into a sort of Wax, out of which they make Candles, Plaisters, Unguents. Here we may take Notice of the *Candle-trees* of the *West-Indies*, out of whose Fruit boyl'd to a thick fat Consistence, are made very good Candles, many of which have been lately distributed by that most ingenious Merchant *Mr. Charles Dubois*.

*Fifthly*, The *Fountain, or Dropping Trees*, in the *Isles of Ferro, St. Thomas*, and in *Guiny*, which serve the Inhabitants instead of Rain, and fresh Springs: My honoured Friend *Dr. Tancred Robinson*, in a late Letter to me, is not of *Vossius's* Opinion, that these Trees are of the *Ferulaceous* kind, because he observes that by the Descriptions of Eye-witnesses, and by the dry'd Sample sent by *Paludanus* to the Duke of *Wirtemberg*, the Leaves are quite different from those of the *Ferula's*, coming nearer to the *Seseli Æthiopicum Salicis vel Periclymeni folio*: therefore the Doctor rather thinks them to be of the *Laurel-kind*, tho' he concludes there may be many different sorts of these running aqueous Trees, because that

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*Phænomenon* does not depend upon, or proceed from any peculiarity of the Plant, but rather from the Place and Situation; of which he writes more at large in a Letter printed in another Discourse of mine.

*Sixthly, And Lastly,* We will only mention the Names of some other Vegetables, which with Eighteen or Twenty thousand more of that kind, do manifest to Mankind the illustrious Bounty and Providence of the Almighty and Omniscient Creator, towards his undeserving Creatures; as the *Cotton Trees*; the *Manioc*, or *Cassava*; the *Potatoe*; the *Jesuit's Bark tree*; the *Poppy*; the *Rheubarb*; the *Scammony*; the *Falap*; the *Coloquintida*; the *China*; *Sarsa*; the *Serpentaria Virginiana*, or *Snake-weed*; the *Nisi*, or *Genseg*; the *Numerose Balsam*, and *Gum-trees*, many of which are of late much illustrated by the great industry and skill of that most discerning Botanist, *Dr. Leonard Plukenet*: Of what great use all these, and innumerable other Plants are to Mankind in the several parts of Life, few or none can be ignorant; besides the known Uses in Curing Diseases, in Feeding and Cloathing the Poor, in Building, in dying, in all Mechanicks there may be

as many more not yet discover'd, and which may be reserv'd on purpose to exercise the Faculties bestow'd on Man, to find out what is necessary, convenient, pleasant, or profitable to him.

To sum up all in brief: This *Terra-queous* Globe we know is made up of two parts,

1. A thin and fluid.

2. A firm and consistent.

The former called by the Name of *Water*; the latter, of *Earth*, or *Dry Land*. The *Land* being the more dense and heavy Body, doth naturally descend beneath the *Water*, and occupie the lower place; the *Water* ascends and floats above it. But we see that it is not thus: For the *Land*, though the more heavy, is forcibly and contrary to its nature so elevated as to cast off the *Water*, and stand above it, being (as *Psalm 24. 2.* the *Psalmist* \* phrases it) *Founded upon, or above the Seas, and established above the Floods.* And this in such manner, that not only on one side of the *Globe*: but on all sides there were probably *Continents* and *Islands* raised so equally as to counter-  
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ballance one another, the Water flowing between them, and filling the hollow and depressed places. Neither was the dry Land only raised up, and made to appear, but some parts (which we call Mountains) were highly elevated above others; and those so disposed and situated (as we have shewn) in the mid-land parts, and in continued Chains running *East* and *West*, as to render all the Earth habitable, a great part whereof otherwise would not have been so: but the *Torrid Zone* must indeed have been such a place as the Ancients fancied it, uninhabitable for heat. Let us now consider how much better it is, that the dry Land should be thus raised up, and the Globe divided almost equally between Earth and Water, than that all its Surface should be one uniform and dark Body of Water. I say Water, because that naturally occupies the superiour place, and not Earth. For were it all Water, the whole Beauty of this inferiour World were gone: There could be no such pleasant and delicious Prospects as the Earth now affords us; no distinction and grateful variety of Mountains and Hills, Plains, and Valleys, Rivers, and Pools, and Fountains: no shady Woods stored with lofty and towring Trees for

Timber; lowly, and more spread one, for Shade and Fruit: no amicable Verdure of Herbs, bespangled with an infinite variety of specious and fragrant Flowers: For those Plants that grow at the bottom of the Sea, are for the most part of a dull sullen and dirty Olive Colour, and bears no Flowers at all. Instead of the elegant Shapes and Colours, the Sagacity and Docility of ingenious Beasts and Birds, the musical Voices and Accents of the Aereal Choristers, there had been nothing but mute and stupid and indocile Fishes, which seem to want the very Sence of Discipline, as may be gathered from that they are not Vocal, and that there appear in them no Organs of Hearing; it being also doubtful, whether the Element they live in be capable of transmitting Sounds; the best Sence they have, even their Sight, can be but dull and imperfect, the Element of Water being semi-opake, and reflecting a good part of the Beams of Light. The most noble and ingenious Creatures that live there, the Cetaceous kind, being near a-kin to Terrestrial Animals, and breathing in the same Element, the open Air. Had, I say, all been Water, there had been no place for such a Creature as Man; as we see there is

no such there. There is no Business for him, no Subject to employ his Art and Faculties, and consequently there could be no Effects of them : No such things as Houses and Cities, and stately Edifices, as Gardens and Orchards, and Walks, and Labyrinths, as Corn-fields, and Vineyards, and the rest of these Ornaments, wherewith the Wit and Industry of Man hath embelished the World.

These are great things, and worthy the Care and Providence of the Creatour ; which who so considereth, and doth not discern and acknowledge, must needs be as stupid as the Earth he goes upon.

But because Mountains have been lookt upon by some as Warts and superfluous Excrescencies, of no use or benefit ; nay, rather as signs and proofs, that the present Earth is nothing else but a heap of Rubbish and Ruins, I shall deduce and demonstrate in Particulars, the great Use, Benefit, and Necessity of them.

I. They are of eminent Use for the Production and Original of Springs and Rivers: without Hills and Mountains there could be no such things, or at least but very few: no more than we now find in plain and level Countries; that is so few, that it was never my hap to see one. In Winter-time indeed, we might have Torrents and Land-floods, and perhaps sometimes great Inundations, but in Summer nothing but stagnating Water, reserved in Pools and Cisterns, or drawn up out of deep Wells. But as for a great part of the Earth, (all lying within, or near the Tropicks) it would neither have Rivers, nor any Rain at all. We should consequently lose all those Conveniences and Advantages that Rivers afford us, of Fishing, Navigation, Carriage, Driving of Mills, Engines, and many others. This end of Mountains I find assigned by Mr. *Edmund Halley*, a Man of great sagacity and deep insight into the Natures and Causes of Things, in a Discourse of his published in the *Philosoph. Transactions*, Numb. 192, in these words: *This, if we may allow Final Causes [Hardiment, the thing is clear, pronounce boldly without any Ifs or Ands] This seems to be one design of the Hills,*



*Hills, that their Ridges being placed through the midst of the Continents, might serve as it were Alembicks, to distil fresh Water for the use of Man and Beast ; and their heights to give a descent to those streams, to run gently like so many Veins of the Macrocosm, to be the more beneficial to the Creation.*

II. They are of great use for the Generation, and convenient Digging up of Metals and Minerals: which how necessary Instruments they are of Culture and Civility I have before shewn. These we see are all digged out of Mountains, and I doubt whether there is, or can be any Generation of them, in perfectly plain and level Countries. But if there be, yet could not such Mines, without great pains and charges, if at all, be wrought ; the Delfs would be so flown with Waters, (it being impossible to make any *Addits* or *Soughs* to drain them) that no Gins or Machines could suffice to lay and keep them dry.

III. They are useful to Mankind in affording them convenient Places for Habitation, and Situations of Houses and Villages, serving as Skreens to keep off the cold and nipping Blasts of the *Northern* and *Easterly* Winds,

Winds, and reflecting the benign and cherishing Sun-beams, and so rendering their Habitations both more comfortable, and more chearly in Winter; and promoting the Growth of Herbs and Fruit-Trees, and the maturation of their Fruits in Summer. Besides casting off the Waters, they lay the Gardens, Yards, and Avenues to the Houses dry and clean; and so as well more salutary, as more elegant. Whereas Houses built in Plains, unless shaded with Trees, lie bleak and exposed to Wind and Weather; and all Winter are apt to be grievously annoyed with Mire and Dirt.

IV. They are very ornamental to the Earth, affording pleasant and delightful Prospects, both, 1. To them that look downwards from them, upon the subjacent Countries; as they must needs acknowledge, who have been but on the Downs of *Sussex*, and enjoyed that ravishing Prospect of the Sea on one hand, and the Country far and wide on the other. And 2. To those that look upwards and behold them from the Plains and low Grounds; which what a refreshing and pleasure it is to the Eye, they are best able to judge who have lived in the Isle of *Ely*, or other level Countries, extending

tending on all sides further than one can ken ; or have been out far at Sea, where they can see nothing but Sky and Water. That the Mountains are pleasant Objects to behold appears, in that the very Images of them, their Draughts and Landskips are so much esteemed.

V. They serve for the production of great variety of Herbs and Trees. For it is a true Observation, That Mountains do especially abound with different Species of Vegetables, because of the great diversity of Soyls that are found there, every *Vertex*, or Eminency, almost affording new kinds. Now these Plants serve partly for the Food and Sustenance of such Animals as are proper to the Mountains, partly for Medicinal Uses ; the chief Physick-Herbs and Roots, and the best in their kinds growing there : it being remarkable, that the greatest and most luxuriant *Species* in most *Genera* of Plants are Native of the Mountains : partly also for the Exercise and Diversion of such ingenious and industrious Persons, as are delighted in searching out these Natural Rarities ; and observing the outward Form, Growth, Natures, and Uses, of each *Species*, and reflecting upon the Creator of them his due Praises and Benedictions.

VI. They

VI. They serve for the Harbour, Entertainment, and Maintenance of various Animals, Birds, Beasts, and Insects, that breed, feed, and frequent there. For the highest Tops and Pikes of the *Alps* themselves are not destitute of their Inhabitants, the *Ibex*, or *Stein-buck*, the *Rupicapra*, or *Chamois*, among Quadrupeds; the *Lagopus* among Birds; and I myself have observed beautiful *Papilio's*, and store of other Insects, upon the tops of some of the *Alpine* Mountains. Nay, the highest Ridges of many of those Mountains, serve for the maintenance of Cattel for the Service of the Inhabitants of the Valleys: The Men there, leaving their Wives and younger Children below, do, not without some difficulty, clamber up the Acclivities, dragging their Kine with them, where they feed them, and milk them, and make Butter and Cheese, and do all the Daiery-work, in such sorry Hovels and Sheds as they build there to inhabit in during the Summer Months. This I myself have seen and observed in Mount *Jura*, not far from *Geneva*, which is high enough to retain Snow all the Winter.

The same they do also in the *Grisons* Country, which is one of the highest parts of the *Alps*, travelling through which I did not set foot off of Snow for four days Journey, at the latter end of *March*.

VII. Those long Ridges and Chains of lofty and topping Mountains, which run through whole Continents *East* and *West*, (as I have elsewhere observed) serve to stop the evagation of the Vapours to the *North* and *South* in hot Countries, condensing them like Alembick-heads into Water, and so by a kind of external distillation giving Original to Springs and Rivers; and likewise by amassing, cooling, and constipating of them, turn them into Rain; by those means rendring the fervid Regions of the *Torrid Zone* habitable.

This Discourse concerning the use of Mountains, I have made use of in another \* Treatise; but because it is proper to this \* place, I have with some Alterations and Enlargements here repeated it.

\* The Dissolution of the World.

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I had almost forgotten that use they are of to Mankind, in serving for Boundaries and Defences to the Territories of Kingdoms and Common-wealths.

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*The End of the First Part.*

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PART II.

**A** Second Particular I have made choice of, more exactly to survey and consider, is the Body of Man: wherein I shall endeavour to discover something of the Wisdom and Goodness of God, First, By  
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making some general Observations concerning the Body. Secondly, By running over and discoursing upon its principal Parts and Members.

1. Then in general I say, the Wisdom and Goodness of God appears in the *erect Posture* of the Body of Man, which is a Privilege and Advantage given to Man, above other Animals. But though this be so, yet I would not have you think, that all the Particulars I shall mention are proper only to the Body of Man, divers of them agreeing to many other Creatures. It is not my Business to consider only the Prerogatives of Man above other Animals, but the Endowments and Perfections which Nature hath conferred on his Body, though common to them with him. Of this *Erection* of the Body of Man, the Ancients have taken Notice as a particular Gift and Favour of God.

Ovid. Metam. 1.

*Pronaq; cum spectent Animalia cætera terrã,  
Os homini sublime dedit, cælumq; tueri  
Jussit, & erectos ad Sydera tollere vultus.*

And before him, Tully in his Second Book  
*De Nat. Deorum.*

Ad

*Ad hanc providentiam naturæ tam diligentem tamq; solertem adjungi multa possunt, è quibus intelligatur quantæ res hominibus à Deo, quàmq; eximie tributæ sunt, qui primùm eos humo excitatos, celsos & erectos constituit, ut Deorum cognitionem cælum intuentes capere possent. Sunt enim è terra homines, non ut incolæ atq; habitatores, sed quasi spectatores superarum rerum atq; cælestium, quarum spectaculum ad nullum aliud genus animantium pertinet.*

Man being the only Creature in this sublunary World, made to contemplate Heaven, it was convenient that he should have such a Figure or *Situs* of the parts of his Body, that he might conveniently look upwards. But to say the Truth in this respect of contemplating the Heavens or looking upwards, I do not see what advantage a man hath by this Erection above other Animals, the Faces of most of them being more supine than ours, which are only perpendicular to the *Horizon*, whereas some of theirs stand reclining. But yet two or three other Advantages we have of this Erection, which I shall here mention.

First, It is more commodious for the sustaining of the Head, which being full of Brains and very heavy (the Brain in Man being far larger in proportion to the Bulk of his Body, than

in any other Animal ) would have been very painful and wearisome to carry , if the Neck had lain parallel or inclining to the Horizon.

Secondly, This Figure is most convenient for Prospect, and looking about one. A man may see further before him, which is no small advantage for avoiding Dangers , and discovering whatever he searches after.

Thirdly, The conveniency of this Site of our Bodies will more clearly appear , if we consider what a pitiful condition we had been in, if we had been constantly necessitated to stand and walk upon all Four ; Man being by the make of his Body, of all Quadrupeds (for now I must compare him with them ) the most unfit for that kind of *incessus* , as I shall shew anon. And besides that we should have wanted, at least in a great measure, the use of our Hand, that unvaluable Instrument, without which we had wanted most of those advantages we enjoy as reasonable Creatures , as I shall more particularly demonstrate afterwards.

But it may be perchance objected by some, that Nature did not intend this Erection of the Body, but that it is superinduced and artificial ; for that Children at first creep on all Four, according to that of the Poet,

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 Mox Quadrupes, ritūque tulit sua membra  
 ferarum, Ovid.  
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To which I answer, that there is so great an inequality in the length of our Legs and Arms, as would make it extremely inconvenient, if not impossible, for us to walk upon all Four, and set us almost upon our Heads; and therefore we see that Children do not creep upon their Hands and Feet, but upon their Hands and Knees; so that it is plain that Nature intended us to walk as we do, and not upon all Four.

2. I argue from the *Situs* or position of our Faces; for had we been to walk upon all Four we had been the most prone of all Animals, our Faces being parallel to the Horizon and looking directly downwards.

3. The greatness and strength of the Muscles of the Thighs and Legs above those of the Arms, is a clear indication, that they were by Nature intended for a more difficult and laborious Action, even the moving and transferring the whole Body, and that Motion to be sometimes continued for a great while together.

As for that Argument taken from the contrary flexure of the Joints of our Arms and Legs to that of Quadrupeds; as that

our Knees bend forward, whereas the same Joint of their hind-Legs bends backward; and that our Arms bend backward, whereas the Knees of their fore-Legs bend forward. Although the Observation be as old as *Aristotle*, because I think there is a mistake in it, in not comparing the same Joynts (for the first or uppermost Joynt in a Quadrupeds hind-Legs bends forward as well as a Mans Knees, which answer to it, being the uppermost Joynt of our Legs; and the like *mutatis mutandis* may be said of the Arms) I shall not insist upon it.

II. The Body of Man may thence be proved to be the effect of Wisdom, because there is nothing in it deficient, nothing superfluous, nothing but hath its End and Use. So true are those Maxims we have already made use of, *Natura nihil facit frustra*, and *Natura non abundat in superfluis, nec deficit in necessariis*, no part that we can well spare. *The Eye cannot say to the Hand I have no need of thee, nor the Head to the Feet I have no need of you*, 1 Cor. 12. 21. that I may usurp the Apostles similitude.

The Belly cannot quarrel with the Members, nor they with the Belly for her seeming Sloth; as they provide Meat for her, so she concocts and distributes it to them.

Only

Only it may be doubted to what use the *Paps* in Men should serve. I answer, partly for Ornament, partly for a kind of conformity between the Sexes, and partly to defend and cherish the Heart; in some they contain Milk, as in a *Danish* Family we read of in *Bartholine's* Anatomical Observations. However it follows not that they or any other parts of the Body are useless, because we are ignorant.

Had we been born with a large Wen upon our Faces, or a *Bavarian* Poke under our Chins, or a great Bunch upon our Backs like *Camels*, or any the like superfluous Excrescency, which should be not only useless but troublesome, not only stand us in no stead, but also be ill-favoured to behold, and burthensome to carry about, then we might have had some pretence to doubt whether an intelligent and bountiful Creator had been our Architect; for had the Body been made by chance, it must in all likelihood have had many of these superfluous and unnecessary Parts.

But now seeing there is none of our Members but hath its Place and Use, none that we could spare or conveniently live without, were it but those we account Excrements, the Hair of our Heads, or the Nails on our Fingers ends; we must needs be

mad or sottish, if we can conceive any other than that an infinitely good and wise God was our Author and Former.

III. We may fetch an Argument of the Wisdom and Providence of God from the convenient situation and disposition of the Parts and Members of our Bodies: They are seated most conveniently for Use, for Ornament, and for mutual Assistance: First, for Use; So we see the Senses of such eminent Use for our well-being, situate in the Head, as Sentinels in a Watch-Tower, to receive and convey to the Soul the impressions of external Objects. *Sensus autem interpretes ac nuntii rerum in capite tanquam in arce mirificè ad usus necessarios & facti & collati sunt. Cic. de Nat. Deorum.* The Eye can more easily see things at a distance, the Ear receive sounds from a-far: How could the Eye have been better placed either for Beauty and Ornament, or for the Guidance and Direction of the whole Body. As Cicero proceeds well, *Nam Oculi tanquam speculatores altissimum locum obtinent, ex quo plurima conspicientes funguntur suo munere: Et Aures quæ sonum recipere debent, qui naturâ in sublime fertur, rectè in altis corporum partibus collocatæ sunt; itemq; Nares, eò quò omnis odor ad superiora fertur, rectè*



*rectè sursum sunt.* For the Eyes like Sentinels occupy the highest place, from whence seeing many things they perform their functions; And the Ears, which are made for the reception of sounds, which naturally are carried upwards, are rightly placed in the uppermost parts of the Body; also the Nostrils, because all odors ascend, are fitly situate in the superior parts. I might instance in the other Members. How could the Hands have been more conveniently placed for all sorts of Exercises and Works, and for the guard and security of the Head and Principal Parts? The Heart to dispense Life and Heat to the whole Body, viz. near the Center, and yet because it is harder for the Blood to ascend than descend, somewhat nearer the Head. It is also observable that the Sinks of the Body are removed as far from the Nose and Eyes as may be; which Cicero takes notice of in the fore mentioned place. *Ut in Ædificiis Architecti avertunt ab Oculis & Naribus Dominorum ea quæ profluentia necessariò essent tetri aliquid habitura, sic natura res similes procul amandavit à sensibus.* Secondly, For Ornament. What could have been better contrived, than that those Members which are Pairs, should stand by one another in equal altitude, and answer on each side one to another. And, Thirdly,

Thirdly, For mutual Assistance. We have before shewed how the Eye stands most conveniently for guiding the Hand, and the Hand for defending the Eye; and the like might be said of the other Parts, they are so situate as to afford direction and help one to another. This will appear more clearly if we imagine any of the Members situate in contrary Places or Positions: Had a mans Arms been fitted only to bend backwards behind him, or his Legs only to move backwards; what direction could his Eyes then have afforded him in working or walking? or how could he then have fed himself? Nay, had one Arm been made to bend forward, and the other directly backward, we had then lost half the use of them, sith they could not have assisted one the other in any Action. Take the Eyes or any other of the Organs of Sense, and see if you can find any so convenient a seat for them in the whole Body as that they now possess.

Fourthly, From the ample Provision that is made for the Defence and Security of the principal Parts: Those are, 1. The *Heart*; which is the Fountain of Life and Vegetation, *Officina spirituum vitalium, principium & fons caloris nativi, lucerna humidi radicalis*, and that I may speak with the Chymists,

mists, *ipse Sol microcosmi*, the very *Sun* of the *Microcosm*, or little World, in which is contained that vital Flame or Heavenly Fire, which *Prometheus* is fabled to have stole from *Jupiter*: or as *Aristotle* phrases it, that *Ἀνάλογον τῷ πρὸς ἀπλῶν στοιχείῳ*, *Divinum quid respondens elemento Stellarum*. This for more security is situate in the Center of the Trunk of the Body, covered first with its own Membrane called *Pericardium*, lodged within the soft Bed of the Lungs, encompassed round with a double Fence, (1.) of firm Bones or Ribs to bear off blows: (2.) of thick Muscles and Skin, besides the Arms conveniently placed to fence off any violence at a distance, before it can approach to hurt it. 2. The *Brain*, which is the principle of all Sense and Motion, the Fountain of the Animal Spirits, the chief Seat and Palace Royal of the Soul; upon whose security depends whatever Privilege belongs to us as Sensitive or Rational Creatures. This, I say, being the prime and immediate Organ of the Soul, from the right Constitution whereof proceeds the quickness of Apprehension, acuteness of Wit, solidity of Judgment, method and order of Invention, strength and power of Memory; which if once weakened and disordered, there follows nothing but Confusion and  
Disturbance

Disturbance in our Apprehensions, Thoughts and Judgments, is environed round about with such a potent Defence, that it must be a mighty Force indeed that is able to injure it.

First, A Skull so hard, thick, and tough, that it is almost as easie to split a Helmet of Iron as to make a fracture in it. 2. This covered with Skin and Hair, which serve to keep it warm, being naturally a very cold part, and also to quench and dissipate the force of any stroke that shall be dealt it, and retund the edge of any Weapon. 3. And yet more than all this there is still a thick and tough Membrane which hangs looser about it, and doth not so closely embrace it (that they call *dura mater*) and in case the Skull happens to be broken doth often preserve it from injury and diminution: And lastly, a thin and fine Membrane strait and closely adhering to keep it from quashing and shaking. The many Pairs of Nerves proceeding from it, and afterwards distributing and branching themselves to all the parts of the Body either for Nutrition or Motion, are wonderful to behold in prepar'd Bodies, and even in the Schemes and Figures of Dr. *Willis* and *Vieussen's*.

I might instance (3.) in the *Lungs*, which are so useful to us as to Life and Sense, that

that the vulgar think our Breath is our very Life, and that we breath out our Souls from thence. Suitable to which Notion both *anima* and *spiritus* in Latine, and *πνευμα* in Greek are derived from words that signifie Breath and Wind: And *efflare* or *exhalare animam* signifies to Dye. And the old Romans used to apply mouth to mouth, and receive the last gasps of their dying friends, as if their Souls had come out that way. From hence perhaps might first spring that opinion of the vehicles of Spirits; the Vulgar, as I hinted before, conceiving that the Breath was, if not the Soul it self, yet that wherein it was wasted and carried away. These Lungs, I say, are for their better security and defence shut up in the same Cavity with the Heart.

Fifthly, In the abundant provision that is made against evil Accidents and Inconveniencies. And the liberality of Nature as to this particular appears, 1. In that she hath given many Members, which are of eminent use by pairs, as two Eyes, two Ears, two Nostrils, two Hands, two Feet, two Breasts, [*mammæ*] two Reins: That so if by any cross or unhappy accident one should be disabled or rendred useles, the other might serve us tolerably well; whereas had a Man but one Hand, or one Eye, &c. if that were  
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gone, all were gone, and we left in evil Case. See then and acknowledg the Bignity of the Deity, who hath bestowed upon us two Hands, and two Eyes, and other the like parts not only for our Necessity but Conveniency, so long as we enjoy them; and for our Security, in case any mischance deprive us of one of them. 2. In that all the Vessels of the Body have many Ramifications: Which particular Branches, though they serve mainly for one Member or Muscle, yet send forth some twigs to the neighbouring Muscles; and so interchangeably the branches that serve these, send to them. So that if one Branch chance to be cut off or obstructed, its defect may in some measure be supplied by the twigs that come from the neighbouring Vessels. 3. In that she hath provided so many ways to evacuate what might be hurtful to us or breed Diseases in our Bodies. If any thing oppres the Head, it hath a power to free itself by Sneezing: If any thing fall into the Lungs, or if any Humor be discharged upon them, they have a faculty of clearing themselves and casting it up by Coughing: If any thing clog or burden the Stomach, it hath an ability of contracting itself and throwing it up by Vomit. Besides, these ways of Evacuation there are Siege, Urine, Sweating, hæ-  
morrhagies

*morrhagies* from the Nose and *hæmorrhoidal* Veins, Fluxes of Rheum. Now the reason why Nature hath provided so many ways of Evacuation, is because of the different humors that are to be avoided or cast out. When therefore there is a Secretion made of any noxious Humor, it is carried off by that Emunctory whose Pores are fitted to receive and transmit the minute parts of it; if at least this Separation be made by Percolation, as we will now suppose, but not assert. Yet I doubt not but the same Humor may be cast off by divers Emunctories, as is clear in Urine and Sweat which are for the main the same Humor carried off several ways.

Sixthly, From the Constancy that is observed in the Number, Figure, Place, and Make of all the principal Parts; and from the Variety in the less. Man is always mending and altering his Works: But Nature observes the same tenor, because her works are so perfect, that there is no place for amendments; nothing that can be reprehended. The most sagacious Men in so many Ages have not been able to find any flaw in these Divinely contrived and formed Machins, *no blot or error in this great Volume of the World, as if any thing had been an imperfect Essay at the first*, to use the Bishop of Chester's words:

words: Nothing that can be altered for the better; nothing but if it were altered would be marred. This could not have been, had Mans Body been the work of Chance and not Counsel and Providence. Why should there be constantly the same Parts? Why should they retain constantly the same Places? Why should they be endued with the same Shape and Figure? Nothing so contrary as Constancy and Chance. Should I see a man throw the same number a thousand times together upon but three Dice, could you persuade me that this were accidental, and that there was no necessary Cause of it? How much more incredible then is it that Constancy in such a Variety, such a multiplicity of parts should be the result of Chance? Neither yet can these Works be the effects of Necessity or Fate, for then there would be the same Constancy observed in the smaller as well as the larger Parts and Vessels; whereas there we see Nature doth *ludere*, as it were, sport itself; the minute Ramifications of all the Vessels, Veins, Arteries, and Nerves infinitely varying in Individuals of the same Species, so that they are not in any two alike.

Seventhly, The great Wisdom of the Divine Creator appears, in that there is Pleasure annexed to those Actions that are necessary



cessary for the Support and Preservation of the *individuum*, and the Continuation and Propagation of the *species*; and not only so, but Pain to the neglect or forbearance of them. For the support of the Person it hath annexed Pleasure to Eating and Drinking: Which else out of Laziness or multiplicity of Business a man would be apt to neglect, or sometime forget. Indeed to be obliged to chew and swallow meat daily for two hours space, and to find no Relish or Pleasure in it, would be one of the most burthensome and ungrateful Tasks of a mans whole Life. But because this Action is absolutely necessary, for abundant Security Nature hath inserted in us a Painful sense of Hunger to put us in mind of it, and to reward our performance, hath adjoined Pleasure to it. And as for the continuation of Kind, I need not tell you, that the Enjoyments which attend those Actions are the highest Gratifications of Sense.

Eighthly, The wonderful Art and Providence of the Contriver and Former of our Bodies, appears in the multitude of Intentions he must have in the Formation of the several Parts, or the Qualifications they require, to fit them for their several Uses. \* Galen \* Bishop of Chester's Nat. Rel. lib. I. c. 6.

• six hundred several Muscles, and there are  
• at least ten several Intentions or due Qua-  
• lifications to be observed in each of these ;  
• proper Figure , just Magnitude , right Dis-  
• position of its several Ends , upper and  
• lower , Position of the whole , the inserti-  
• on of its proper Nerves , Veins, and Ar-  
• teries , which are each of them to be du-  
• ly placed ; so that about the Muscles alone  
• no less than six thousand several ends or  
• aims are to be attended to. The Bones  
• are reckoned to be 284. The distinct  
• Scopes or Intentions in each of these are  
• above 40, in all about 100000. And  
• thus it is in some proportion with all the  
• other parts , the *Skin, Ligaments, Vessels,*  
• *Glandules, Humors* : But more especially  
• with the several Members of the Body,  
• which do in regard of the great variety  
• and multitude of those several Intentions  
• required to them , very much exceed the  
• *homogeneous* Parts. And the failing in  
• any one of these would cause Irregularity  
• in the Body , and in many of them such  
• as would be very notorious. Now to ima-  
• gine that such a Machine composed of so  
• many Parts, to the right Form, Order and  
• Motion whereof such an infinite number  
• of Intentions are required, could be made  
• without the Contrivance of some wise A-  
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gent, must needs be irrational in the highest degree.

This wonderful Mechanism of humane Bodies, next to viewing the life, may be seen at large in the excellent Figures of *Spigelius* and *Bidloo*; their situation, order, connexion and manner of separating them in *Lyserus* his *Cult. Anatom.* The almost infinite Ramifications, and Inosculation of all the several sorts of Vessels, the Structures of the Glands, and other Organs, may easily be detected by Glasses, and traced by blowing in of Air and drying them, or by injecting through peculiar Syringes, melted Wax, or Quicksilver; the Operations whereof may be learn't out of *Swammerdam*, *Caspar Bartholine*, and *Antonio Nuck*.

Eighthly, Some fetch an Argument of Providence from the variety of Lineaments in the Faces of Men, which is such, that there are not two Faces in the World, absolutely alike; which is somewhat strange, since all the Parts are in *Specie* the same. Were Nature a blind Architect, I see not but the Faces of some Men might be as like, as Eggs laid by the same Hen, or Bullets cast in the same Mould, or drops of Water out of the same Bucket. This particular I find taken notice of by *Pliny* in his seventh Book *Cap. I.* in these Words, *Fam in facie vultuque nostro,*

*cum sint decem aut paulò plura membra, nullas duas in tot millibus hominum indiscretas effigies existere, quod Ars nulla in paucis numero præstet affectando; to which among other things, he thus prefaces, Naturæ verò rerum vis atque majestas in omnibus momentis fide caret.*

Though this at first may seem to be a Matter of small moment, yet if duly considered, it will appear to be of mighty importance in all Human Affairs: For should there be an undiscernable similitude between divers Men, what Confusion and Disturbance would necessarily follow? what Uncertainty in all Sales and Conveyances, in all Bargains and Contracts? what Frauds, and Cheats, and suborning of Witnesses? what a Subversion of all Trade and Commerce? what hazard in all Judicial Proceedings? in all Assaults and Batteries, in all Murthers and Assassinations, in Thefts and Robberies, what Security would there be to Malefactors? Who could swear that such and such were the Persons that committed the Facts, though they saw them never so clearly? Many other Inconveniencies might be instanced in: So that we see this is no contemptible Argument of the Wisdom and Goodness of God.

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I have done with my general Observations. I proceed now more accurately and minutely to consider some particular Parts or Members of the Body; and First, the *Head*, because it was to contain a large Brain made of the most capacious Figure, as near as could be to a Spherical; upon this grows the Hair, which though it be esteemed an Excrement, is of great use (as I shewed before) to cherish and keep warm the Brain, and to quench the force of any stroke that might otherwise endanger the Skull. It serves also to disburthen the Brain of a great deal of superfluous moisture, wherewith it abounds; and for a graceful Ornament to the Face.

Secondly, Another Member which I shall more particularly treat of, is the *Eye*, a part so artificially composed, and commodiously situate, as nothing can be contrived better for Use, Ornament or Security; nothing to advantage added thereto or altered therein. Of the Beauty of the Eye I shall say little, leaving that to Poets and Orators; that it is a very pleasant and lovely Object to behold, if we consider the Figure, Colors and Splendor of it, is the least that I can say. The Soul as it is more immediately and strongly moved and affected by this part than any other; so doth it manifest all its Pas-

sions and Perturbations by this. As the Eyes are the Windows to let in the *Species* of all exterior Objects into the dark Cells of the Brain, for the information of the Soul; so are they flaming Torches to reveal to those abroad, how the Soul within is moved or affected. These Representations made by the impressions of external Objects upon the Eye are the most clear, lively and distinct of any others. Now to this use and purpose of informing us what is abroad round about us in this aspectable World, we shall find the Structure and Mechanism of the Eye, and every Part thereof so well fitted and adapted, as not the least Curiosity can be added. For first of all, all the Humors and Tunicles are purely transparent, to let in the Light and Colors unfoiled and unsophisticated by any inward Tincture. It is usually said by the *Peripateticks*, that the Crystalline Humor of the Eye (which they ineptly fancied to be the immediate Organ of Vision wherein all the Species of external Objects were terminated) is without all Color, because its Office was to discern all Colors, or at least, to receive the Species of several Colors, and convey them to the common Sense. Now if itself had been colored, it would have transmitted all visible Objects tinctured  
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red-with the same Color; as we see whatever is beheld through a coloured Glass, appears of the same Color with the Glass, and to those that have the Jaundice or the like Suffusion of Eyes, Objects appear of that same Color wherewith their Eyes are infected. This they say is in a great measure true, although they are much mistaken about the Organ and manner of Vision, and the Uses of the Humors and Membranes of the Eye. Two Reasons therefore may be assigned why all the Membranes and Humors of the Eye are perfectly pellucid and void of Color. First, for the Clearness. Secondly, for the Distinctness of Vision.

First, The Clearness. For had the Tunicles and Humors of the Eye, all or any of them been colorate, many of the Rays proceeding from the visible Object would have been stopt and suffocated before they could come to the bottom of the Eye, where the former Organ of Vision is situate. For it is a most certain Rule, how much any Body hath of Color, so much hath it of Opacity, and by so much the more unfit is it to transmit the Species. 2. For the Distinctness of Vision. For, as I said before, and the *Peripateticks* observe well, were the Humors of the Eye tintured with any Color, they would refund that Color upon the

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Object, and so it would not be represented to the Soul, as in itself it is. So we see that through a coloured Glass things appear as well more dim and obscure, as tingured with the color thereof.

Secondly, The parts of the Eye are made convex, and especially the Crystalline Humor, which is of a lenticular Figure, convex on both sides; that, by the Refractions there made, there might be a direction of many Rays coming from one point in the Object, viz. as many as the Pupil can receive, to one point answerable in the bottom of the Eye; without which the Sense would be very obscure, and also confused. There would be as much difference in the Clearness and Distinction of Vision, were the outward surface of the *tunica cornea* plain, and the Crystalline Humor removed; as between the Picture received on a white Paper in a dark room through an open or empty hole, and the same received through a hole furnished with an exactly polished lenticular Crystal: which, how great it is, any one, that hath but seen this Experiment made, knows well enough. Indeed this Experiment doth very much explain the manner of Vision; the hole answering to the Pupil of the Eye, the Crystalline Humor to the lenticular Glass, the dark Room to the  
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Cavity containing the vitreous Humor, and the white Paper to the *tunica retina*.

Thirdly, The Uveous Coat or *Iris* of the Eye hath a musculous Power, and can dilate and contract that round hole in it, called the Pupil or Sight of the Eye. It contracts it for the excluding superfluous Light, and preserving the Eye from being injured by too vehement and lucid an Object, and again dilate it for the apprehending Objects more remote, or placed in a fainter light; *tam miro artificio* (saith Scheiner) *quàm munificæ naturæ largitate*. If any one desires to make experiment of these particulars, he may, following Scheiner and Des Cartes their Directions, take a Child, and setting a Candle before him bid him look upon it: And he shall observe his Pupil to contract itself very much, to exclude the light, with the Brightness whereof it would otherwise be dazled and offended; as we are when after we have been some time in the dark a bright Light is suddenly brought in and set before us, till the Pupils of our Eyes have gradually contracted themselves: Let the Candle be withdrawn, or removed aside, he shall observe the Childs Pupil by degrees to dilate itself. Or let him take a Bead or the like Object, and holding it near the Eye, command the Child to look at it, the Pupil  
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will contract much when the Object is near; but let it be withdrawn to a greater distance in the same light, and he shall observe the Pupil to be much enlarged.

Fourthly, The Uveous Coat, and also the inside of the *Choroides* are blackened like the Walls of a Tennis-Court, that the Rays may be there suffocated and suppressed, and not reflected backwards to confound the Sight: And if any be by the retiform Coat reflected, they are soon choaked in the black inside of the *Uvea*. Whereas were they reflected to and fro, there could be no distinct Vision: as we see the Light admitted into the dark Room we even now spake of, obliterates the *species* which before were seen upon the white Cloth or Paper.

Fifthly, Because the Rays from a nearer and from a more remote Object do not meet just in the same distance behind the Crystalline Humor (as may easily be observed in lenticular Glasses, where the point of concurrence of the Rays from a nearer Object is at a greater distance behind the Glass, and from a further at a lesser) therefore the *ciliary processes*, or rather the ligaments observed in the inside of the Sclerotick Tunicles of the Eye, by a late ingenious Anatomist, do serve instead of a Muscle, by their

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contraction to alter the Figure of the Eye, and make it broader, and consequently draw the *Retine* nearer to the Crystalline Humor, and by their relaxation suffer it to return to its natural distance according to the exigency of the Object, in respect of distance or propinquity: And besides possibly the ciliary processes may by their constriction or relaxation, render the Crystalline itself more gibbose or plain; and with the help of the Muscles a little alter the Figure of the whole Eye, for the same reason. To what I have said might be added, that the *retiform* tunicle is whitish, for the better and more true Reception of the *Species* of things. That there being a distance necessarily required for the collection of the Rays received by the Pupil, *viz.* those that proceed from one point of the Object to one point again in the bottom of the Eye, the *Retine* must needs be set at a distance from the Crystalline Humor: And therefore Nature hath provided a large Room, and filled it with the pellucid vitreous Humor most fit for that purpose.

I must not omit a notable Observation concerning the place of the insertion of the Optick Nerve into the Bulb of the Eye, and the reason of it; which I owe to that Learned Mathematician *Peter Herigon*, *Nervus Opticus*

*Opticus* (saith he in his *Optica*) *ad latus ponitur, ne pars imaginis in ejus foramen incidens picturâ careat.* The Optick Nerve is not situate directly behind the Eye, but on one side, lest that part of the Image that falls upon the hole of the Optick Nerve, should want its Picture. This I do not conceive to be the true reason of this Situation; for even now as it is situate, that part of the Object whose Rays fall upon the Center or Hole of the Optick Nerve, wants its Picture, as we find by experience; that part not being seen by us, though we heed it not. But the reason is, because if the Optick *Axis* should fall upon this Center (as it would do, were the Nerve seated just behind the Eye) this great Inconvenience would follow, that the middle point of every Object we viewed would be invisible, or there would a dark spot appear in the midst of it. Thus we see the admirable Wisdom of Nature in thus placing the Optick Nerve in respect of the Eye; which he that did not consider or understand would be apt to think more inconveniently situate for Vision, than if it had been right behind.

Another thing also concerning Vision is most remarkable, that though there be a decussation of the Rays in the Pupil of the Eye, and so the Image of the Object in the

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*Retina* or bottom of the Eye be inverted, yet doth not the Object appear inverted, but in its right or natural posture, The reason whereof is, because the visual Rays coming in streight lines, by those points of the Sensory or *Retina* which they touch, affect the common Sense or Soul, according to their direction: that is, signifie to it that those several parts of the Object from whence they proceed lye in strait lines (point for point) drawn through the Pupil to the several points of the Sensory where they terminate, and which they press upon. Whereupon the Soul must needs conceive the Object, not in an inverted, but a right posture. And that the Nerves are naturally made not only to inform the Soul of external Objects which press upon them, but also of the situation of such Objects, is clear, because if the Eyes be distorted, the Object, will we, nill we, will appear double. So if the fore and middle Fingers be cross'd, and a round Body put between them and moved, it will seem to be two; the reason is, because in that posture of the Fingers the Body touches the outsides of them, which in their natural site are distant one from another, and their Nerves made to signifie to the Soul Bodies separate and distant in like manner, two Fingers lying between them.

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And though our Reason by the help of our Sight corrects this error, yet cannot we but fanſie it to be ſo.

Neither is the *aqueous Humor*, as ſome may ſupinely imagine, altogether uſeleſs or unprofitable as to Viſion, becauſe by its help the *uvea tunica* is ſuſtained, which elſe would fall flat upon the Cryſtalline Humor; and fluid it muſt be to give way to the contraction and dilatation of the Uveous: And becauſe the outermoſt Coat of the Eye might chance to be wounded or pricked, and this Humor being fluid let out, therefore Nature hath made Proviſion ſpeedily to repair it again in ſuch a Caſe, by the help of certain Water-pipes, or Lymphæ ducts inſerted into the Bulb of the Eye, proceeding from Glandules deſigned by Nature to ſeparate this Water from the Blood for that uſe. *Antonius Nuck* affirms, that if the Eye of an Animal be pricked, and the aqueous Humor ſqueezed out, in ten hours ſpace the ſaid Humor and Sight ſhall be reſtored to the Eye, if at leaſt the Creature be kept in a dark place. And that he did publickly demonſtrate the ſame in the Anatomical Theatre at *Leyden*, in a Dog, out of whoſe Eye being wounded the aqueous Humor did ſo copiouſly flow, that the Membranes appeared flavid, and yet in fix hours ſpace the Bulb of the Eye  
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was again replete with its Humor, and that without the application of any Medicines. *Antonius Nuck de Ductu novo salivali, &c.*

Moreover, it is remarkable, that the *cornea tunica*, [horny or pellucid Coat of the Eye] doth not lye in the same *superficies* with the White of the Eye, but riseth up, as it were a Hillock, above its convexity, and is of an *Hyperbolic* or *Parabolic* Figure: So that though the Eye seems to be perfectly round, in reality it is not so, but the *Iris* thereof is protuberant above the White; and the Reason is, because that if the *cornea tunica*, or *CrySTALLINE* Humor had been concentrical to the *Sclerodes*, the Eye could not have admitted a whole Hemisphere at one view, *& sic Animalis incolu- mitati in multis rebus minus cautum esset*, as *Scheiner* well. In many things there had not been sufficient caution or care taken for the Animals safety.

And now (that I may use the Words of a late Author of our own) the Eye is already so perfect, that I believe the reason of a Man would easily have rested here, and admired at his own contrivance. For he being able to move his whole Body upward and downward, and on every side, might have unawares thought himself sufficiently well provided for; but Nature hath added

*Dr. More's  
Antidote  
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added Muscles also to the Eyes, that no perfection might be wanting: For we have often occasion to move our Eyes, our Head being unmoved, as in reading and viewing more particularly any Object set before us, by transferring the *axes* of our Eyes all over it: And that this may be done with the more Ease and Accuracy, she hath furnished this Organ with no less than Six Muscles, to move it upward, downward, to the Right and Left, obliquely and round about.

I shall now consider what Provision is made for the Defence and Security of this most excellent and useful Part.

First, The Eyes are sunk in a convenient Valley, *latent utiliter*, and are encompassed round with eminent Parts, as with a Rampart, & *excelsis undique partibus sepiuntur*,

\* De Natur. Deor. l. 2.

\* Cic. so are defended from the strokes of any flat or broad Bodies. Above stand the Eye-Brows to keep off any thing from running down upon them, as drops of Sweat from the Forehead, or Dust, or the like. *Superiora superciliis obducta sudorem à capite & fronte defluentem repellunt.* Cic. Then follow the *Eye-lids*, which fence them from any sudden and lesser stripes. These also round the edges are fortified with stiff bristles, as it were Palisadoes, against the Incurſions  
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or importunate Animals, serving partly as a Fan to strike away Flies or Gnats, or any other troublesome Insect; and partly to keep off superfluous light. *Munitæque sunt palpebræ tanquam vallo pilorum, quibus & a-pertis oculis siquid incideret repelleretur.* Idem ibid. And because it was necessary that Man and other Animals should sleep, which could not be so well done if the light came in by the Windows of the Eyes, therefore hath Nature provided these Curtains to be then drawn to keep it out. And because the outward Coat of the Eye ought to be pellucid to transmit the light, which if the Eyes should always stand open, would be apt to grow dry and shrink, and lose their Diaphaneity, therefore are the Eylids so contrived as often to wink, that so they may as it were glaze and varnish them over with the moisture they contain, there being Glandules on purpose to separate a humor for that purpose, and withal wipe off whatever dust or filth may stick to them: And this, lest they should hinder the sight, they do with the greatest celerity. *Cicero* hath taken notice that they are made very soft, lest they should hurt the Sight. *Mollissimæ tactu nè læderent aciem, aptissimè factæ & ad claudendas pupillas ne quid incideret, & ad aperiendas, idq; providit ut identidem fieri posset maxima cum celeritate.*

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Secondly, If we consider the Bulb or Ball of the Eye, the exterior Membrane or Coat thereof is made thick, tough, and strong, that it is a very hard matter to make a rupture in it, and besides so slippery that it eludes the force of any stroke, to which also its globular Figure gives it a very great advantage.

Lastly, Because for the guidance and direction of the Body in Walking and any Exercise, it is necessary the Eye should be uncovered, and exposed to the Air at all times and in all Weathers, therefore the most wise Author of Nature hath provided for it a hot bed of Fat which fills up the interstices of the Muscles; and besides made it more patient and less sensible of Cold than our other parts; and though I cannot say with *Cicero* absolutely free from danger or harm by that Enemy, yet least obnoxious to the injuries thereof of any part, and not at all, unless it be immoderate and extreme.

To all this I might add the convenience of the situation of the Eye in respect of its proximity to the Brain, the seat of Apprehension and Common Sense: Whereas had it been further removed, the *Optic Nerves* had been liable to many more dangers and inconveniencies than now they are:

Seeing then the Eye is composed of so great variety of Parts all conspiring to the Use of Vision, whereof some are absolutely necessary, others very useful and convenient, none idle or superfluous, and which is remarkable, many of them of a different figure and consistency from any others in the Body besides, as being transparent, which it was absolutely necessary they should be, to transmit the Rays of Light; Who can but believe that this Organ was designed and made purposely for the Use for which it serves?

Neither is it to be esteemed any Defect or Imperfection in the Eyes of Man that they want the seventh Muscle, or the nictating Membrane, which the Eyes of many other Animals are furnished withal; for though they be very useful, and in a manner necessary to them, considering their manner of living, yet they are not so to Man. To such Beasts as feed upon Grass and other Herbs, and therefore are forced to hold their Eyes long in a hanging posture, and to look downwards for the chusing and gathering of their Food, the seventh or suspensory Muscle is very useful, to enable them to do so without much pain or weariness; yet to Man, who doth not, nor hath any occasion, indeed cannot hold his Head or look long downwards, it would be useless and superfluous.

As for the nictating Membrane or *Periophthalmium*, which all Birds, and I think most Quadrupeds are furnished with, I have been long in doubt what the use of it might be; and have sometimes thought it was for the more abundant defence and security of the Eye; but then I was puzzled to give any tolerable account why Nature should be more solicitous for the preservation of the Eyes of Brutes than Men, and in this respect also be a Stepmother to the most noble Creature.

\* *Boyl of  
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p. 53. 54.*

But the Honourable \* Author formerly mentioned, gives a probable account why Frogs and Birds are furnished with such a Membrane. Frogs, because being Amphibious Animals, designed to pass their lives in watery places, which for the most part abound with Sedges, and other Plants endowed with sharp edges or points; and the progressive Motion of this Animal being to be made not by Walking, but by Leaping, if his Eyes were not provided of such a sheath, he must either shut them, and so leap blindly and by consequence dangerously, or by leaving them open run a venture to have the *Cornea* cut, prickt, or otherwise offended by the edges or points of the Plants, or what may fall from them upon the Animals Eye: Whereas this Membrane (being something transpa-

transparent as well as strong) is like a kind of Spectacle that covers the Eye without taking away the Sight. Birds are likewise furnished with it, because being destinated to fly among the Branches of Trees and Bushes, their Prickles, Twigs, Leaves or other Parts would be apt otherwise to wound or offend their Eyes. But yet still we are to seek why it is given to other Quadrupeds, whose Eyes are in no such danger.

Thirdly, The *Ear* another Organ of Sense, how admirably is it contrived for the receiving and conveying of Sounds? First, there is the outward Ear or *Auricula*, made hollow and contracted by degrees to draw the Sound inward, to take in as much as may be of it, as we use a Funnel to pour Liquor into any Vessel. And therefore if the *Auricula* be cut clear off, the Hearing is much impaired, and almost quite marred, as hath been by Experience found. From the *Auricula* is extended a small long, round hole inward into the Head, to intend the Motion and so augment the force of the Sound, as we see in a shooting Trunk, the longer it is to a certain limit, the swifter and more forcible the Air passes in it, and drives the Pellet. At the end of this hole is a Membrane, fastned to a round bony Limb, and stretched like the head of a Drum, and

therefore by Anatomists called also *Tympanum*, to receive the impulse of the Sound, and to vibrate or quaver according to its reciprocal Motions or Vibrations; the small Ear-bones being at the end fastned to the *Tympanum*, and furnished with a Muscle, serve for the tension of that Membrane, or the relaxation of it according to the exigency of the *Animal*, it being stretch'd to the utmost when it would hearken diligently to a lower or more distant Sound. Behind the Drum are several Vaults and Anfractuose Cavities in the Ear-Bone, filled only with what Naturalists call the implanted Air; so to intend the least sound imaginable, that the Sense might be affected with it; as we see in subterraneous Caves and Vaults how the Sound is redoubled, and what a great report it makes however moderate it be: And because it was for the behoof of the *Animal*, that upon any sudden Accident it might be awakened out of its sleep, therefore were there no Shuts or Stopples made for the Ears, that so any loud or sharp Noise might awaken it, as also a soft and gentle Voice of Murmur provoke it to sleep. Now the Ears for the benefit and conveniences of the *Animal*, being always to stand open, because there was some danger that Insects might creep in thereat, and eating their way

way through the *Tympanum* harbour in the Cavities behind it; therefore hath Nature loricated or plaistred over the sides of the forementioned Hole with Ear-wax, to stop and entangle any Insects that should attempt to creep in there. But I must confess myself not sufficiently to understand the nature of Sounds to give a full and satisfactory account of the Structure and Uses of all the parts of the Ear. They who have a mind to search into the curious Anatomy and Use of this Part, may consult *Mounseur du Verny*.

Fourthly, The next Part I shall take notice of shall be the *Teeth*, concerning which I find Seven Observations in the honourable Mr. *Boyl's* Treatise of *Final Causes*, which I shall briefly recapitulate, and add one or two more.

I. That the Teeth alone among the Bones continue to grow in length during a mans whole Life, as appears by the unsightly length of one Tooth when its opposite happens to fall or be pulled out; which was most providently design'd to repair the wast that is daily made of them by the frequent Attrition in Mastication. Here by the by I might advise men to be careful how they attempt to cure this Blemish by filing or

cutting off the head of such an overgrown Tooth, lest that befall them which happened to a certain Nun in *Padua*, who upon cutting off a Tooth in that manner was presently convulsed and fell into an Epilepsy, as *Bartholine* in his *Anatomy* reports.

II. That that part of the Teeth which is extant above the Gums is naked and not invested with that sensible Membrane called *Periosteum*, wherewith the other Bones are covered.

III. That the Teeth are of a closer and harder substance than the rest of the Bones, for the more easie breaking and comminution of the more solid Aliments, and that they might be more durable, and not so soon worn down by grinding the Food.

IV. That for the nourishing and cherishing these so necessary Bones, the All-wise Author of things has admirably contrived an unseen Cavity in each side of the Jawbone, in which greater Channel are lodged an Artery, a Vein and a Nerve, which through lesser Cavities, as it were through Gutters, send their Twigs to each particular Tooth.

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V. Because Infants were for a considerable time to feed upon Milk, which needs no chewing, and lest Teeth should hurt the tender Nipples of the Nurse; Nature hath deferred the production of them for many Months in a humane *fœtus*, whereas those of divers other Animals, which are reduced to seek betimes food that needs Mastication, are born with them.

VI. The different Figure and Shape of the Teeth is remarkable. That the Foreteeth should be formed broad and with a thin and sharp edge like Chizzels, to cut off and take away a morsel from any solid Food, called therefore *Incisores*. The next, one on each side stronger and deeper rooted, and more pointed, called therefore *Canini*, in English Eye-Teeth, to tear the more tough and resisting sort of Aliments. The rest called Jaw-Teeth or Grinders, in Latin *Molares*, are made flat and broad atop and withal somewhat uneven and rugged, that by their knobs and little Cavities they may the better retain, grind and commix the Aliments.

VII. Because the operations to be performed by the Teeth oftentimes require a considerable firmness and strength, partly in the  
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the Teeth themselves, partly in the Instruments which move the lower Jaw, which alone is moveable, Nature hath provided this with strong Muscles, to make it bear forcibly against the upper Jaw. And thus not only placed each Tooth in a distinct Cavity of the Jaw-bone, as it were in a close, strong and deep Socket, but has furnished the several sorts of Teeth with Hold-fasts suitable to the stress that by reason of their different Offices they are to be put to. And therefore whereas the *Cutters* and *Eye-teeth* have usually but one Root, (which in these last named is wont to be very long), the *Grinders* that are employed to crack Nuts, Stones of Fruit, Bones, or other hard Bodies, are furnished with three Roots, and in the upper Jaw often with four, because these are pendulous, and the substance of the Jaw somewhat softer.

VIII. The situation of the Teeth is most convenient, *viz*, the *Molares* or *Grinders* behind, nearest the Center of Motion, because there is a greater strength or force required to chew the Meat, than to bite a piece; and the *Cutters* before, that they may be ready to cut off a morsel from any solid Food, to be transmitted to the *Grinders*.

IX. It is remarkable that the Jaw in Men and such Animals as are furnished with Grinders, hath an Oblique or transverse Motion, which is necessary for chewing and Commi-nution of the Meat; which it is observed not to have in those Animals that want the *Molares*.

Now if (as *Galen* saith) he that shall marshal a Company but of 32 Men in due order, is commended for a skilful and industrious Person, shall we not admire Nature which hath so skilfully ranked and disposed this Quire of our Teeth?

Fifthly, The *Tongue* is no less admirable for the contexture and manifold Uses of it. First, it is the Organ of Tasting; for being of a spongy substance the small Particles of our Meat and Drink being mingled with the *Saliva*, easily insinuate themselves into the Pores of it, and so do either gratefully affect it, or harshly grate upon it, accordingly as they are figured and moved; and hereby we discern what is convenient or inconvenient for our nourishment. It helps us likewise in the chewing and swallowing of our Meat: and Lastly, It is the main Instrument of Speaking, a quality so peculiar to Man, that no Beast could ever attain to it. And although Birds have been taught

to form some Words, yet they have been but a few, and those learn'd with great difficulty; but what is the Chief, the Birds understand not the meaning of them, nor use them as Signs of things or their own Conceptions of them; though they may use them as Expressions of their Passions: As Parrots having been used to be fed at the prolation of certain Words, may afterwards when they are hungry pronounce the same For this *Des Cartes* makes his main Argument to prove that Brutes have no Cogitation, because the highest of them could never be brought to signifie their Thoughts or Conceptions by any artificial Signs, either Words, or Gestures, (which, if they had any, they would in all likelihood be forward enough to do) whereas all Men, both Fools and Mutes, make use of Words or other Signs to express their Thoughts, about any Subjects that present themselves; which Signs also have no reference to any of their Passions. Whereas the Signs that Brute Animals may be taught to use are no other than such as are the motions of some of their Passions, Fear, Hope, Joy, &c. Hence some of the *Jewish* Rabbins did not so absurdly define a Man *Animal loquens*, a speaking Creature. Having had occasion just now to mention the *Saliva* or Spittle, I am put  
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in mind of the eminent use of this Humor, which is commonly taken for an Excrement. Because a great part of our Food is dry; therefore Nature hath provided several Glands to separate this juice from the Blood, and no less than four Channels to convey it into the Mouth, which are of late invention and called by Anatomists *Ductus Salivales*, through which the *Saliva* distilling continually, serves well to macerate and temper our Meat, and make it fit to be chewed and swallowed. If a copious Moisture did not by these Conduit-pipes incessantly flow down into the Mouths of *Horses* and *Kine*, how were it possible they should for a long time together grind and swallow such dry meat, as Hay and Straw? Moreover it may be useful not only in the Mouth but in the Stomach too, to promote Concoction.

Sixthly, To the Mouth succeeds the *Wind-pipe*, no less wonderful in its Conformation. For because continual Respiration is necessary for the support of our Lives, it is made with annulary Cartilages to keep it constantly open, and that the sides of it may not flag and fall together. And lest when we swallow, our meat or drink should fall in there and obstruct it, it hath a strong Shut or Valve called *Epiglottis*, to cover it close, and stop it when we swallow: and for the more  
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convenient bending of our Necks, it is not made of one entire continued Cartilage, but of many annular ones joined together by strong Membranes, which Membranes are muscular, compounded of streight and circular Fibres for the more effectual contraction of the Windpipe in any strong or violent Expiration or Coughing. And lest the Asperity or hardness of these Cartilages should hurt the *Oesophagus* or Gullet, which is tender and of a Skinny Substance, or hinder the swallowing of our Meat, therefore these annulary Gristles are not made round, or entire Circles; but where the Gullet touches the Windpipe, there to fill up the Circle is only a soft Membrane, which may easily give way to the Dilatation of the Gullet. And to demonstrate that this was designedly done for this End and Use, so soon as the Windpipe enters the Lungs, its Cartilages are no longer deficient, but perfect Circles or Rings, because there was no necessity they should be so, but it was more convenient they should be entire. Lastly, for the various modulation of the Voice, the upper end of the Windpipe is endued with several Cartilages and Muscles, to contract or dilate it as we would have our Voice Flat or Sharp; and moreover the whole is continually moistned with a glutinous Humour issuing out of the small  
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Glandules that are upon its inner Coat, to fence it against the sharp Air received in, or Breath forced out; yet is it of quick and tender Sense, that it may be easily provoked to cast out by Coughing, whatever may fall into it from without, or be discharged into it from within.

Seventhly, The *Heart* which hath been always esteemed, and really is, one of the principal Parts of the Body, the *primum vivens*, & *ultimum moriens*, the first part that quickens and the last that dies, by its unceasing Motion distributing the Blood, the Vehicle of Life, and with it the Vital Heat and Spirits, throughout the whole Body, whereby it doth continually irrigate, nourish and keep hot, and supple all the Members. Is it not admirable that from this Fountain of Life and Heat there should be Channels and Conduit-pipes, to every, even the least and most remote Part of the Body? just as if from one Waterhouse there should be Pipes conveying the Water to every House in a Town, and to every Room in each House; or from one Fountain in a Garden there should be little Channels or Dikes cut to every Bed, and every Plant growing therein, as we have seen more than once done beyond the Seas. I confess the Heart seems not to be designed to so noble an Use as is generally

generally believed, that is to be the Fountain or Conservatory of the vital Flame, and to inspire the Blood therewith; (for the Lungs serve rather for the accension or maintaining that Flame, the Blood receiving therefrom the Air those Particles which are one Part of the *Pabulum* or Fuel thereof, and so impregnated running back to the Heart) but to serve as a Machine to receive the Blood from the Veins, and to force it out by the Arteries through the whole Body, as a Syringe doth any Liquor, though not by the same Artifice: And yet this is no ignoble Use, the continuance of the Circulation of the Blood being indispensibly necessary for the quickening and enlivening of all the Members of the Body, and supplying of Matter to the Brain, for the preparation of the Animal Spirits, the Instruments of all Sense and Motion. Now for this use of receiving and pumping out of the Blood, the Heart is admirably contrived. For, First, being a Muscular Part, the Sides of it are composed of two orders of Fibres running circularly or spirally from Base to Tip, contrarily one to the other, and so being drawn or contracted contrary ways do violently constringe and straiten the Ventricles, and strongly force out the Blood, as we have formerly intimated. Then the  
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Vessels we call *Arteries*, which carry from the Heart to the several Parts, have Valves which open outwards like Trap-doors, and give the Blood a free passage out of the Heart, but will not suffer it to return back again thither, and the *Veins*, which bring it back from the several Members to the Heart, have Valves and Trap-doors which open inwards, so as to give way unto the Blood to run into the Heart, but prevent it from running back again that way. Besides the Arteries consist of a quadruple Coat, the Third of which is made up of Annular or Orbicular carneous Fibres to a good thickness, and is of a Muscular Nature, after every Pulse of the Heart, serving to contract the Vessel successively with incredible Celerity, so by a kind of peristaltick Motion impelling the Blood onwards to the capillary Extremities, and through the Muscles, with great force and swiftness. So the Pulse of the Arteries is not only caused by the pulsation of the Heart, driving the Blood through them in manner of a Wave or Flush, as *Des Cartes* and others would have it; but by the Coats of the Arteries themselves, which the experiments of a certain \* *Lovain* Physician, (the first whereof is *Galens*,) do in my opinion make good against him. First, saith he, if you slit the Artery and thrust into it a Pipe,

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so big as to fill the Cavity of it, and cast a strait Ligature upon that part of the Artery containing the Pipe, and so bind it fast to the Pipe; notwithstanding the Blood hath free passage through the Pipe, yet will not the Artery beat below the Ligature; but do but take off the Ligature, it will commence again to beat immediately: But because one might be ready to reply to this Experiment, that the reason why when bound it did not beat, was because the Current of the Blood being straitned by the Pipe, when beneath the Pipe it came to have more liberty, was not sufficient to stretch the Coat of the Artery, and so cause a Pulse, but when the Ligature was taken off, it might flow between the enclosed Tube and the Coat of the Artery; therefore he adds another, which clearly evinces that this could not be the reason, but that it is something flowing down the Coats of the Artery that causes the Pulse: that is, If you straiten the Artery never so much, provided the sides of it do not quite meet, and stop all passage of the Blood, the Vessel will notwithstanding continue still to beat below or beyond the Coarctation. So we see some Physicians both Ancient (as *Galen*,) and Modern, were of Opinion, that the Pulse of the Arteries was owing to their Coats; though  
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the first that I know of who observed the third Coat of an Artery to be a muscular Body, composed of annulary Fibres, was Dr. *Willis*. This mention of the peristaltick Motion puts me in mind of an ocular Demonstration of it in the Gullet of Kine when they chew the Cud, which I have often beheld with pleasure. For after they have swallowed one Morsel, if you look stedfastly upon their Throat, you will soon see another ascend, and run pretty swiftly all along the Throat up to the Mouth, which it could not do unless it were impelled by the successive contraction or peristaltick Motion of the Gullet, continually following it. And it is remarkable that these ruminant Creatures have a Power by the *Imperium* of their wills of directing this peristaltick Motion upwards or downwards. I shall add no more concerning the Heart, but that it and the Brain do *mutuas operas tradere*, enable one another to work; for first the Brain cannot itself live, unless it receive continual supplies of Blood from the Heart, much less can it perform its Functions of preparing and distributing the Animal Spirits; nor the Heart Pulse, unless it receives Spirits or something else that descends from the Brain by the Nerves. For do but cut asunder the Nerves that go from the Brain to the Heart, the

motion thereof in more perfect and hot Creatures ceaseth immediately. Which Part began this round is the Question.

Eighthly, The next Part I shall treat of shall be the *Hand*, this ὄργανον ὀργάνων or superlative Instrument, which serves us for such a multitude of Uses, as it is not easie to enumerate; whereto if we consider the Make and Structure of it, we shall find it wonderfully adapted. First, it is divided into Four Fingers bending forward, and one opposite to them bending backwards, and of greater strength than any of them singly, which we call the Thumb, to joyn with them severally or united; whereby it is fitted to lay hold of the Objects of any size or quantity. The least things, as any small single Seed, are taken up by the Thumb and Forefinger; those a little greater, by the Thumb and two Fingers, which also we chiefly employ to manage the Needle in Sewing, and the Pen in Writing: When we would take up a greater quantity of any thing, we make use of the Thumb and all the Fingers. Sometimes we use one Finger only, as in pointing at any thing, picking things out of Holes or long and narrow Vessels, sometimes all severally at one time, as in stopping the strings when we play upon any musical Instruments. 2. The Fingers

gers are strengthened with several Bones, jointed together for motion, and furnished with several Muscles and Tendons like so many Pullies to bend them circularly forward; which is most convenient for the firm holding and griping of any Object: Which of how great, constant, and necessary Use it is in pulling or drawing, but especially in taking up and retaining any sort of Tool or Instrument to work withal in Husbandry and all mechanick Arts, is so obvious to every mans Observation, that I need not spend time to instance in particulars: Moreover the several Fingers are furnished with several Muscles to extend and open the Hand, and to move them to the Right and Left: and so this Division and Motion of the Fingers doth not hinder but that the whole Hand may be employed, as if it were all of a piece; as we see it is, either expanded, as in striking out, smoothing and folding up of Cloths and some mechanick Uses; or contracted, as in Fighting, Kneading of Dough and the like. It is also notable and indeed wonderful, that the Tendons, bending the middle Joint of the Fingers, should be perforated to give passage to the Tendons of the Muscles which draw the uppermost Joints, and all bound down close to the Bone with strong Fillets, lest

they should start up and hinder the Hand in its work, standing like so many Bowstrings.

3. The Fingers ends are strengthened with Nails, as we fortifie the ends of our Staves or Forks with Iron Hoops or Ferules, which Nails serve not only for Defence but for Ornament, and many Uses. The Skin upon our Fingers ends is thin and of most exquisite Sense, to help us to judg of any thing we handle. If now I should go about to reckon up the several Uses of this Instrument, Time would sooner fail me than Matter. By the help of this we do all our Works, we build our selves Houses to dwell in; we make our selves Garments to wear; we Plow and Sow our Grounds with Corn, Dress and Cultivate our Vineyards, Gardens, and Orchards, gather and lay up our Grain, and Fruits; we prepare and make ready our Victuals. Spinning, Weaving, Painting, Carving, Engraving, and that Divinely invented Art of Writing, whereby we transmit our own Thoughts to Posterity, and converse with and participate the Observations and Inventions of them that are long ago Dead, all performed by this. This is the only Instrument for all Arts whatsoever; no improvement to be made of any experimental Knowledg without it. Hence (as *Aristotle* saith well) they do amiss that complain

plain, that Man is worse dealt with by Nature than other Creatures; whereas they have some Hair, some Shells, some Wool, some Feathers, some Scales, to defend themselves from the injuries of the Weather, Man alone is Born Naked and without all Covering. Whereas they have natural Weapons to defend themselves and offend their Enemies, some Horns, some Hoofs, some Teeth, some Talons, some Claws, some Spurs and Beaks; Man hath none of all these, but is weak, and feeble, and unarmed sent into the World. Why, a Hand with Reason to use it, supplies the Uses of all these, that's both a Horn, and a Hoof, and a Talon and a Tusk, &c. because it enables us to use Weapons of these and other Fashions, as Swords and Spears and Guns. Besides this advantage a Man hath of them, that whereas they cannot at pleasure change their Coverings, or lay aside their Weapons, or make use of others as occasion serves, but must abide Winter and Summer, Night and Day with the same Cloathing on their Backs, and sleep with their Weapons upon them; a Man can alter his Cloathing according to the exigency of the Weather, go warm in Winter, and cool in Summer, cover up himself hot in the Night, and lay aside his Cloaths in the Day, and put on or off more

or fewer according as his Work and Exercise is: and can as occasion requires, make use of divers sorts of Weapons, and choice of such at all turns as are most proper and convenient; whereby we are enabled to subdue and rule over all other Creatures; and use for our own behoof those Qualities wherein they excel, as the Strength of the Ox, the Valor and Swiftnes of the Horse, the Sagacity and Vigilancy of the Dog, and so make them as it were our own. Had we wanted this Member in our Bodies, we must have lived the Life of Brutes, without House or Shelter but what the Woods and Rocks would have afforded; without Cloths or Covering; without Corn, or Wine, or Oil, or any other Drink but Water; without the warmth and comfort, or other uses of Fire, and so without any Artificial Bak'd, Boil'd or Roast Meats; but must have scrambled with the wild Beasts for Crabs, and Nuts, and Achorns, and such other things as the Earth puts forth of her own accord. We had lain open and exposed to Injuries, and had been unable to resist or defend our selves against almost the weakest Creature.

The remaining Parts I shall but briefly run over.

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That the *Back-bone* should be divided into so many *Vertebres* for commodious bending, and not be one entire rigid Bone, which being of that length would have been often in danger of snapping in sunder. That it should be made tapering in form of a Pillar, the lower *Vertebres* being the broadest and largest, and the superior in order, lesser and lesser, for the greater firmness and stability of the Trunk of the Body. That the several *Vertebres* should be so Elegantly and Artificially compacted and joyned together, that they are as strong and firm, as if they were but one Bone. That they should be all perforated in the middle with a large hole for the *Spinal Marrow* or *Pith* to pass along; and each particular have a hole on each side to transmit the *Nerves* to the *Muscles* of the Body, to convey both *Sense* and *Motion*. That by reason of the fore-mentioned close connexion of the *Vertebres*, it should be so formed, as not to admit any great flexure or recess from a right Line, any Angular, but only a moderate Circular bending; lest the *Spinal Pith* should be compressed, and so the free intercourse or passage of the *Spirits* to and fro be stopt.

One Observation relating to the Motion of the *Bones* in their *Articulations*, I shall here add, That is, the Care that is taken, and the

the Provision that is made, for the easie and expedite Motion of them; there being to that purpose a twofold Liquor prepared for the Inunction and Lubrification of their Heads or Ends, 1. An Oily one, furnished by the Marrow. 2. A Mucilaginous, supplied by certain Glandules seated in the Articulations, both which together make up the most apt and proper mixture for this use and end that can be invented or thought upon. For not only both the Ingredients are of a lubricating Nature, but there is this advantage gained from their composition, that they do mutually improve one another: for the Mucilage adds to the lubricity of the Oyl, and the Oyl preserves the Mucilage from In-spissation, and contracting the Consistency of a Gelly. Now this Inunction is useful, indeed necessary, for three ends chiefly,

1. For the facilitating of Motion. For though the ends of the Bones are very smooth, yet were they dry, they could not with that readiness and ease, nay, not without great difficulty, yield to and obey the Plucks and Attractions of the motory Muscles; as we see Clocks and Jacks, though the Screws and Teeth of the Wheels and Nuts be never so smooth and polished, yet if they be not oyl'd, will hardly move, though you clog them with never so much weight; but if you ap-  
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ply but a little Oyl, they presently whirl about very swiftly with the tenth part of the force.

2. For preserving the ends of the Bones from an Incalescency, which they being hard and solid Bodies would necessarily contract from a swift and long continuing Motion: such as that of running, or moving, or threshing, or sawing, and the like, if they immediately touched and rubbed against one another with that force they must needs do; especially in running, the whole weight of the Body bearing upon the Joints of the Thighs and Knees: So we see in the Wheels of Waggon or Coaches, the hollows of the Naves by their swift Rotations on the ends of the Axletrees produce a Heat, sometimes so intense, as to set them on fire; to prevent which, they stand in need to be frequently anointed or besmeared with a mixture of Grease and Tar, imitating the fore-mentioned Natural Composition of Oyl and Mucilage. Nay, Bodies softer a great deal than Metals contract a great Heat by Attrition; as is evident from those black circular Lines we see on Boxes, Dishes, and other turned Vessels of Wood, which are the effects of Ignition, caused by the pressure of an edged Stick upon the Vessel turned nimbly in the Lathe. And if there had not been a provision

sion in the Joints against such a preternatural Incalescence upon their violent Motion, this would have made a slothful World, and confined us to leisurely and deliberate Movements, when there were the most urgent and hasty occasions to quicken us.

3. For the preventing of Attrition and wearing down the ends of the Bones by their Motion and rubbing one against another, which is so violent and lasting sometimes, that it is a wonder any Inunction should suffice to secure their Heads from wasting and consumption. I have often seen the tops of the Teeth (which are of a harder substance than the rest of the Bones) worn off by Mastication, in persons who have lost most of their Grinders, and been compelled constantly to make use of three or four only in chewing, so low, that at last the inward Marrow and Nerve lay bare, and they could no longer for pain make use of them. So that had there not been this provision made for the anointing the Bones, the curious Workmanship of Nature, in adapting them so exactly one to another, as was most fit for the easie performance of all those Motions to which they were destined, would not suffice for use: but the stirring part of Mankind would soon find themselves fitter for an Hospital, than for Action and the pursuit of business.

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These Observations I acknowledge my self to have borrowed of a late ingenious \* *Mr. Clapton Hanvers.* Writer of *Osteology*, who thus concludes his Discourse upon this subject. *And here we cannot avoid the notice of the visible footsteps of an infinite Reason, which as they are deeply impressed upon the Universe, so more especially on the sensible parts of it in those rational contrivances which are found in Animals: and we can never sufficiently admire the Wisdom and Providence of our great Creator, who has given all parts in these animated Beings, not only such a structure as renders them fit for their necessary Motions & designed Functions, but withal the benefit and advantage of whatever may preserve them, or facilitate their Action.*

Moreover, the Artifice of Nature is wonderful in the construction of the Bones that are to support the Body, and to bear great burdens, or to be employed in strong exercises, they being made hollow, for Lightness and Stiffness. For, as we have before noted, a Body that is hollow may be demonstrated to be more rigid and inflexible, than a solid one of the same substance and weight. So that here is provision made both for the Stiffness and Lightness of the Bones. But the Ribs, which are not to bear any great weight, or to be strongly exercised, but only to fence the Breast, have no Cavity in them,

them, and towards the fore-part or Breast are broad and thin, that so they might bend and give way without danger of fracture; when bent returning by their Elastick property to their Figure again. Yet is not the hollow of the Bones altogether useless, but serves to contain the Marrow; which supplies an Oyl for the maintaining and inunction of the Bones and Ligaments, and so facilitating their Motion in the Articulations; and particularly (which we mentioned not before) of the Ligaments, preserving them from driness and rigidity, and keeping them supple and flexible, and ready to comply with all the Motions and Postures of that moveable part to which they appertain; and lastly, to secure them from disruption; which as strong as they are, they would be in some danger of, upon a great and sudden stretch or contortion, if they were dry, &c. See more to this purpose in the Treatise fore-quoted, p. 183.

That whereas the *Breast* is encompassed with Ribs, the *Belly* is left free; that it might give way to the Motion of the *Midriff* in Respiration; and to the necessary Reception of Meat and Drink; as also for the convenient bending of the Body; and in Females for that extraordinary extension that is requisite in the time of their Pregnancy.

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That the *Lungs* should be made up of such innumerable Air-pipes and Vesicles interwoven with Blood Vessels in order to purifie, ferment, or supply the sanguineous Mass with Nitro-aerial Particles, which rush in by their elastick power upon the muscular extension of the *Thorax*, and so feed the Vital Flame and Spirits; for upon obstructing this communication, all is presently extinct, no Circulation, no Motion, no Heat, nor any sign of Life remains.

That the *Stomach* should be Membranous, and capable of Dilatation and Contraction, according to the quantity of Meat contained in it; that it should be situate under the *Liver*, which by its Heat might cherish it, and contribute to Concoction: That it should be endued with an acid or glandulous Ferment, or some corruptive quality for so speedy a dissolution of the Meat, and preparation of Chyle; that after Concoction it should have an ability of contracting it self and turning out the Meat.

That the *Guts* should immediately receive it from the *Pylorus*, further elaborate, prepare, and separate it, driving by their Peristaltick Motion the Chyle into the *Lacteals*, and the excrementitious parts to the *Podex*, from whence there is no regress, unless when the Valve of the *Colon* is torn and relax'd; but

but for the curious Structure of these Parts, see more in *Kerkringius, Glisson, Willis, and Peyer.*

That the *Bladder* should be made of a membranous Substance, and so extremely dilatable for receiving and containing the Urine, till opportunity of emptying it; that it should have Shuts for the ends of the Ureters so artificially contrived as to give the Urine free entrance, but to stop all passage backward, so that they will not transmit the Wind, though it be strongly blown and forced in.

That the *Livor* should continually separate the Choler from the Blood, and empty it into the Intestines, where there is good use for it, not only to provoke Dejection, but also to attenuate the Chyle and render it so subtile and fluid, as to enter in at the Orifices of the lacteous Veins.

That in the *Kidneys* there should be such innumerable little Siphons or Tubes conveying the Urinose Particles to the Pelvis and Ureters, first discover'd *Bellini*, and illustrated by *Malpighi*; that indeed all the Glands of the *Body* should be Congeries of various sorts of Vessels curl'd, circumgyrated and complicated together, whereby they give the Blood time to stop and separate through the Pores of the capillary Vessels into the Secretory ones,



ones, which afterwards all exonerate themselves into one common Ductus ; as may be seen in the Works of *Dr. Wharton, Graaf, Bartholine, Rudback, Bilsius, Malpighi, Nuck,* and others. That the Glands should separate such variety of Humors all different in Color, Taste, Smell, and other qualities.

Finally, That all the Bones, and all the Muscles, and all the Vessels of the Body should be so admirably contrived, and adapted, and compacted together for their several Motions and Uses, and that most *Geometrically*, according to the strictest Rules of *Mechanicks* ; that if in the whole Body you change the Figure, Situation, and Conjunction but of one Part, if you diminish or encrease the Bulk and Magnitude ; in fine, if you endeavour any Innovation or Alteration, you marr and spoil, instead of mending. How can all these things put together but beget Wonder and Astonishment ?

In the Muscles alone there seems to be more Geometry, than in all the artificial Engines in the World ; and therefore the different Motions of Animals, are a subject fit only for the great Mathematicians to handle ; amongst whom, *Steno, Dr. Croon*, and above all *Alphonso Borelli*, have made their Essays towards it.

That under one Skin there should be such infinite variety of Parts, variously mingled, hard with soft, fluid with fixt, solid with hollow, those in rest with those in motion, some with Cavities as Mortesses to receive, others with Tenons to fit those Cavities; all these so pack'd and thrust so close together that there is no unnecessary Vacuity in the whole Body, and yet so far from clashing or interfering one with another, or hindring each others Motions, that they do all Friendlyly conspire, all help and assist mutually one the other, all concur in one general End and Design, the good and preservation of the whole, are certainly Arguments and Effects of Infinite Wisdom and Counsel; so that he must needs be worse than mad that can find in his Heart to imagine all these to be casual and fortuitous, or not provided and designed by a most Wise and Intelligent Cause.

Every part is clothed, joined together, and corroborated by Membranes, which upon several occasions (as extravasations of Humors, Compressions or Obstructions of Vessels) are capable of a prodigious extension, as we see in the Hydatides of the female Testicles or Ovaries, in Hydropical Tumors of the *Lymphæducts*, of the *Scrotum* and *Peritonæum*, out of the last of which alone twenty  
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and even forty Gallons of Water have been drawn by a *Paracentesis* or tapping, for which we have the undoubted Authority of *Tulpius*, *Meekren*, *Pechlin*, *Blasius*, and other Medical Writers. What vast Sacks and Bags are necessary to contain such a Collection of Water, which seems to issue from the Lymphæducts, either dilacerated or obstructed, and exonerating themselves into the foldings, or between the duplicatures of the Membranes.

I should now proceed to treat of the Generation and Formation of the *Fætus* in the Womb; but that is a Subject too difficult for me to handle; the Body of Man and other Animals being formed in the dark Recesses of the *Matrix*, or as the Psalmist phrases it, *Psal. 139. 14. made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the Earth.* This Work is so admirable and unaccountable, that neither the Atheists nor Mechanick Philosophers have attempted to declare the manner and process of it; but have (as I noted before) very cautiously and prudently broke off their Systems of Natural Philosophy here, and left this Point untoucht; and those Accounts which some of them have attempted to give of the Formation of a few of the Parts, are so excessively absurd and ridiculous, that they

need no other Confutation than *ha, ha, he*. And I have already further shewn, that it seems to me impossible, that Matter divided into as minute and subtle Parts as you will or can imagine, and those moved according to what Catholick Laws soever can be devised, should without the Presidency and Direction of some intelligent Agent, by the mere agitation of a gentle Heat, run itself into such a curious Machine, as the Body of Man is.

Yet must it be confest, that the Seed of Animals is admirably qualified to be fashioned and formed by the *Plastick Nature* into an Organical Body, containing the Principles or component Particles of all the several homogeneous Parts thereof; for indeed every part of the Body seems to club and contribute to the Seed, else why should Parents that are born Blind or Deaf, or that want a Finger or any other Part, or have one superfluous, sometimes generate Children that have the same defects or imperfections; and yet (which is wonderful) nothing of the Body or grosser matter of the Seed comes near the first Principle of the *Fætus*, or in some so much as enters the Womb, but only some contagious Vapor or subtle *effluvia* thereof; Which seems to animate the *Gemma* or *Cicatricula* of the Egg  
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contain'd in the female *Ovary*, before it passes through the *Tubes* or *Cornua* into the *Uterus*. How far the *Animalcules* observ'd in the Seed of Males, may contribute to Generation, I leave to the more Sagacious Philosophers to enquire, and shall here content my self with referring the Reader to the several Letters publish'd by M. *Lewenhoeck*.

But to what shall we attribute the *Fœtus* its likeness to the Parents, or omitting them, to the precedent Progenitors, as I have observed some Parents that have been both black Hair'd, to have generated most red Hair'd Children, because their Ancestors Hair hath been of that Color; or why are Twins so often extremely alike? Whether is this owing to the Efficient, or to the Matter?

These *Effluvia* we spake of the Male Seed, as subtile as they are, yet have they a great, if not the greatest stroke in Generation, as is clearly demonstrable in a Mule, which doth more resemble the Male Parent, that is the Ass, than the Female or Horse. But now why such different *Species* should not only mingle together, but also generate an Animal, and yet that that hybridous Production should not again generate, and so a new Race be carried on; but Nature should stop here and proceed no further, is to me a Mystery and unaccountable.

One thing relating to Generation I cannot omit ; that is, the construction of a set of temporary Parts, (like Scaffolds in a Building ) to serve a present End, which are afterwards laid aside , afford a strong Argument of Counsel and Design. Now for the use of the Young during its enclosure in the Womb there are several Parts formed, as the Membranes inveloping it, called the *Secundines*, the umbilical Vessels, one Vein and two Arteries, the *Urachus*, to convey the Urine out of the Bladder, and the *placenta uterina*; part whereof fall away at the Birth, as the *Secundines* and *Placenta*, others degenerate into Ligaments, as the *Urachus*, and part of the umbilical Vein: Besides which, because the *fœtus* during its abode in the Womb, hath no use of respiration by the Lungs, the Blood doth not all, I may say not the greatest part of it, flow through them; but there are two Passages or Channels contrived, one called the *foramen ovale*, by which part of the Blood brought by the *vena cava* passeth immediately into the left Ventricle of the Heart, without entering the right at all; the other is a large arterial Channel passing from the pulmonary Artery immediately into the *Aorta*, or great Artery, which likewise derives part of the Blood thither, without running at all into the

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the Lungs : These two are closed up soon after the Child is born, when it breaths no more ( as I may so say ) by the *Placenta uterina*, but respiration by the Lungs is needful for it. It is here to be noted ; that though the Lungs be formed so soon as the other Parts, yet during the abode of the *fœtus* in the Womb, they lie by as useless. In like manner I have observed, that in ruminating Creatures the three foremost Stomachs, not only during the continuance of the Young in the Womb, but so soon as it is fed with Milk, are unemployed and useless, the Milk passing immediately into the fourth.

Another Observation I shall add concerning Generation, which is of some moment, because it takes away some concessions of Naturalists, that give countenance to the Atheists fictitious and ridiculous Account of the first production of Mankind and other Animals ; *viz.* that all sorts of Insects, yea, and some Quadrupeds too, as Frogs and Mice, are produced spontaneously. My Observation and Affirmation is, that there is no such thing in Nature, as *Æquivocal* or Spontaneous Generation, but that all Animals, as well small as great, not excluding the vilest and most contemptible Insect, are generated by Animal Parents of the same

*Species* with themselves; that Noble *Italian* Vertuoso, *Francisco Redi* having experimented that no putrified Flesh ( which one would think were the most likely of any thing ) will of itself, if all Insects be carefully kept from it, produce any: The same Experiment I remember Doctor *Wilkins* late Bishop of *Chester* told me had been made by some of the *Royal Society*. No instance against this Opinion doth so much puzzle me, as Worms bred in the Intestines of Man and other Animals. But seeing the round Worms do manifestly generate, and probably the other kinds too; it's likely they come originally from Seed, which how it was brought into the Guts, may afterwards possibly be discovered. Moreover, I am inclinable to believe, that all Plants too, that themselves produce Seed, ( which are all but some very imperfect ones, which scarce deserve the name of Plants ) come of Seeds themselves. For that great Naturalist *Malpighius*, to make experiment whether Earth would of itself put forth Plants, took some purposely digged out of a deep Place, and put it into a Glass Vessel, the top whereof he covered with Silk many times doubled and strained over it, which would admit the Water and Air to pass through, but exclude the least Seed that might be  
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wasted by the Wind; the event was, that no Plant at all sprang up in it. Nor need we wonder how in a Ditch, Bank or Grass-Plat newly dig'd, or in the Fenbanks in the Isle of *Ely* Mustard should abundantly spring up, where in the Memory of Man none had been known to grow, for it might come of Seed which had lain there more than a Mans Age. Some of the Ancients mentioning some Seeds that retain their fecundity Forty Years. And I have found in a Paper received from a Friend, but whom I have forgotten, That Melon-seeds after Thirty Years, are best for raising of Melons. As for the Mustard that sprung up in the Isle of *Ely*, though there had never been any in that Country, yet might it have been brought down in the Channels by the Floods, and so being thrown up the Banks, together with the Earth, might germinate and grow there.

And indeed a Spontaneous Generation of Animals and Plants upon due examination will be found to be nothing less, than a Creation of them. For after the matter was made, and the Sea and dry Land separated, how is the Creation of Plants and Animals described but by a commanding, that is, effectually causing the Waters and Earth to produce their several kinds without any  
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Seed? Now Creation being the Work of Omnipotency, and incommunicable to any Creature, it must be beyond the Power of Nature or natural Agents, to produce things after that manner. And as for God Almighty, He is said to have rested from his Work of Creation after the Seventh Day. But if there be any Spontaneous Generation, there was nothing done at the Creation, but what is daily done; for the Earth and Water produced Animals then without Seed, and so they do still.

Because some, I understand, have been offended at my confident denial of all Spontaneous Generation, accounting it too bold and groundless, I shall a little enlarge upon it, and give my Reasons, in order to their satisfaction.

First, Then I say, Such a Spontaneous Generation seems to me to be nothing less than a Creation. For, Creation being not only a Production of a Thing out of Nothing, but also out of indisposed Matter, as may be clearly inferred from the Scripture, and is agreed by all Divines; this Spontaneous Generation, being such a Production, wherein doth it differ from Creation? Or what did God Almighty do at the first Creation of Animals and Plants, more than what (if this be true) we see every day done? To me,

I must confess, it seems almost demonstrable, that whatever Agent can introduce a Form into indisposed Matter, or dispose the matter in an instant, must be superior to any natural one, not to say Omnipotent.

Secondly, Those who have with the greatest diligence and application considered and searched into this matter, as those eminent *Virtuosi*, *Marcellus Malpighius*, *Franciscus Redi*, *John Swammerdam*, *Lewenboeck*, and many others, are unanimously of this Opinion, save that *Franc. Redi* would except such Insects as are bred in Galls and some other Excrescencies of Plants. Now their Authority weighs more with me, than the general Vogue, or the concurrent Suffrages of a thousand others, who never examined the thing so carefully and circumspectly as they have done, but run away with the Cry of the common Herd of Philosophers.

First of all, *Dr. Swammerdam*, who hath been, to the best purpose of any man I know of, busied in searching out and observing the Nature of all Insects in general; all in general I say, for (as to one particular Insect, to wit, the Silk-worm, I must except *Seignior Malpighi*; and to one genus of them, to wit, Spiders, *Dr. Lister*;) in his *General History of Insects*, written in *Low Dutch*, and translated into *French*, p. 47. hath these words,

words, *Nous disons, qu'il ne se fait dans toute la nature aucune generation par accident, &c.* We affirm, that there is not in all Nature any accidental [ or Spontaneous ] Generation, but all come by Propagation; wherein Chance hath not the least part or interest. And in p. 159. speaking of the Generation of Insects out of Plants, in contradiction I suppose to Seignior Redi, he saith, *Nous croyons absolument, &c.* We do absolutely believe, that it is not possible to prove by experience, that any Insects are engendred out of Plants: But on the contrary, we are very well informed and assured, that these little Animals are not shut upon or enclosed there for any other reason than to draw thence their nourishment. It's true indeed, that by a certain, constant and immutable Order of Nature we see many sorts of Insects affixed to particular *Species* of Plants and Fruits, to which the respective kinds fasten themselves as it were by Instinct. But we are to know, that they all come of the Seed of Animalcules of their own kind, that were before laid there. For these Insects do thrust their Seed or Eggs so deep into the Plants, that they come to be afterwards as it were united with them, and the Aperture or Orifice by which they entered quite closed up and obliterated; the Eggs being hatched and nourished within.

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We have often found the Eggs of Insects so deeply sunk into the tender Buds of Trees, that without hurting of them it was impossible to draw them out. Many Instances he produces in several sorts of Insects making their way into Plants, which though they be well worth the reading, are too long to transcribe.

Secondly, That Great and Sagacious Naturalist, and most Accurate Examiner of these things, Signior *Malpighi*, in his Treatise of *Galls*, under which Name he comprehends all Preternatural and Morbose Tumors and Excrescencies of Plants, doth demonstrate in particular, that all such Warts, Tumors and Excrescencies, where any Insects are found, are excited or raised up either by some Venenose Liquor, which together with their Eggs such Insects shed upon the Leaves, or Buds, or Fruits of Plants, or boring with their *terebræ* instil into the very Pulp of such Buds or Fruits; or by the contagious Vapor of the very Eggs themselves producing a Mortification or Syderation in the parts of Plants on which they are laid; or lastly, by the Grubs or Maggots hatched of the Eggs laid there, making their way with their Teeth into the Buds, Leaves or Fruit, or even the Wood itself, of such Plants on which their Eggs were laid. So at last he concludes, *Erunt itaque Gallæ*

*Gallæ & reliqui plantarum tumores morboſæ excrescentiæ , vi depositi ovi à turbata plantarum compage , & vitiato humorum motu excitatæ , quibus incluſa ova & animalcula velut in utero foventur & au- gentur , donec manifeſtatis firmatiſque propriis partibus , quaſi exoriantur novam exoptantia auram.* We conclude therefore , that Galls and other Tumors of Plants are nothing elſe but morboſe Excreſcencies, raiſed up by the force of the Egg there laid, diſturb- ing the Vegetation and Temper of the Plants , and perverting the Motion of their Humors and Juices ; wherein the en- cloſed Eggs and Animalcules are cheriſhed, nourished, and augmented, till their proper parts being manifeſted, explicated, and hard- ned or ſtrengthened, they are as it were new born, affecting to come forth into the open Air. In the ſame Treatiſe he deſcribes the hollow Inſtrument (*terebra* he calls it, and we may Engliſh it *piercer* ) wherewith ma- ny Flies are provided , proceeding from the Womb, with which they perforate the Teg- ments of Leaves, Fruits or Buds, and through the hollow of it inject their Eggs into the holes or wounds which they have made, where in proceſs of time they are hatched and nourished. This he beheld one of theſe  
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Insects doing, with his own Eyes, in the Bud of an Oak; the manner whereof he describes p.47. which I shall not transcribe; only take notice, that when he had taken off the Insect, he found in the Leaf very Little and Diaphanous Eggs, exactly like to those which yet remained in the Tubes of the Flies Womb. He adds further, that it is probable that there may be Eggs hidden in divers parts of Plants, whereof no footstep doth outwardly appear, but the Plant remains as entire, and thrives as well as if there were no Insect there: Nay, that some may be hidden and cherished in dry places (not wanting any Humor to feed them) as in Sear-Wood, yea, in Earthen Vessels, and Marbles themselves.

Indeed to me it seems unreasonable that Plants being of a lower Form or Order of Being, should produce Animals; for either they must do it out of indisposed Matter; and then such Production would amount to a Creation; or else they must prepare a fit Matter, which is to act beyond their strength, there being required to the preparation of the Sperm of Animals a great *apparatus* of Vessels, and many Secretions, Concoctions, Reflexions, Digestions, and Circulations of the Matter, before it can be rectified and exalted into so noble a Liquor: and besides,

besides, there must be an Egg too, for we know *ex ovo omnia*, to the perfection whereof, there are as many Vessels, and as long a Process required. Now in Plants there are no such Vessels, and consequently no such Preparation of Eggs or Sperm, which are the necessary Principles of Animals. ✕

Thirdly, That Worthy Author of our own Country; I mean Dr. *Lister*, in his Notes upon *Goedartius Insect. Numb. 16. p. 47.* hath these words, *Non enim inducor ut credam, hoc, vel aliud quodvis Animal, modo quodam spontaneo è Planta produci, & alii causæ cui-cunque originem suam debere quàm Parenti Animali: i. e.* I cannot be persuaded or induced to believe, that this or any other Animal is (or can be) produced out of a Plant in a spontaneous manner, or doth owe its Original to any other Cause whatever than an Animal Parent of *its own kind*. And in his third Note upon *Insect. Numb. 49.* these, *Quoad spontaneam Erucæ hujus aliorumque Insectorum generationem pro parte negativa jam sententiam meam tradidi, &c.* As to the Spontaneous Generation of this *Eruca* and other Insects, I have already delivered my Opinion for the Negative. This is most certain, that these *Cossi* are produced of Eggs laid by Animal Parents: It is also alike clear, that these diminutive Caterpillars are able by degrees



grees to pierce or bore their way into a Tree; which very small holes, after they are fully entred, do perchance grow together and quite disappear; at least become so small, that they are not to be discerned, unless by *Lynceus's* eyes. Add moreover, that perchance they undergo no Transformation, but continue under the Vizzard of [*Eruca*] Caterpillars for many years, which doth very well accord with my Observations. Moreover, that this Caterpillar [*Eruca*] is propagated by Animal Parents, to wit, Butterflies, after the common Origination of all Caterpillars. In all this I fully consent with the Doctor; only crave leave to differ in his attributing to them the Name of *Cossi*, which were accounted by the Ancients, a delicate morsel, and fed for the Table; for I take those to have been the Hexapods from which the greater sort of Beetles come; for that that sort of Hexapods are at this day eaten in our *American* Plantations, as I am informed by my good Friend Dr. *Hans Sloane*, who also presented me with a Glass of them, preserved in Spirit of Wine.

3. My third Argument against Spontaneous Generation, is, Because there are no Arguments or Experiments, which the Patrons of it do or can produce, which do clearly evince it. For the General and Vulgar O.

pinion, that the Heads of Children, or the Bodies of those that do not change their Linnen, but wear that which is sweaty and sordid, breed Lice; or that Cheese of itself breeds Mites or Maggots, I deny, and look upon it as a great Error and Mistake; and do affirm, that all such Creatures are bred of Eggs laid in such sordid places by some wandering Louse, or Mite, or Maggot. For such places being most proper for the hatching and exclusion of their Eggs, and for the maintenance of their Young, Nature hath endued them with a wonderful Acuteness of Sent and Sagacity, whereby they can though far distant, find out and make towards them. And even Lice and Mites themselves, as slow as they seem to be, can to my knowledge, in no long time march a considerable way to find out a convenient Harbor for themselves.

As for the Generation of Insects out of putrid Matter, the Experiments of *Franciscus Redi*, and some of our own *Virtuosi*, give me sufficient reason to reject it. I did but just now mention the quick Sent that Insects have, and the great Sagacity in finding out a proper and convenient Harbor or *Matrix*, to cherish and hatch their Eggs, and feed their Young: they are so acted and directed by Nature, as to cast their Eggs in such  
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places as are most accommodate for the exclusion of their Young, and where there is Food ready for them so soon as they be hatcht: Nay, it is a very hard matter to keep off such Insects from shedding their Seed in such proper places. *Indeed if an Insect may be thus equivocally generated, why not sometimes a Bird? A Quadruped, a man, or even an Universe? or why no new Species of Animal now and then?* as my Learned Friend Dr. Tancred Robinson very well argues in his Letters: *for there is as much Art shewn in the formation of those as of these.*

The raining of Frogs and their Generation in the Clouds, though it be attested by many and great Authors, I look upon as utterly false and ridiculous. It seems to me no more likely that Frogs should be engendered in the Clouds, than Spanish Gennets be begotten by the Wind; for that hath good Authors too. And he that can swallow the raining of Frogs, hath made a fair step towards believing, that it may rain Calves also; for we read that one fell out of the Clouds in *Avicen's* time. Nor do they much help the matter who say, that those Frogs that appear sometimes in great multitudes after a Shower, are not indeed engendered in the Clouds, but coagulated of a certain sort of Dust commixt and fermented

with Rain-water; to which Hypothesis *Fro-  
mondus* adheres.

But let us a little consider the Genera-  
tion of Frogs in a natural way. 1. There  
are two different Sexes, which must concur  
to their Generation. 2. There is in both  
a great *apparatus* of Spermatick Vessels,  
wherein the Nobler and more Spirituous part  
of the Blood is by many Digestions, Conco-  
ctions, Reflections and Circulations exalted  
into that generous Liquor we call Sperm;  
and likewise for the preparing of the Eggs.  
3. There must be a Copulation of the Sexes,  
which I rather mention, because it is the  
most remarkable in this, that ever I observed  
in any Animal. For they continue in *com-  
plexu Venereo*, at least a Month indefinitely;  
the Male all that while resting on the back of  
the Female, clipping and embracing her with  
his Legs about the Neck and Body, and hol-  
ding her so fast, that if you take him out of  
the Water, he will rather bear her whole  
weight, than let her go. This I observed  
in a couple kept on purpose in a Vessel of  
Water by my Learned and Worthy Friend  
Mr. *John Nid* Fellow of *Trinity* College, long  
since deceased. After this the Spawn must  
be cast into Water; where the Eggs lye in  
the midst of a copious Gelly, which serves  
them for their first nourishment for a conside-  
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rable while. And at last the result of all is not a perfect Frog, but a Tadpole without any Feet, and having a long Tail to swim withal; in which form it continues a long time, till the Limbs be grown out, and the Tail fallen away, before it arrives at the perfection of a Frog.

Now if Frogs can be generated spontaneously in the Clouds out of Vapor, or upon the Earth out of Dust and Rain-water, what needs all this ado? To what purpose is there such an *Apparatus* of Vessels for the elaboration of the Sperm and Eggs; such a tedious Process of Generation and Nutrition? This is but an idle Pomp. The Sun (for he is supposed to be the equivocal Generant or Efficient by these Philosophers) could have dispatcht the business in a trice: give him but a little Vapor, or a little dry Dust and Rain-water, he will produce you a quick Frog; nay, a whole Army of them, perfectly formed, and fit for all the Functions of Life, in three Minutes, nay, in the hundredth part of one Minute, else must some of those Frogs that were generated in the Clouds fall down half-formed and imperfect; which I never heard they did: and the process of Generation have observed in the production of Frogs out of Dust and Rain-water, which no man ever pretended to mark or discern.

But that there can be no Frogs generated in the Clouds may further be made appear, First, from the extreme Cold of the Middle Region of the Air, where the Vapors are turned into Clouds, which is not at all propitious to Generation. For did not so great men as *Aristotle* and *Erasmus* report it, I could hardly be induced to believe, that there could be one *Species* of Insects generated in Snow.

2. Because if there were any Animals engendered in the Clouds, they must needs be maimed and dashed in pieces by the fall, at least such as fell in the High-ways and upon the Roofs of Houses; whereas we read not of any such broken or imperfect Frogs found any where. This last Argument was sufficient to drive off the Learned *Fromondus* from the belief of their Generation in the Clouds; but the matter of fact he takes for granted, I mean the Spontaneous Generation of Frogs out of Dust and Rain-water, from an Observation or Experiment of his own at the Gates of *Tournay* in *Flanders*, to the sight of which Spectacle he called his Friends who were there present, that they might admire it with him. *A sudden shower* (saith he) *falling upon the very dry dust, there suddenly appeared such an Army of little Frogs, leaping about every where upon the Dry Land, that there was almost nothing else to be*

*be seen. They were also all of one magnitude and color: neither did it appear out of what lurking places [latibula] so many myriads could creep out, and suddenly discover themselves upon the dry and dusty soil, which they hate. But saving the reverence due to so great a man, I doubt not but they did all creep out of their Holes and Coverts, invited by the agreeable Vapour of the Rain-water. This, however unlikely it may seem, is a thousand times more probable, than their instantaneous and undiscernible Generation out of a little Dry Dust and Rain water, which also cannot have any time to mix and ferment together; which is the Hypothesis he adheres to. Nay, I affirm, that it is not at all improbable; for he that shall walk out in Summer-Nights when it begins to grow dark, may observe such a multitude of great Toads and Frogs crawling about in the High-Ways, Paths and Avenues to Houses, Yards and Walks of Gardens and Orchards, that he will wonder whence they came, or where they lurked all the Winter, and all the Day-time, for that then it's a rare thing to find one.*

As for the Worms and other Animals bred in the Intestines of Man and Beast, I have declared my self not to be satisfied of the Way and Means, how their Seeds come to

be conveyed into those places; but yet that their Generation is Analogous to that of other Creatures of those kinds I doubt not. The constancy to their *Species*; their exact Agreement and perpetual Similitude in the Shape and Figure of their Bodies, and all their Parts, their Consistency, Temper, Motion and other Accidents are to me little less than a demonstration, that they are not the Effects of Chance, but the Products of a settled and spermatick Principle. I am at present, till better informed, of opinion, that their Eggs are swallowed with the Meat we eat; and I am the rather induced to think so, because Children in their first Infancy, and as long as they are constantly confined to a Milk-Diet, are seldom troubled with them.

After this was written, I received a Letter from my often remembered Ingenious Friend Dr. *Tancred Robinson*, referring to this matter, part whereof I shall transcribe, as being very pertinent, instructive, and consonant to my own thoughts; *I think it may be proved, that the vast variety of Worms found in almost all the parts of different Animals, as well Terrestrial as Aquatick, are taken into their respective Bodies by Meats and Drinks, and there either lye still for some time, or else grow and alter by change of Place and Food, [not specifically but accidentally*



in magnitude, color, figure of some parts, or the like. ] We know as yet but little of the numerous Insects bred in Water, or indeed of those in Roots, Leaves, Buds, Flowers, Fruits and Seeds, which we are continually swallowing; and these too all vary according to Climate. [ That is, the same Species of Roots, Leaves, &c. do in different Climates produce many different Species of Insects, though some there be common to all. ] The long slender Worms, as small as Hairs, that breed between the Skin and Flesh in the Isle of Ormuz and in India; which are generally twisted out upon Sticks or Rowlers, and often break in the Operation, are without doubt taken in by the Water they drink in those Regions, as I could prove by many and good Experiments, had I time. They who have leisure, may find them in the Collections of Voyages and Travels, especially in Monsieur Thevenot. By this Explication we may give a better Account of the Vomiting up of Tadpoles, Snails, and other Animals, recorded in Medical Histories, than by any Hypothesis of Equivocal Generation: As to Insects found in stinking Flesh, or rotten Vegetables, I could never observe or find any of them different from those Parent Insects, which hover about, or feed upon such Bodies.

If any shall object, the infinite multitudes of Animalcules discovered in Pepper-water, and desire an account of their Generation; to him I shall say, that it is probable, that some few of these Animals may be floating in all Waters, and that finding the Particles of Pepper swimming in the Water very proper for the cherishing and excluding of their Eggs by reason of their heat, or some other unknown and specifick quality, they may fasten their Eggs to them, and so there may be a sudden breed of infinite swarms of them. But these being not to be discerned by the most piercing and *Lyncean* sight without the assistance of a Microscope, I leave the manner of their Generation to future discovery.

No less difficult it is to give an account of the Original of such Insects as are found, and seem to be bred in the Bodies of others of different kinds. Out of the Sides and Back of the most common Caterpillar, which feeds upon Cabbage, Cole-wort, and Turnep-Leaves, which we have described in the Catalogue of *Cambridge-Plants*, we have seen creep out small Maggots to the number sometimes of Threescore or more, which so soon as ever they came forth, began to weave themselves silken Cases of a yellow shining colour, wherein they changed, and after some  
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time came out thence in the form of small Flies with four Wings; for a full Description and History whereof, I shall refer the Reader to the forementioned Catalogue. The like I have also observed in other Caterpillars of a different kind, which have produced no lesser number of Maggots, that in like manner immediately made themselves up in Cases. Others instead of changing into *Aurelia's*, as in the usual Process of Nature they ought to do, have turned into one, two, three or more Flesh Fly-Cases, at least contained such Cases within them, out of which, after a while, were excluded Flesh-Flies. Other Caterpillars, as that called the Solitary Maggot, found in the dry heads of Teasel, by a dubious *Metamorphosis* sometimes changed into the *Aurelia* of a Butterfly, sometimes into a Fly-Case. You'll say, How comes this to pass? Must we not here necessarily have recourse to a Spontaneous Generation? I answer no: The most that can be inferred from hence is, a transmutation of *Species*; one Insect may instead of generating another of its own kind, beget one or more of a different. But I can by no means grant this. I do believe that these Flies do either cast their Eggs upon the very Bodies of the forementioned Caterpillars, or upon the Leaves on which they feed, all in a string:  
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which there hatching, eat their way into the Body, where they are nourished till they be come to their full growth. Or it may be, the Fly may with the hollow and sharp Tube of her Womb punch and perforate the very Skin of the *Eruca*, and cast her Eggs into its Body. So the *Ichneumon* will convey her Eggs into Caterpillars.

It will be further objected, that there have live Toads been found in the midst of Timber-Trees : nay, of Stones when they have been sawn asunder.

To this I answer, that I am not fully satisfied of the matter of fact. I am so well acquainted with the Credulity of the Vulgar, and the delight they, and many of the better sort too, have in telling of Wonders and strange things, that I must have a thing well attested, before I can give a firm assent to it. But yet, suppose it be true, it may be accounted for. Those Animals when young and little, finding in the Stone some small hole reaching to the middle of it, might, as their nature is, creep into it, as a fit *latibulum* for the Winter, and grow there too big to return back by the passage by which they entred, and so continue imprisoned therein for many years ; a little Air, by reason of the Coldness of the Creature, and its lying torpid there, sufficing it for respiration ; and the

the Humor of the Stone, by reason it lay immoveable and spent not, for nourishment. And I do believe, that if those who found such Toads, had diligently searched, they might have discovered and traced the way whereby they entred in, or some footsteps of it.

And whereas the Assertors of Equivocal Generation, were wont to pretend the Imperfection of these Animals as a ground to facilitate the belief of their Spontaneous Generation; I do affirm, that they are as perfect in their kind, and as much Art shewn in the formation of them, as of the greatest; nay more too, in the judgment of that great Wit and Natural Historian \* Pliny. *In magnis siquidem corporibus, (saith he) aut certe majoribus facilis officina sequaci materia fuit; in his tam parvis atque tam nullis, quæ ratio, quanta vis, quam inextricabilis perfectio?* In the greater Bodies the Forge was easie, the Matter being ductile and sequacious, obedient to the Hand and Stroke of the Artificer, apt to be drawn, formed or moulded into such Shapes and Machines, even by clumisie Fingers: but in the Formation of these, such diminutive things, such nothings, what cunning and curiosity! What force and strength was requisite, there being in them such inextricable perfection.

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To what Proofs or Examples of Spontaneous Generation may be brought from Insects bred in the Fruits or Excrescencies of Plants, I have already made answer in my second Particular, which contains the Testimonies of our best Modern Naturalists concerning these things.

In my denial of the Spontaneous Generation of *Plants*, I am not so confident and peremptory; but yet there are the same Objections and Arguments against it, as against that of Animals, *viz.* because it would be a Production out of indisposed Matter, and consequently a Creation; or if it be said, there is disposed Matter, prepared by the Earth, or Sun, the Heat, or whatever other Agent you can assign; I reply, this is to make a thing act beyond its strength, that is an inferiour Nature, which hath nothing of life in it, to prepare Matter for a superiour, which hath some degree of life; and for the preparation of which, it hath no convenient Vessels or Instruments. If it could do so, what need of all that *apparatus* of Vessels, preparation of Seed, and as I also suppose, distinction of Masculine and Feminine that we see in Plants? I demand further, whether any of the Patterns of Spontaneous Generation in Plants, did I ever see any Herbs or Trees, except those of the Grass-leaved Tribe, come up without

without two Seed-leaves ; which if they never did nor could, it is to me a great Argument, that they came all of Seed ; there being no reason else, why they should at first produce two Seed-Leaves different from the subsequent. And if all these *Species* (which are far the greatest number) come from Seed, there is not the least reason to think, that any of the rest come up spontaneously. And this, with what I have before written, may suffice concerning this Point.

Whereas I have often written in many places, that such and such *Species* of Plants are Spontaneous, or come up spontaneously, I mean no more by that expression, but that they were not planted or sown there industriously by Man.

Having spoken of the Body of Man, and Generation, I shall add some other Observations, giving an account of the peculiar Structure, Actions and Uses of some Parts either common to whole kinds of Animals, or proper to some particular *Species*, different from those of Man ; and of the Reason of some Instincts, and Actions of Brutes.

Another Instance to prove what we have asserted *p. II. viz.* That God is not confined to the same Means or Method of working, but can produce the same effect in divers Manners and by different Means, is  
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the extracting of the Nutritious Juice out of the Aliment in several kinds of Creatures.

1. In *viviparous Quadrupeds* the Food moistned with the Spittle [ *saliva* ] is first chewed and prepared in the Mouth ; then swallowed into the Stomach, where being mingled with some dissolvent Juices, it is by the heat thereof concocted, macerated and reduced into a Chyle or Cremor ; and so evacuated into the Intestines, where being mixed with the Choler and pancreatick Juice, it is further subtilized and rendred so fluid and penetrant, that the thinner and finer part of it, easily finds its way in at the strait Orifices of the lacteous Veins.

2. In *Birds* there is no Mastication or Comminution of the Meat in the Mouth ; but in such as are not Carnivorous, it is immediately swallowed into the Crop or Craw ; or at least into a kind of Antestomach ( which I have observed in many, especially Piscivorous Birds ) where it is moistned and mollified by some proper Juice from the Glandules distilling in there ; and thence transferred into the Gizzard or Musculous Stomach ; where by the working of the Muscles compounding the sides of that Ventricle, and by the assistance of small Pebbles ( which the Creature swallows for that purpose ) it is, as it were, by Millstones, ground small, and so transmitted



transmitted to the Guts, to be further attenuated and subtilized by the forementioned Choler and pancreatick Juice.

3. In *Oviparous Quadrupeds*, as *Chameleons*, *Lizards*, *Frogs*, as also in all sorts of *Serpents*, there is no Mastication or comminution of the Meat either in Mouth or Stomach: but as they swallow Insects or other Animals whole, so they avoid their Skins unbroken: having a heat or spirits powerful enough to extract the Juice they have need of without breaking that which contains it. Here by the by, we take notice of the wonderful dilatability or extensiveness of the Throats and Gulletts of Serpents. I my self have taken two entire adult Mice out of the Stomach of an *Adder*, whose Neck was not bigger than my little Finger. These Creatures, I say, draw out the Juice of what they swallow without any comminution or so much as breaking the Skin: even as it is seen that the juice of Grapes is drawn as well from the \* Rape, where they remain whole, as from a Vat where they are bruised; to borrow the *Parisian* Philosophers Similitude.

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and reduce it, Skin, Bones and all, into a *Chylus* or *Cremor*; and yet (which may seem wonderful) this Liquor manifests nothing of acidity to the Taste: But notwithstanding how mild and gentle soever it seems to be, it corrodes Flesh very strangely and gradually as *Aqua fortis* or the like corrosive Waters do Metals, as appears to the Eye; for I have observed Fish in the stomachs of others thus partially corroded, first the superficial part of the Flesh, and then deeper and deeper by degrees to the Bones.

To that Head of the exact fitness of the parts of the Bodies of Animals to every ones Nature and manner of Living, I shall add another instance in Quadrupeds; that is, the *Swine*, a Creature well known, and therefore what I shall observe of it is obvious to every Man. His proper and natural Food being the Roots of Plants, he is provided with a long and strong Snout; long that he might thrust it to a sufficient depth into the ground without offence to his Eyes; strong and conveniently formed, for the more easie rooting and turning up the ground; and besides he is also endued with a notable sagacity of Sense to find out such Roots. Hence in *Italy* the usual Method of the finding and gathering of *Truffles* or subterraneous Mushrooms, (called by the *Italians Tartufali*,  
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and in *Latin Tubera terræ*) is by tying a Cord to the hind leg of a Pig, and driving him before them into such Pastures as usually produce that kind of Mushroom, and observing where he stops and begins to root, and there digging they are sure to find a *Truffle*; which when they have taken up, they drive away the Pig to search for more. So I have myself observed, that in Pastures where there are *Earth-nuts* to be found up and down in several patches, though the Roots lie deep in the ground, and the stalks be dead long before and quite gone, the Swine will by their Sent easily find them out, and root only in those places where they grow.

This rooting of the Hog in the Earth, calls to mind another instance of like nature, that is the *Porpesse*, which as his *English Name Porpesse*, i. e. \* *Porc-pesce*, imports, resembles the \* *Swine-fish*, Hog both in the strength of his Snout, and also in the manner of getting his Food by Rooting. For we found the Stomach of one we dissected full of *Sand-Eels* or *Launces*, which for the most part lie deep in the Sand, and cannot be gotten but by rooting or digging there. We have seen the Country-people in *Cornwall* when the Tide was out to fetch them out of the Sand with Iron-hooks thrust down under them, made for that purpose.

Furthermore, That very Action for which the Swine is abominated, and look'd upon as an unclean and impure Creature, namely wallowing in the Mire, is designed by Nature for a very good end and use, *viz.* not only to cool his Body, for the fair Water would have done that as well, nay better; for commonly the Mud and Mire in Summer-time is warm; but also to suffocate and destroy Lice, Fleas, and other noisom and importunate Insects that are troublesome and noxious to him. For the same reason do all the Poultry-kind, & divers other Birds bask themselves in the dust in Summer-time and hot weather, as is obvious to every one to observe.

The manner of Respiration and the Organs serving thereto in various Animals are accommodated to their temper of Body, and their place and manner of living: of which I have observed in more perfect Animals three differences.

1. The hotter Animals, which require abundance of Spirits for their various Motions and Exercises, are provided with Lungs, which undefinently draw in and expel the Air alternately without intermission; and have a Heart furnished with two Ventricles: because to maintain the Blood in that degree of heat which is requisite to the performance of the Actions of all the Muscles, there

there is abundance of Air necessary. I shall not now take notice of the difference that is between the Lungs of Quadrupeds and Birds, how the one are fixed and immovable, the other loose and moveable; the one perforated, transmitting the Air into large Bladders, the other enclosed with a Membrane; because I confess I do not fully comprehend the use of this Structure and conformation in Birds.

It is here worthy the notice-taking that many Animals of this kind both Birds and Quadrupeds will endure and bear up against the extremest rigour of Cold that our Country is exposed to. *Horse, Kine and Sheep*, as I have experienced, will lie abroad in the open Air upon the cold ground during our long Winter-nights in the sharpest and severest Frosts that ever happened with us, without any harm or prejudice at all; whereas one would think, that at least the extremities of their Members should be bitten, benumbed and mortified thereby. Considering with my self by what means they were enabled to do this and to abide and resist the Cold, it occur'd to my thoughts that the extremities of their Toes were fenc'd with Hoofs, which in good measure secured them: but the main thing was, that the Cold is, as it were, its own Antidote; for the Air being fully char-

ged and sated with nitrous Particles, (which are the great Efficients of Cold, and no less also the *Pabulum* of Fire), when inspired doth by means of them cause a great accension and heat in the Blood (as we see Fewel burns rashly in such weather) and so enable it to resist the impressions of the Cold for so short a time as its more nimble Circulation exposes it thereto, before it comes to another heating. From hence may an Account be given why the Inhabitants of hot Countries may endure longer fasting and hunger than those of colder; and those seemingly prodigious and to us scarce credible stories of the fastings and abstinence of the *Egyptian* Monks be rendred probable.

2. Other Animals, which are of a colder temper, and made to endure a long *Inedia* or Fasting, and to lie in their holes almost Torpid all Winter, as all kinds of *Serpents* and *Lizards*, have indeed Lungs, but do not uncessantly breath, or when they have drawn in the Air necessarily expire it again, but can retain it at their pleasure, and live without respiration whole days together, as was long since experimented by Sir *Thomas Brown*. M. D. in a Frog tied by the foot under Water for that purpose by him: This order of Creatures have but one Ventricle in their Hearts: and the whole Blood doth not so often

often circulate through the Lungs as it doth through the rest of the Body. This manner of breathing is sufficient to maintain in them that degree of Heat which is sutable to their nature and manner of living. For to our Touch they are always cold even in Summer-time, and therefore some will then put Snakes into their Bosoms to cool them.

3. Fishes which were to live and converse always in a cold Element, the Water; and therefore were to have a Temper not excelling in heat, because otherwise the constant immediate contact of the Water (unless some extraordinary provision were made) could not have been supported by them; that they might not be necessitated continually to be coming up to the top of the Water to draw in the Air; and for many other reasons that might be alledged, perform their respiration under Water by the Gills, by which they can receive no more Air than is dispersed in the pores of the Water which is sufficient to preserve their Bodies in that temper of heat that is sutable to their Nature and the place wherein they live. These also have but one Ventricle in their Hearts.

But now, though this be thus, the Great and most Wise God, as it were purposely to demonstrate that he is not by any condition or quality of place necessarily determi-

ned to one manner of Respiration, or one Temper of Body in Fishes; he hath endued the Bodies of some of that Tribe of Aquatick Creatures with Lungs like viviparous Quadrupeds, and two Ventricles of the Heart, and an ability of breathing like them by drawing in and letting out the open Air; so contriving their Bodies, as to maintain in the midst of the cold Water a degree of heat answerable to that of the forementioned Quadrupeds.

Another remarkable thing relating to Respiration is the keeping the Hole or passage between the *Arteria venosa* and *Vena cava* called *Foramen ovale* open in some amphibious Quadrupeds, viz. the *Phoca* or *Vitulus marinus*, called in English *Sea-calf* and *Seal*; and as is generally held the *Beaver* too. We have already given the reason of the twofold Communication of the great Blood Vessels in the *Fœtus* or young, so long as it continues in the Womb: the one between the two Veins entring the Heart, by a hole or Window; the other between the two Arteries, by an Arterial Channel, extended from the Pulmonary Artery to the *Aorta* or great Artery; which was in brief, to divert the Blood from the Lungs. The same reason for keeping open this *Foramen ovale* there is in these amphibious Creatures; For 1. The  
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Lungs probably being not extended, but emptied of Air when they abide long under Water, and flaccid, it is not easie for the whole Blood every Circulation to make its way through them. 2. To maintain that degree of Heat and Motion in the Blood, as is sufficient for them while they are under Water, there is not so much Air required, as is when they are above. The Blood then moving but gently, as doth that of the *Fœtus* in the Womb.

Further, in reference to Respiration, it is observed by the *Parisian* Academists, that some Amphibious Quadrupeds, particularly the *Sea-Calf* or *Seal*, hath his *Epiglottis* extraordinarily large in proportion to other Animals, it extending half an Inch in length beyond the *Glottis* to cover it. I believe the *Beaver* hath the like *Epiglottis* exactly closing the *Larynx* or *Glottis*, and hindring all Influx of Water; because in one dissected by *Wepferus* that suffocated it self in the Water, there was not a drop of Water found in the Lungs. It is probable (say they) that this is done more exactly to close the entrance of the *Aspera arteria*, or Wind-pipe, when this Animal eats his Prey at the bottom of the Sea, and to hinder the Water from running into his Lungs. An Elephant (as is observed by *Dr. Moulins*, I think, in the

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the Anatomy of that Creature ) hath no *Epiglottis* at all, there being no danger of any thing falling into the Lungs from eating or drinking, seeing there is no communication between the *Oesophagus* and it. For he thus describes the *Oesophagus* or Gullet. The Tongue of this Creature (saith he) had this peculiar in it, that the passage to the Ventricle, was through it; for there was a hole near the Root of it, and exactly in the middle of that part. Which hole was the beginning of the *Oesophagus*. There was no communication between this and the Passage into the Lungs contrary to what we may observe in Men, in all Quadrupeds and Fowl, that ever I had opportunity to dissect. For the *membrana pituitaria anterior* reached to the very Root of the Tongue below the *Oesophagus*, and so quite stopped the Passage of the Air into the Mouth. But though there be no danger of Meat or Drink falling into the Lungs; yet were they not sufficiently secured from small Animals creeping in there: For though to supply in some measure the want of an *Epiglottis* by lessening the *Glottis*, there grew to the outside of the Cartilages called *Arytenoides* another capable of Motion up and down by the help of some Muscles that were implanted in it, strong on both sides of the *aspera Arteria*, but on  
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the under-side, opposite to that of the *Oesophagus* very limber, wanting about two Inches and an half of coming round the afore-said Cartilages on the upper side, or that next to the *Oesophagus*; yet did not this Cartilage so shut up the way against them, but that even a *Mouse* creeping up his *Proboscis* might get into his Lungs, and so stifle him. Whence we may guess at the reason why the *Elephant* is afraid of a *Mouse*: and therefore to avoid this danger, this Creature [the *Elephant* which this Author described] was observed always when he slept to keep his Trunk [*Proboscis*] so close to the ground, that nothing but Air could get in between them. This is a strange Sagacity and Providence in this Animal, or else an admirable Instinct.

Again, The *Parisian* Academists observe of the *Sea-Tortoise*, that the Cleft of the *Glottis* was strait and close. Which exact enclosure I do rather believe, is to prevent the Water from entring into the Wind-pipe, when the *Tortoises* are under Water, than to assist the effect of the Compression of the Air in the Lungs, as they would have it. For they make the main reason of Respiration, and use of the Lungs in this Creature to be, to take in and retain Air, by the Compression and Dilatation whereof, made by the Muscles,

Muscles, it can raise or sink it self in the Water as need requires; though I do not exclude this. But if this be the main use of the Lungs and Respiration in this Animal what is in Land-Animals which have alike Conformation of Lungs, and manner of Respiration; as the *Chamæleon*, *Serpents* and *Lizards*?

But before I dismiss the Tortoise, I shall add two notable Observations concerning him, borrowed of the said *French Academists* which seem to argue something of Reason, in him, and more than a bare Instinct. The first is in the *Land-Tortoise*, and it is his manner of turning himself, and getting upon his feet again when he is cast upon his back which they describe in these words; *At the great Aperture of the Shell before, there was at the top a raised Border, to grant more liberty to the Neck and Head, for lifting themselves upwards. And this Inflection of the Neck, is of great use to the Tortoises. For it serves them to turn again, when they are upon their Backs. And their Industry upon this account is very admirable. We have observed in a living Tortoise, that being turned upon its Back, and not being able to make use of its Paws for the returning of it self, because they could only bend towards the Belly, it could help it self only by its Neck and Head, which*

it turned sometimes on one side, sometimes on the other, by pushing against the ground, to rock it self as in a Cradle, to find out the side towards which the inequality of the ground might more easily permit it to rowl its Shell. For when it had found it, it made all its endeavors on that side.

The Second is in the *Sea-Tortoise* as follows. *Aristotle* and *Pliny* have remarked, that when *Tortoises* have been a long time upon the Water during a Calm, it happens that their Shell being dried in the Sun, they are easily taken by the Fishermen: by reason they cannot plunge into the Water nimbly enough, being become too light. This shews what equality there ought to be in their *Æquilibrium*, seeing so little a change as this, which may happen by the sole drying of the Shell is capable of making it useless. This easiness to be taken at such a time, these *Academists* do not refer merely to the lightness of this Creatures Body; for he could easily let Air enough out of his Lungs, to render it heavier than the Water, and so enable himself to sink, but to a wonderful Sagacity and Caution of this Animal. For (say they) it is probable that the *Tortoise*, which is always careful to keep himself in this *Equilibrium*, so as other Animals are to keep themselves on their Legs, in this case by  
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the same Instinct, dares not let the Air out of his Lungs, to acquire a weight which might make him speedily to sink; because he fears that his Shell being wet, it should become so heavy, that he being sunk to the bottom of the Water, might never have power afterwards to reascend. If this may be the reason why he exposes himself to the danger of being taken at such a time, rather than he will descend suddenly to the bottom; it is clear, that he is endued with an admirable Providence and Foresight, and a Power of Argumentation.

That Nature doth really design the Preservation and Security of the more infirm Creatures, by the defensive Armor that it hath given to some of them, together with Skill to use it, is, I think, demonstrable in the common *Hedge-hog* or *Urchin*, and one Species of *Tatou* or *Armadillo*. The *Hedge-hog* hath his Back-sides and Flanks thick set with strong and sharp Prickles, and besides by the help of a Muscle, given him for that purpose, is enabled to contract himself into a Globular Figure, and so to withdraw, enclose and hide his whole Under-part, Head, Belly and Legs, (which for the Necessities and Conveniences of Life, must be left destitute of this Armor) within his Covert or Thicket of Prickles; so that Dogs or other rapacious

rapacious Creatures cannot lay hold upon him, or bite him, without wounding their own Noses and Mouths. The Muscle whereby he is enabled to draw himself thus together, and gather up his whole Body like a Ball, the *Parisian Academists* describe to be a distinct Carnose Muscle, extended from the *Ossa innominata* to the Ear and Nose, running along the Back-bone, without being fastned thereto. *Olaus Borrichius* in the *Danick Transactions* makes it to be an almost Circular Muscle embracing the *Panniculus carnosus*, of a wonderful Fabrick, variously extending its *laciniæ* or Processes to the Feet, Tail and Head of the Creature.

The other Creature, which doth thus contract and draw up its self into a Globular or Oval Figure for its defence, is the second sort of *Tatou* or *Armadillo*, largely described by *Marcgrave*, *lib. 6. chap. 9.* by the Name of *Tatu apara*, which is covered on its Back and Sides, with a strong scaly Crust or Shell, of an hard or bony substance, jointed like Armor, or the Scales of the Tail of a Lobster, by four transverse Commissures in the middle of the Body, connected by tough Membranes. When it sleeps, (as it doth for the most part in the day-time, going forth to feed in the night) or when one goes about to lay hold on it, gathering up its fore and  
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hind Legs as it were to one point, and drawing its Ears with its Head inward, and bringing its Tail to its Head, by reason of the fore-mentioned Commissures, it bends it back so far, till its Head comes to touch its hind-part, and so with its Armor gathers itself into a round Ball, the lateral Extremities of the Shell touching one another, and enclosing the Body on the Sides, and the fore and hind parts coming so near together, that there is nothing to be seen, but the Armature of the Head and Tail, which like Doors shut up the hole, which the Shells of the Body left open. This it performs by the Action of a notable Muscle on each side, of a great length, having the form of the Letter X, made up of many Fibres, decussating one another long-ways, by the help whereof, it can contract its Shell, and hold it contracted with such a mighty force, that he must be a strong Man indeed that is able to open it.

Had such a Muscle as this, and such an Ability of Contraction been given to any Creature that was covered with soft Hair or Fur, there might have been some pretence to fancy, that this was accidental and not designed: but seeing there is not one instance of this kind in Nature, it must be great stupidity to believe it, and Impudence to assert it.





us ) live upon its own Fat. For in the Autumn, when it shuts it self up in its hole ( which it digs with its feet like a Rabbet, making a Nest with Hay or Straw, to lodge it self warm ) it is very fat ; [ *Hildanus* took out above a Pound and half of Fat between the Skin and Muscles, and a Pound out of the *abdomen* ] but on the contrary, in the Spring time when it comes forth again, very lean, as the Hunters experience in those they then take. 3. The internal Fat serves for the Defence and Security of the Vessels, that they might lie soft, and be safely conveyed in their passage, wherefore it is especially gathered about them ?

By what Pores, or Passages, or Vessels the Fat is separated from the Blood when it is redundant, and again absorpt into it when it is deficient, is a matter of curious Enquiry, and worthy to be industriously sought out by the most sagacious and dextrous Anatomists. The Vessels whereinto it is received, and wherein contained, are by the Microscope detected to be Bladders, and those doubtless perforated and pervious one into another ; and though for their excessive subtlety and thinness they appear not in a lean Body, yet seem to have been primitively formed and provided by Nature to receive the Fat upon occasion. Why the Fat is collected



otherwise, it casts off its *Serum* plentifully by Sweat; which may be effected by the swift Motion of the Blood through the Glandules of the Skin, where its plentiful Streams being streightned and constipated into a Liquor, force their way through those Emunctories, which at other times transmit only insensible Vapors. Some such effect may be wrought upon the Blood, by the heat of the Kidnies. Certain it is, that the Humors, excerned by Sweat and Urine are near a kin, if not the same; and therefore is worthy the consideration, whether there might not be some use made of Sweating in a suppression of Urine. But I digress too far.

I shall only add as to this particular, That because the design of Nature in collecting Fat in these places, is for the fore-mentioned use; it hath for the effecting thereof fitted the Vessels there with Pores or Passages proper for the separation and transmission of it.

I have before mentioned the use assigned by the Honorable Mr. *Boyl* of Famous Memory lately deceased, to the *Periophthalmium*, or nictating Membrane in Brutes, wherein I could not fully acquiesce as to some Quadrupeds, who were in no danger of having their Eys harmed by Bushes and Prickles, or Twigs of Trees. Since the writing whereof, I have  
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met with a different Account of the use of that Membrane in the *Anatomical Descriptions of several Creatures dissected by the Royal Academy of Sciences at Paris*, Englished by Mr. Alexander Pitfeild, p. 249. in the Description of the *Cassowar*. Our Opinion (say those Academists) is, that that Membrane serves to clean the *Cornea*, and to hinder, that by drying, it grow not less transparent. Man and the Ape, which are the sole Animals wherein we have not found this Eye-lid, have not wanted this provision for the cleansing of their Eyes, because that they have Hands, with which they may, by rubbing their Eye-lids, express the humidity which they contain, and which they let out through the *ductus lachrymalis*: which is known by experience, when the sight is darkned, or when the Eyes suffer any pain or itching: For these Accidents do cease, when the Eyes are rubbed.

But the Dissection has distinctly discovered to us the Organs which do particularly serve for this use, and which are otherwise in Birds, than in Man, where the *Ductus* passes not beyond the *Glandula lachrymalis*. For in Birds it goes beyond; and penetrating above half way on the internal Eye-lid, it is opened underneath upon the Eye: which is evidently done to spread a Liquor over

the whole *Cornea*, when this Eye-lid passes and repasses; as we observed it to do every moment.

The Artifice and Contrivance of Nature for the extending and withdrawing of this Curtain of the *Periophthalmium* in Birds is admirable; but it is difficult so to express it in words, as to render it intelligible to the Reader; for a multitude of words doth rather obscure than illustrate, they being a burthen to the Memory, and the first apt to be forgotten, before we come to the last. So that he that uses many words for the explaining any Subject, doth like the *Cuttle-Fish*, hide himself for the most part in his own Ink. And in the description of the figure and manner of the Extension and Contraction of this Membrane, the *Parisian Academists* are constrained to use so many words, that I am afraid few Readers patience and attention will last so long, as to comprehend and carry it away: yet because it is so evident and irrefragable a proof of Wisdom and Design, I could not omit it. Their words are these, The Particularities of the admirable Structure of this Eye-lid, are such things as do distinctly discover the Wisdom of Nature; among a thousand others, of which we perceive not the Contrivance, because we understand them only by the Effects, of which

we know not the Causes; but we here treat of a Machine, all the parts whereof are visible, and which need only to be lookt upon, to discover the reason of its Motion and Action.

This Internal Eye lid in Birds, is a Membranous part, which is extended over the *Cornea*, when it is drawn upon it like a Curtain, by a little Cord or Tendon; and which is drawn back again into the great Corner of the Eye to uncover the *Cornea*, by the means of the very strong Ligaments that it has, and which in drawing it back towards its Origine, do fold it up. It made a Triangle when extended, and it had the Figure of a Crescent when folded up. Its *Basis* ( which is its Origine ) was toward the great Corner of the Eye, at the Edge of the great Circle, which the *Sclerotica* forms when it is flatted before, making an Angle with its anterior part, that is the *Cornea*, which is raised like a Hill upon it. The *Basis*, which is the part immoveable, and fastned to the Edge of the *Sclerotica*, did take up more than a third part of the Circumference of the great Circle of the *Sclerotica*, the side of the Triangle, which is toward the little Corner of the Eye, and is moveable, was reinforced with a Border, which supplies the place of the *Tarsus*, and which is black in most *Quadrupeds*.

This side of the Eye-lid, is that which is drawn back into the Corner of the Eye, by the Action of the Fibres of the whole Eye-lid, which parting from its Origine, proceed to join themselves to its *Tarsus*.

To extend this Eye-lid over the *Cornea*, there were two Muscles that were seen, when six were taken away, which serv'd to the Motion of the whole Eye. We found that the greatest of these two Muscles has its Origine at the very edge of the great Circle of the *Sclerotica*, towards the great Corner, from whence the Eye-lid takes its Original. It is very fleshy in its beginning, which is a large *Basis*, from whence coming insensibly to contract itself by passing under the Globe of the Eye, like as the Eye-lid passes over it, it approaches the Optick Nerve, where it produces a Tendon round and slender, so that it passes through the Tendon of the other Muscle, which serves for a Pully, and which hinders it from pressing the Optick Nerve upon which it is bent, and makes an Angle, to pass through it to the upper part of the Eye: And coming out from underneath the Eye to insert it self at the Corner of the Membrane, which makes the Internal Eye-lid. This second Muscle hath its Original at the same Circle of the *Sclerotica*, but opposite to the first, towards the little Corner of  
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of the Eye, and passing under the Eye like the other, goes to meet it, and embraces its Tendon, as has been declared.

The Action of these two Muscles is, in respect to the first, to draw by the means of its Cord or Tendon, the Corner of the Internal Eye-lid, and to extend it over the *Cornea*. As to the second Muscle, its Action is by making its Tendon to approach toward its Origine, to hinder the Cord of the first Muscle, which it embraces, from hurting the Optick Nerve; but its principal use is, to assist the Action of the first Muscle. And 'tis herein that the Mechanism is marvellous in this Structure, which makes that these two Muscles joyned together, do draw much further, than if it had but one. For the Inflection of the Cord of the first Muscle, which causes it to make an Angle on the Optick Nerve, is made only for this end: and a single Muscle with a strait Tendon, had been sufficient, if it had power to draw far enough. But the Traction which must make the Eye-lid extend over the whole *Cornea* being necessarily great, it could not be done but by a very long Muscle; and such a Muscle not being able to be lodged in the Eye all its length, there was no better way to supply the Action of a long Muscle, than by that of two indifferent ones, and by bending one of them,

them, to give it the greater length in a little space. Thus far the *Academists*, who themselves reflecting on the length and obscurity of this description, tell us, that the Inspection of the Figure, will serve greatly to the understanding of it, which the Novelty of the Thing renders obscure in it self; and so I fear it will be to most Readers; howbeit in such a Work as this, I ought not by any means, as I said before, to leave out such a notable Instance; wherein Contrivance and Design do so clearly and undeniably appear.

The same *Academists*, as I remember, tell us, that they have found by experience, that the aqueous Humor of the Eye will not freeze; which is very admirable, seeing it hath the Perspicuity and Fluidity of common Water, and hath not been taken notice of, so far as I have heard, to have any eminent Quality discoverable either by Taste or Smell; so that it must be of some Singular and Ethereal Nature: and deserves to be examined and analyzed by the curious Naturalists of our times.

We have already taken notice of the admirable Instinct that such Insects as do not feed their young themselves, nor treasure up Provision in store for them, have of finding out such places to cast their Eggs in, where there is a proper Food ready for them so soon as  
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their said young ones are hatch'd or excluded. I shall now add an Observation of Mr. *Lewenhoeck's*, concerning the sudden growth of some sorts of them, and the reason of it.

It is (saith he) a wonderful thing, and worthy the observation in Flesh Flies, That a Flie-Maggot in five days space after it is hatch'd, arrives at its full Growth and perfect Magnitude. For if to the perfecting of it there were required, suppose a Months time or more, (as in some other Maggots is needful) it is impossible, that about the Summer-Solstice any such Flies should be produced; because the Flie-Maggots have no ability to search out any other Food, than that wherein they are placed by their Dams. Now this Food, suppose it be Flesh, Fish, or the Entrails of Beasts, lying in the Fields, exposed to the hot Sun-beams, can last but a few days in case and condition to be a fit Aliment for these Creatures, but will soon be quite parch'd and dried up. And therefore the Most Wise Creator hath given such a Nature and Temperament to them, that within a very few days they attain to their just Growth and Magnitude. Whereas on the contrary, other Maggots, who are in no such danger of being straitned for Food, continue a whole Month or more before they give  
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over to eat, and cease to grow. He proceeds further to tell us, that some of these Flie Maggots which he fed daily with fresh Meat, he brought to perfection in four days time; so that he conceives, that in the heat of Summer the Eggs of a Flie, or the Maggots contained in them, may in less than a Months space, run through all their changes, and come to perfect Flies, which may themselves lay Eggs again.

The Providence of Nature is wonderful in a Camel or Dromedary, both in the Structure of his Body, and the Provision that is made for the Sustenance of it. Concerning the first, I shall instance only in the make of his Foot; the Sole whereof the *Parisian Academists* do observe, is flat and broad, being very fleshy, and covered only with a thick, soft, and somewhat Callous Skin, but very fit and proper to travel in sandy places, such as are in *Asia* and *Africk*. We thought (say they) that this Skin was like a living Sole, which wore not with the swiftness and continuance of the march, for which this Animal is almost indefatigable. And it may be, this softness of the Foot, which yields and fits it self to the ruggedness and unevenness of the Roads, do's render the Feet less capable of being worn, than if they were more solid.

As to the Second, The Provision that is made for their Sustenance in their continued Travels over sandy Desarts, the same Academists observe, That at the Top of the second Ventricle ( for they are Ruminant Creatures, and have four Stomachs ) there were several square holes, which were the Orifices of about twenty Cavities, made like Sacks, placed between the two Membranes, which do compose the substance of this Ventricle. The view of these Sacks made us to think, that they might well be the Reservatories, where *Pliny* says, that Camels do a long time keep the Water, which they drink in great abundance when they meet with it, to supply the wants which they may have thereof in the dry Desarts, wherein they are used to travel ; and where it is said, that those that do guide them, are sometimes forc't by extremity of Thirst, to open their Bellies, in which they do find Water.

Such Animals as feed naturally upon Flesh, both Quadrupeds and Birds, because such kind of Food is high and rank, do qualifie it, the one by swallowing the Hair or Fur of the Beasts they prey upon, the other by devouring some part of the Feathers of the Birds they gorge themselves with, not electively, but because they cannot, or will not take the pains fully to plume them. And therefore

therefore the *Parisian Academists* do rationally refer the death of one of the Lions whom they dissected to the feeding of him with too succulent and delicate Meat. For, (say they) we know, that sometime before his death he was several Months without going out of his Den, and that it was hard to make him eat. That for this reason some Remedies were prescribed to him, and among others the eating only the flesh of young Animals, and those alive. And that those which look'd to the Beasts of the Park of *Vicennes*, to make this Food more delicate, did use a Method very extraordinary; which was, they flead Lambs alive, and thus made him eat several; which at the first revived him creating in him an Appetite, and making him brisk. But it is probable that this Food engendred too much Blood, and which was too subtle for an Animal to whom Nature had not given the industry of flaying those which he eat. It being credible that the Hair, Wool, Feathers and Scales, which all Animals of Prey do swallow are a seasoning and necessary Corrective, to prevent their greediness from filling themselves with too succulent a Food.

Though I have declared in the beginning of this Work, that the means whereby cartilagineous Fishes raise and sink themselves  
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in the Water, and rest and abide in what depth they please, is not yet certainly known; yet I shall propound a Conjecture concerning it, which was first suggested to me by Mr. *Peter Dent*, late Physician in *Cambridge*, viz. that it is by the help of Water which they take in and let out by two Holes in the lower part of their *Abdomen* or Belly near the vent or not far off it. The flesh of this sort of Fish being lax and spungy, and nothing so firm, solid and weighty as that of the bony Fishes, and there being a good quantity of Air contained in the Cavity of their *Abdomen*, they cannot sink in the Water without letting in some of it by these Holes (the Orifices whereof are opened and shut at pleasure by the help of Muscles provided for that purpose) into the hollow of their Bellies, whereby they preponderate the Water and descend; and when they would ascend by a compression wrought by the Muscles of the *Abdomen* they force out the Water again, or at least so much of it as may suffice to give that degree of Levity they need or desire. If it be found by Experience that the Bodies of these Fishes without this Ballast would naturally float in the Water, and that they do really admit Water into their Bellies, then this conjecture may have some probability or truth in it; otherwise not.

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To what I have written concerning the Use of the Leaves in Trees and other Plants; add, out of Signor *Malpighi*, Monsieur *Per-rault* and Monsieur *Mariotte*, that the main use of them is to prepare and concoct the nourishment for the Fruit and whole Plant; not only that which ascends from the Root, but what they take in from without, from the Dew, moist Air, and Rain. This they prove, because many Trees if despoiled of their Leaves will die, as it happens sometimes in *Mulberry-trees*, when they are pluckt off to feed Silkworms. And because if in Summer-time you denude a Vine-branch of its Leaves, the Grapes will never come to maturity; for that the Juice returning from the Leaves serves to nourish the Fruit. But though you expose the Grapes to the Sun-beams, if you pluck not off the Leaves, they will ripen notwithstanding. Hence also they would infer a Circulation of the Juice in Plants. That there is a regrefs of the Sap in Plants from above downwards. And that this descendent Juice is that principally which nourishes both Fruit and Plant, is well proved from these Experiments, and from those rare ones of an ingenious Countryman of our own \* *Thomas Brotherton* Esquire. But whether there be such a constant Circulation of the Sap in Plants as there is of

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as there is of the Blood in Animals, there is good reason to doubt.

Upon the Contemplation and consideration of those various ways and contrivances which Nature (I mean the Divine Wisdom) hath made use of for preparing the Chyle, separating the nutritious Juice from the grosser parts of the Aliment, and the several Humors and Spirits from the Blood, I cannot but admire her great Wisdom, Art and Curiosity. For she hath not only employed all those Methods and Devices, which Chymists have either learned by imitation of her, or invented of themselves, for analyzing of Bodies, separating their Parts the pure from the impure, and extracting their Spirits, &c. as *Maceration* in the first Stomach or Paunch of ruminating Creatures, and in the Craws of Birds; *Comminution* by grinding in the Mouths of viviparous Quadrupeds, and in the Gizzards of Poultry; *Fermentation* in the Stomachs of most Terrestrial and all Aquatick Animals; *Expression* and squeezing, in the *Omasus* of ruminant Quadrupeds and in the Intestines of all Creatures by the motion of the Midriff and other Muscles of the Belly forcing the Chyle out of the *feces* or Excrements into the lacteal Veins; *Straining* or *Percolation* by all the *viscera* of the Body; which are but as so many Colanders to separate se-

veral Juices from the Blood; and lastly *Digestion* and *Circulation* in the spermatick Parts and Vessels, and perhaps also in the Brain. I say, it hath not only made use of these Operations, but it hath quite out-done the Chymists, effecting that by a gentle Heat, which they cannot perform without great strefs of Fire. As for instance, in the Stomach of a Dog preparing a Liquor that dissolves Bones; and in the Bodies of some Insects a Liquor which seems to be as highly Acid and Corrosive as Oil of Vitriol or Spirit of Nitre, *viz.* that which is instilled into the Blood when they sting. It is an Experiment I have met with in some Books, and made my self, that if you put Blew bottles or other blew Flowers into an Anthill, they will presently be stained with red; the reason, (which these Authors render not) is because the Ants thrust in their stings into the Flowers, and instil into or drop upon them a small Mite of their stinging Liquor, which hath the same effect, that Oil of Vitriol would have in changing their Colour, which is a sign that both Liquors are of the same nature.

*Caspar Bartholine* hath observed, that where the Gullet perforates the Midriff, the carneous Fibres of that muscular Part are inflected and arcuate, as it were a *Sphincter* embracing

embracing and closing it fast, by a great providence of Nature, lest in the perpetual motion of the Diaphragm, the upper Orifice of the Stomach should gape, and cast out the Victuals as fast as it received it. And *Peyerus* thinks he hath observed, that in ruminating Creatures the connection of the Gullet with the Diaphragm is far straiter and stronger than in Man and other Animals, to the end that there should not be more than one Morsel forced out at once. For that external Sphincter inhibits a too great dilatation of the Gullet, and doth as it were measure out the Morsels, and fit them to the capacity of the *Oesophagus*.

I shall conclude with a notable Relation of *Galen's*, lib. 6. *de locis affectis*, cap. 6. concerning a Kid taken by him alive out of the Dams Belly and nourished and brought up.

Ἡ διαπλάσασα τε ἔτελειώσασα φύσις εἰργάσατο χρεῖς διδασκαλίας ἐπὶ πλὴν οἰκείῳ ὀνέργειον ἔρχεται. Ἐβάσανόν γε τέτρα μεγίστω ἐποιήσασα ποτὲ θρέψας ἔριφον, ἀνδρὶ τῷ δεύσασα ποτὲ πλὴν κηΐσασα. ἄγλας γὰρ ἐγκύμθνας ἀνατεμῶν ἔνεκα τῶν ἐζητημῶν δεωρημάτων τῆς ἀνατομικῆς ἀνδράσι πρὸς τὸ κατὰ τὸ κηΐμθρον ὀκνομίας, διὲν ποτὲ γυναικίον τὸ ἔμβρυον, ἀπέλυσα μὲν τὴν μήτρας ὡσπερ εἰώθαμεν. ἀρπάσας δὲ πρὶν δεύσασα πλὴν κηΐσασα εἰς οἶκον

μὲν κενά κομίσας κατέθηκα, πολλά μὲν ἔχοντα  
 λεκάνια· τὸ μὲν οἶνον, τὸ δὲ ἐλαίον, τὸ δὲ μέλι-  
 τόν, τὸ δὲ γάλακτόν, ἢ ἄλλαι πινός ἔγρη πλη-  
 ρές. ἕκ ὀλίγα δὲ ἄλλα τῶν Δημητείων καρ-  
 πῶν, ὡσπερ δὲ ἔ τῶν ἀκροδρύων· ἔδεαθ' ἀμε-  
 θα δὲ τὸ ἔμβρυον ἐκείνο, τῶν μὲν βαδίζον  
 τοῖς ποσίν, ὡσπερ ἀκηκῶς ἕνεκα βαδίσεως ἔχον  
 τὰ σκέλη· δεύτερον δὲ ἀποσφόμενον πῶς ἐκ τῆς  
 μήτρας ὑγρότητα, ἔ τρίτον ὅτι τέτρω κησά-  
 μνον ἐνὶ τῶν ποδῶν πῶς πλούθει, εἴτ' ὀσμώ-  
 μνον εἰδομῶν αὐτὸ τῶν κερμῶν κατὰ τὸν οἶκον  
 ἐκάσθη, ὡς δὲ πρῶτον ὡσμάτο τὸ γάλακτόν  
 ἀπερόφησεν, ἐν ᾧ ἔ ἀνεκράγαμῶν ἀπορτες,  
 ἐναργῶς ὁρῶντες ὡσπερ Ἰπποκράτης ἔφη, φύσιες  
 ζώων ἀδίδακτοί. Καὶ τοίνυν καὶ ἀνεθρεψάμην ἐκεί-  
 νο τὸ εἰρῆιον, εἰδομῶν τε προσφερόμενον ὑσε-  
 ρον ἔ τὸ γάλα μόνον, ἀλλὰ ἔ ἄλλα κενά τῶν  
 κερμῶν· ὅντι δὲ τὸ κατὰ καθ' ὄν ἐξηρέθη τῆ  
 μητρὸς ὁ εἰρῆιος, ἐγὼς τῆ εἰαρινῆς ἰσημερίας,  
 μὲν δύο πῶς μῆνας εἰσεκομισάμην ὑπὸ μαλα-  
 κῶς ἀκρέμνας δάμνων τε ἔ φυτῶν, ὧν πάλιν  
 ἔ αὐτῶν ὀσμῶν ἀπορτων, ἐνίων μὲν ἐυ-  
 θέως ἀπέση, κενῶν δὲ ἠξίωσε γούσαδα, καὶ γού-  
 σαμῶν ὅτι τῆ ἐδωδὶ ἐτραπέτο τῶν ἔ ταῖς με-  
 γάλαις αἰξί· σωήτων ἐδεσμάτων. Ἀλλὰ τὸ  
 μὲν ἴσως μικρὸν· ἐκείνο δὲ μέγα. Τὰ γὰρ φύλ-  
 λα καὶ τὰς μαλακῶς ἀκρέμνας ἀποφαγῶν κατέ-  
 πειν· εἴτ' ὀλίγον ὑσερον ὅτι τὸ μηρυκάζειν ἔκεν,  
 ὁ πάλιν δεασάμενοι πρῶτες ἀνεβόησαν ἐκπλα-  
 γόντες ὅτι ταῖς τῶν ζώων δυνάμεσι· μέγα μὲν  
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γὰρ ἢ ἐπὶ τὸ πρῶτον διὰ τε τῆς σωματικῆς ἐπιπέ-  
 οδόντων προσφέρουσα τὴν ἐδωδὴν· ἀλλ' ὅτι τὸ  
 καταποθεῖν εἰς τὴν γαστέρα πρῶτον μὲν ἀναφέρειν  
 εἰς τὸ σῶμα προσήκειν, ἔπειτα λεάγειν ἐν αὐτῷ  
 μασιμῶνον ἐν χρόνῳ πολλῷ, ἐπεὶ ταῦτα κα-  
 ταπίνειν μηκέτι εἰς πλὴν αὐτῆς κελίδος, ἀλλ' εἰς  
 ἕτεραν, ἰκανῶς ἡμῖν ἐφάνετο θαυμάσιον εἶναι. Πα-  
 ρεῶσι δὲ πολλοὶ τὰ τοιαῦτα τῆς φύσεως ἔργα, μό-  
 να τὰ ξένα θεάματα θαυμάζοντες. That is  
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*Nature forming, fashioning and perfecting  
 the Parts of the Body, hath so brought it to  
 pass, that they should of themselves without  
 any teaching set about and perform their pro-  
 per Actions: And of this I once made a great  
 Experiment, bringing up a Kid without ever  
 seeing its Dam. For dissecting some Goats  
 great with young, to resolve some Questions  
 made by Anatomists, concerning the Oeconomy  
 of Nature in the formation of the foetus in  
 the Womb; and finding a brisk Embryon  
 [young one] I loosed it from the Matria af-  
 ter our usual manner, and snatching it away,  
 before it saw its Dam, I brought it into a  
 certain Room; having many Vessels full, some  
 of Wine, some of Oil, some of Honey, some of  
 Milk, or some other Liquor; and others not  
 a few filled with all sorts of Grain, as also  
 with several Fruits, and there laid it. This  
 Embryon we saw first of all getting up on its  
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feet and walking, as if it had heard, that its Legs were given it for that purpose; next shaking off the slime it was besmeared with from the Womb; and moreover thirdly, scratching its side with one of its feet; then we saw it smelling to every one of those things that were set in the room, and when it had smelt to them all, it supped up the Milk: whereupon we all for admiration cried out, seeing clearly the truth of what Hippocrates saith, That the Natures and Actions of Animals are not taught, (but by Instinct.) Hereupon I nourished and reared this Kid, and observed it afterward not only to eat Milk, but some other things that stood by it. And the time when this Kid was taken out of the Womb being about the Vernal Equinox, after some two Months we brought in to it the tender sprouts of Shrubs and Plants, and it again smelling of all of them instantly refused some, but was pleased to tast others; and after it had tasted began to eat of such as are the usual food of Goats. Perchance this may seem a small thing, but what I shall now relate is great. For eating the Leaves and tender Sprouts, it swallowed them down, and then a while after it began to chew the Cud. Which all that saw cried out again with Admiration, being astonished at the Instincts and natural Faculties of Animals. For it was a  
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great thing that when the Creature was hungry it should take in the Food by the Mouth and chew it with its Teeth; but that it should bring up again into the Mouth that which it had swallowed down into its first Stomach; and chewing it there a long time it should grind and smooth it, and afterward swallow it again, not into the same Stomach, but into another, seemed to us wonderful indeed. But many neglect such works of Nature, admiring only strange and unusual Sights. So far Galen.

This pleasant and admirable Story, should one consider all the particulars of it, and endeavour to give an account of them, as also all the Inferences that might be drawn from it; one might fill a whole Volume with Comments upon it. All that I shall at present say is this, that in all this Oeconomy and these Actions, Counsel and Design doth so clearly appear, that he must needs be very stupid that doth not discern it, or impudent that can deny it. I might add, That there seems to be something more than can be performed by meer Mechanism in the Election this Creature made of its Food. For before it would eat of any, it smelt to all the Liquors before it, and when it had done so, betook it self to the Milk and devoured that. He doth not say that the Milk

was the last Liquor it smelt to, or that when it had once smelt to that, it presently drank it up. The like also he saith of all the Sprouts and Branches of Plants that were laid before it. By the by, we may take notice of one thing very remarkable, that this Kid of its own accord drank Milk, after the manner it had done in the Womb; whereas had it once drawn by the Nipple, it would hardly have sup'd the Milk. And therefore in weaning young Creatures the best way is never to let them Suck the Paps at all, for then they will drink up Milk without any difficulty; whereas if they have suck'd, some will very hardly, others by no means be brought to drink. But how do the Young with such facility come to take the Nipple and to suck at it, which they had never before used to do? Here we must have recourse to Natural Instinct, and the direction of some Superiour Cause.

Notice hath been already taken in an Observation communicated by my learned Friend *Dr. Tancred Robinson* of the Providence of Nature in so forming the Membranes of the Body as to be capable of a prodigious Dilatation and Extension; which is of great use in some Diseases, for Example the Dropsie, to continue Life for some time till Remedy may be had, and if not, to give  
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time to prepare for Death. But the Wisdom and Design of this Texture doth in no instance more clearly appear than in the necessity of it for the Womb in the time of Gestation. For were not the Womb in Women, which during Virginitie is not bigger than a small Purse, almost infinitely dilatible, and also the *Peritoneum*, not to mention the Skin in the *Cuticula*; how were it possible it should contain the Child, nay sometimes Twins, with all their Appurtenances, the *Secundine*, the *Placenta*, the Liquors or Waters, and what else is necessary for the defence, nutrition, respiration, and soft and convenient Lodging of them, till they come to their due perfection and maturity for Exclusion? How could the Child have room to grow there to his bigness, and stir and turn himself as is requisite? Add hereto another Observation of *Blasius's* particularly relating to this Subject. He hath observed that the Vessels of the interior glandulous substance of the Womb are strangely contorted and reflected with Turnings and Meanders, that they might not be too much strained, but their Folds being extended and abolished, they might accommodate themselves without danger of Rupture to the necessary extension of the Uterine substance at that time.

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Another Argument of Wisdom and Design in the contrivance of the Bodies of Animals, is the fitting some parts to divers Offices and Uses; whereby Nature doth (as they say) *Unâ fideiâ duos parietes dealbare*, stop two gaps with one Bush. So for instance, the Tongue serves not only for Tasting, but also for mastication of the Meat and Deglutition, turning of it about and managing it in the Mouth; in some Animals also for gathering the Food, as in Kine for plucking up Grass, and in Dogs for Lapping; and particularly in Man it is of excellent use for the formation of Words and Speaking. The Diaphragm and Muscles of the *Abdomen* are of use not only for Respiration, but also for compressing the Intestines, and forcing the Chyle into the lacteal Veins, and likewise out of the said Veins into the *Thoracick* Channel; and here methinks appears the use of a common Receptacle of Chyle, that by the motion of the Muscles of Respiration it being pressed upon, the Chyle might with more facility be impelled into the forementioned Duct. Besides this Action of Respiration may serve also for the Comminution and Concoction of the Meat in the Stomach (as some think) by its constant Agitation, being like the pounding or braying of materials in a Mortar. And to instance

in no more, The muscular Contraction and motion of the Heart serves not only for the circulation of the Blood, but also for the more perfect mixture of its Parts, preserving its due *Crafsis* and Fluidity, and incorporating the Chyle and other Juices it receives with it.

Another remarkable proof of Counsel and Design may be fetch'd from the formation of the Veins and Arteries near the Heart, which I meet with in Dr. *Lowers* Treatise *De Corde*. Just before the entrance of the right Auricle of the Heart (saith he) to wit, where the ascending Trunk of the *Vena cava* meeting with the descending, is ready to empty it self into the said right *Auricle*, there occurs in it a very remarkable Knob or Bunch [*Tuberculum*] raised up from the subjacent Fat; by the interposition whereof the Blood falling down by the descending Vein is diverted into the Auricle; which otherwise encountring and bearing upon that of the ascendent Trunk, would very much hinder and retard the motion of it upward towards the Heart. And because in an erect Site and Figure of the Body there is a greater and more eminent danger of such an Accident, therefore the *Vena cava* in Mankind hath this Tubercle far greater, and more extant than it is in Brutes, so that if you thrust  
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your Finger into either Trunk you can hardly find passage or admittance into the other.

But in *Quadrupeds*, as in *Sheep, Dogs, Horse, Kine*, in which the course of the Blood from either Extreme of the Body is more equal and as it were in a Plainer Level, and because the Heart by reason of its bulk and weight hanging downwards, both Trunks of the *Vena cava* have some little declivity towards it, there is no need of so great a Bar and Diversion in them; yet are they not altogether devoid of it.

Moreover, lest the Blood here in its Conflux should make a kind of Flood or Whirlpool, whilst the Auricle being contracted doth not give it free ingress, therefore in this place the *Vena cava* in greater Animals, as well Man as *Quadrupeds*, is round about Musculous; as well that it may be restrain'd and kept within its due limits of Extension, as that it may more vigorously and strongly urge and impel the Blood into the Cavity of the *Auricle*.

Besides there is no less Providence and Caution used, that the Blood when it is forcibly cast out of the left Ventricle of the Heart, be not unequally distributed to the Superiour or inferiour Parts. For whereas this Gate or Orifice of the Heart opens right  
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upwards, if that Channel which receives the first impulse of the Blood did lead in a strait Line up to the region of the Head, it could not be, but that it must be poured too swiftly upon the Brain, and so the inferiour parts of the Body must needs be defrauded of their vital Liquor and Aliment. Which inconvenience that the Divine Architect of the Body might wholly obviate and avoid, in Animals whose Hearts are more strongly moved; He so Artificially contrived the Trunk of the *Aorta*, which is next the Heart, that the Blood runs not directly into the Axillary and Carotide Arteries, but doth as it were fetch a compass: for in the middle space between the Ventricle and those Arteries, it is very much inflected or bent; whence it comes to pass, that that crooked Angle sustains the force and first stroke of the ejected Blood, and directs the greatest Torrent of it towards the descending Trunk of the *Aorta*, which otherwise would rush too forcibly into the superior Branches thereof, distending them immoderately, and soon oppress and burthen the Head. So far Dr. Lower.

Object. *Some may here object and argue, If the Body of Man be thus perfect, why did God make any other Animals. For the most perfect being the best, an infinitely good Agent,*

gent, which wants neither Wisdom nor Power, should (one would think) only produce the most perfect.

Answ. To which I answer, 1. That according to this Argumentation, one might infer, That God must produce but one kind of Creature, and that the most perfect that he is able, which is impossible: For he being Infinite in all Perfections, cannot act *ad extremum virium*, unless he could produce an Infinite Creature, that is another God, which is a contradiction: but whatever he makes, must want degrees of Infinite Perfection, of which he could still (if he pleased) add more and more to it.

2. The Inferior Creatures are perfect in their Order and Degree, wanting no Quality or Perfection that is necessary or due to their Nature and Condition, their Place and Manner of Living. Now, why God might not make several subordinate Ranks and Degrees of Creatures, they being all good, I see no reason.

3. These several Ranks and Degrees of Creatures are subservient one to another; and the most of them serviceable, and all some way or other useful to Man; so that he could not well have been without them.

4. God made these several Orders and Degrees, and in each Degree so many varieties

ties of Creatures, for the manifestation and displaying of his Infinite Power and Wisdom. For we have shewn before by a familiar instance, that there is more Art and Wisdom shewn in contriving and forming a multitude of differing kinds of Engines, than in one only.

5. Yet do I not think, that he made all these Creatures to no other end, but to be serviceable to Man, but also to partake themselves of his overflowing Goodness, and to enjoy their own Beings. If we admit all other Creatures in this inferior World besides Man, to be mere Machins or *automata*, to have no Life, no Sense or Perception of any thing, then I confess this reason is out of doors; for being incapable of pleasure or pain, they can have no enjoyment. Upon this account, also among others, I am less inclinable to that Opinion.

From that part of this Discourse which relates to the Body of Man, I shall make these Practical Inferences.

First, Let us give Thanks to Almighty *Infer. 1.* God for the Perfection and Integrity of our Bodies. It would not be amiss to put it into the Eucharistical part of our daily Devotions: We praise thee O God for the due Number, Shape and Use of our Limbs and Senses, and in general of all the Parts of  
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our Bodies ; we bleſs thee for the ſound and healthful Conſtitution of them ; *It is thou that haſt made us and not we our ſelves ; in thy Book were all our Members written.* The Formation of the Body is the work of God ; and the whole Proceſs thereof attributed to him, *Pſalm 129. 13, 14, 15.* The Mother that bears the Child in her Womb is not conſcious to any thing that is done there ; ſhe underſtands no more how the Infant is formed, than itſelf doth. But if God hath beſtowed upon us any peculiar Gift or Endowment, wherein we excel others, as Strength, or Beauty, or Activity, we ought to give him ſpecial thanks for it, but not to think the better of our ſelves therefore, or deſpiſe them that want it.

Now becauſe theſe Bodily Perfections, being common Bleſſings ; we are apt not at all to conſider them, or not to ſet a juſt value on them ; and becauſe the worth of things is beſt diſcerned by their want ; it would be uſeful ſometimes to imagine or ſuppoſe our ſelves by ſome accident to be depriv'd of one of our Limbs or Sences, as a Hand, or a Foot, or an Eye, for then we cannot but be ſenſible, that we ſhould be in worſe condition than now we are, and that we ſhould ſoon find a difference between two Hands and one Hand, two Eyes and one Eye,



Eye, and that two excel one as much in Worth as they do in Number; and yet if we could spare the use of the lost part, the deformity and unsightliness of such a defect in the Body, would alone be very grievous to us. Again, which is less, suppose we only, that our Bodies want of their just magnitude, or that they or any of our Members are crooked or distorted, or disproportionate to the rest either in excess or defect; nay, which is least of all, that the due Motion of any one Part be perverted, as but of the Eyes in squinting, the Eye-lids in twinkling, the Tongue in stammering, these things are such Blemishes and Offences to us, by making us Gazing-stocks to others, and Objects of their Scorn and Derision, that we could be content to part with a good part of our Estates to repair such defects, or heal such Infirmities. These things considered and duly weighed, would surely be a great and effectual Motive to excite in us Gratitude for this Integrity of our Bodies, and to esteem it no small blessing, I say a blessing and favor of God to us; for some there be that want it, and why might not we have been of that number? God was no way obliged to bestow it upon us.

And as we are to give Thanks for the Integrity of our Body, so are we likewise

for the Health of it, and the sound Temper and Constitution of all its Parts and Humors; Health being the principal blessing of this Life, without which we cannot enjoy, or take comfort in any thing besides.

Neither are we to give Thanks alone for the first Collation of these Benefits, but also for their Preservation and Continuance. God preserves our Souls in Life, and defends us from Dangers and sad Accidents, which do so beset us on every side, that the greatest Circumspection in the World could not secure us, did not his good Providence continually watch over us. We may be said to walk and converse in the midst of Snares; besides, did we but duly consider the Make and Frame of our Bodies, what a multitude of minute Parts and Vessels there are in them, and how an Obstruction in one, redounds to the prejudice of the whole, we could not but wonder how so curious an Engine as Mans Body, could be kept in Tune one Hour, as we use it, much less hold out so many Years: How it were possible it should endure such hardship, such blows, so many shocks and concussions, nay such violences and outrages as are offered it by our frequent Excesses, and not be disordered and rendred useless; and acknowledge the transcendent Art and Skill of Him who so  
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put it together, as to render it thus firm and durable.

Secondly, Have a care thou dost not by any vicious practice deface, marr, or destroy the Workmanship of God. So use this Body as to preserve the Form and Comeliness, the Health and Vigor of it. *Infer. 2.*

I. For the Form and Beauty of the Body, which Mankind generally is fond enough of: and which must be acknowledged to be a Natural Endowment and Blessing of God, a thing desirable, which all men take Complacency in; which renders Persons gracious and acceptable in the Eyes of others; of which yet we do not observe, that Brute Beasts take any notice at all: Of this I shall observe, that outward Beauty is a sign of inward; and that handsom persons are naturally well enclined, till they do either debauch themselves, or are corrupted by others; and then with their Manners they marr their Beauty too. For a Man may observe and easily discern, that as Persons are better or worse enclined, the very Air of their Vizage will alter much; and that vicious courses, *defacing the inward pulchritude of the Soul* Dr. More. do change even the outward countenance into an abhorr'd hue: as is evident in the Vices of Intemperance and Anger, and may by Sagacious Persons be observed in others also.

No better Cosmeticks than a severe Temperance and Purity, a real and unaffected Modesty and Humility, a gracious Temper and Calmness of Spirit, a sincere and universal Charity. No true Beauty without the Signatures of these Graces in the very Countenance. They therefore who through the contrary Vices do deface and blot out this natural Character and Impress, and do violence to their own Inclinations, that sacrifice this Jewel to their Lusts, that reject this Gift of God, and undervalue the Favor of Man, aggravate their Sin and Misery, and purchase Hell at somewhat a dearer rate than others do. And those that have but a mean portion of this Gift, are the more obliged by vertuous practice, not only to preserve, but to improve it. Vertue (as Cicero observes) if it could be seen with corporeal Eyes *admirabiles sui amores excitaret*. By the Signatures it there impresses, it is in some measure visible in the Faces of those that practise it, and so must needs impart a Beauty and Amiableness to them.

2. So use the Body, as to preserve the Health and Vigor, and consequently produce the Life of it. These are things that all men covet. No more effectual means for the maintenance and preservation of them, than a regular and vertuous Life. That Health

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is impaired by Vice, daily experience sufficiently evinceth. I need not spend time to prove, what no Man doth or can deny. And as for length of Days, we find by the same experience, that intemperate and disorderly Persons are for the most part short-lived: Moreover, immoderate Cares and Anxiety are observed suddenly to bring gray Hairs upon Men, which are usually the Signs and Fore runners of Death. And therefore the way to live long, must needs be in all points to use our Bodies, so as is most agreeable to the Rules of Temperance, and Purity, and right Reason. Every Violence offered to it, weakens and impairs it, and renders it less durable and lasting. One means there is, which Physicians take notice of, as very effectual for the preservation of Health, which I cannot here omit, that is, a quiet and cheerful Mind, not afflicted with violent Passions or distracted with immoderate Cares; for these have a great and ill influence upon the Body. Now how a Man can have a quiet and cheerful Mind under a great burden and load of Guilt, I know not, unless he be very ignorant, or have a seared Conscience. It concerns us therefore, even upon this account, to be careful of our Conversations, and to keep our Consciences void of offence both toward God, and toward Men.

*Diogenes Laertius* in the *Life of Socrates* tells us, that that Philosopher was wont to advise young men *συνεχῆς κατὸ πτερίζεσθαι*, often to behold themselves in their Looking-glasses or Mirrors. Grammercy *Socrates*, That is good counsel indeed : Will our young Gentlemen, and Ladies especially be ready to say, we like it very well ; and we practise accordingly ; and it seems we are injuriously taxed and reprehended by Divines, for spending so much time between a Comb and a Glass. Be not overhasty, take what remains along with you : mark the end for which the Philosopher exhorts this, *ἵν' εἰ μὲν καλοὶ εἶεν, ἀξιοὶ γίγνοιντο, εἰ δ' ἀγαθὸν παιδείᾳ τὴν δυσείδειον ἔπι καλύπτοιεν*. That if they be handsome, they might approve themselves worthy of their form ; but if they be otherwise, they may by Discipline and Institution hide their deformity. And so by their vertuous behaviour compensate the hardness of their Favour, and by the pulchritude of their Souls, make up what is wanting in the Beauty of their Bodies. And truly, I believe, a vertuous Soul hath influence upon its Vehicle, and adds a Lustre even to the outward Man, shining forth in the very Face.

*Infer. 2.* Thirdly, Did God make the Body, let him have the service of it. Rom. 12. 1. *I beseech*

beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your Bodies a living Sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. How we should do that S. Chrysostom tells us in his Commentary upon this place, Μηδὲν ὄφθαλμοῦ πονηρὸν βλέπειτω, & γέγονε θυσία. μηδὲν ἢ γλῶσσα λαλεῖτω αἰχρὸν, & γέγονε προσφορά. μηδὲν ἢ χεὶρ κρατίζειτω παράνομον, & γέγονεν ὀλοκαύτωμα, &c. Let the Eye behold no evil thing, and it is made a Sacrifice; let the Tongue speak no filthy word, and it becomes an Oblation: let the Hand do no unlawful action, and you render it a Holocaust. Yet is it not enough thus to restrain them from evil; but they must also be employed and exercised in doing that which is good: the Hand in giving Alms, the Tongue in blessing them that curse us and despightfully use us: the Ear in hearkening to Divine Lectures and Discourses. 1 Cor. 6. 20. Glorifie God in your Body, or with your Body, and in your Spirits, which are Gods, and that not by Redemption only, of which the Apostle there speaks, but by Creation also. Rom. 6. 13. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin, but as instruments of righteousness unto God. And again, Ver. 19. Even so now yield your members servants of righteousness unto holiness. I shall instance in two Members, which

are especially to be guarded and restrained from Evil, and employed in the service of God.

First, *The Eye*. We must *turn away our eyes from beholding Vanity*, as *David* pray'd, *God would his*, *Psal.* 119. 37. We must *make a Covenant with our Eyes*, as *Job* did, *Job* 31. 1. These are the *Windows* that let in exterior *Objects* to the *Soul*: by these the *Heart* is affected: this way *Sin* entred first into the *World*. Our first *Parent* saw that *the Tree* and its fruit was pleasant to the eyes, and so was invited to take and eat it. There are four sins especially for which the *Eye* is noted, as either discovering themselves in the *Eyes*, or whose *Temptations* enter in by, and so give denomination to the *Eye*.

1. There is a *proud Eye*, *Prov.* 30. 13. *There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes, and their eye-lids are lifted up.* *Chap.* 6. 17. *A proud look* is reckoned the first of those six things that *God* hates, *Psal.* 18. 27. *God* (the *Psalmist* saith) will bring down proud or high looks. *Psal.* 101. 5. *Him that hath a high look and a proud heart* (saith *David*,) *I will not suffer.* And in *Psal.* 131. 1. He saith of himself, that *his heart is not haughty, nor his eyes lofty.* By which places it appeareth that *Pride* sheweth forth



forth it self in the Eyes especially, and that they are as it were the Seat or Throne of it.

2. There is a *wanton Eye*, which the Prophet *Isaiab* speaks of in his third Chapter, at the 16th Verse, *Because the Daughters of Jerusalem walk with stretched out Necks, and wanton Eyes.* The Apostle *Peter* in his second Epistle, 2. 24. mentions *Eyes full of Adultery.* For by these Casements enter in such Objects, as may provoke and stir up adultrous Thoughts in the Mind, as they did in *David's*; and likewise impure Thoughts conceived in the heart may discover themselves by the Motions of the Eye. And therefore in this respect we should do well with holy *Job*, to make a Covenant with our Eyes; not to gaze upon any Object which may tempt us to any inordinate Appetite or Desire. For our Saviour tells us, it were better to pluck out our right eye, than that it should be an offence to us: which I suppose refers to this matter, because it immediately follows those words, *He that looketh upon a Woman to lust after her, hath already committed Adultery with her in his heart.*

3. There is a *covetous Eye.* By Covetousness, I understand, not only a desiring what is another mans, which is forbidden in  
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the tenth Commandment, but also an inordinate desire of Riches, which the Apostle *John* seems to understand in his first Epistle, 2. 16. *By the lust of the Eye.* And Covetousness may well be called the *lust of the Eye*, because 1. The Temptation or tempting Object enters by the Eye. So the seeing the wedg of Gold and *Babylonish* Garment stirred up the covetous desire in *Achan*. 2. Because all the fruit a man reaps of Riches more than will furnish his Necessities and Conveniences, is the feeding of his Eye, or the pleasure he takes in the beholding of them, Eccles. 5. 11. *When goods encrease, &c. what good is there to the owners thereof, saving the beholding them with their Eyes?*

Fourthly, There is an *envious* Eye, which by our Saviour is called an evil Eye. Matth. 20. 15. *Is thine Eye evil because I am good?* That is, enviest thou thy Brother, because I am kind to him. And 7. 22. one of those evil things which proceed out of the Heart and defile a Man, is *an evil eye*. Envy is a repining at the Prosperity or Good of another, or Anger and Displeasure at any good of another which we want, or any advantage another hath above us: As in the Parable of the Labourers in the Vineyard, those that came in first envied the last, not because

because they received more than they, but because they received equal wages for less time. Those that are subject to this Vice, cannot endure to see another Man thrive; and are apt to think his condition better than theirs, when indeed it is not.

Let us then so govern our Eyes, that we discover by them none of these Vices. Let the Humility and Purity of our Minds appear even in our outward Looks. Let neither Pride nor Lust manifest themselves in the Posture or Motions of our Eyes. Let us have a care that these Members be neither the Inlets, nor Outlets of any of the fore-mentioned Vices; that they neither give admission to the Temptation, nor be expressive of the Conception of them. Let us employ them in reading the Word of God, and other good Books, for the encrease of our Knowledge, and direction of our Practice: in diligently viewing and contemplating the Works of the Creation, that we may discern and admire the Footsteeps of the Divine Wisdom easily to be traced in the Formation, Disposition, and Designations of them. Let us take notice of any extraordinary Events and Effects of Gods Providence towards our selves or others, Personal or National: that as they are the Issues of his Mercy or Justice, they may stir  
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up suitable affections in us, of Thankfulness or Fear. Let those sad and miserable Objects, that present themselves to our sight, move us to Pity and Commiseration: And let our Eyes sometimes be exercised in Weeping for the Miseries and Calamities of others, but especially for our own and their Sins.

Secondly, Another Member I shall mention, is the *Tongue*, which as it is the chief Instrument of Speech, so may it be well or ill employed in the exercise of that Action, and therefore stands in need of Direction and Restraint. I remember I once heard from an ingenious *Anatomist of Padua* this Observation, That there are but two Members in the Body that have a natural Bridle, both which do very much need it; the *Tongue*, and another I shall not name. The signification whereof may be, that they are not to be let loose, but diligently curbed and held in. For the better Government of the *Tongue*, I shall note some Vices of Speech, which must carefully be avoided: First of all *Loquacity* or *Garrulity*. This the contrivance of our Mouths suggests to us. Our *Tongues* are fenced and guarded with a double Wall or Mound of Lips and Teeth, that our Words might not rashly and unadvisedly

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ly slip out. Then Nature hath furnished us with two Ears, and but one Tongue, to intimate, that we must hear twice so much as we speak. Why Loquacity is to be avoided, the Wise Man gives us a sufficient reason, Prov. 10. 19. *In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin.* And Eccles. 5. 7. *In many words there are divers vanities.* To which we may add another, of great force with most Men, viz. That it hath been always esteemed an Effect and Argument of Folly, Eccles. 5. 3. *A fools voice is known by multitude of words.* And on the contrary, To be of few Words is a sign of Wisdom: and he that is wise enough to be silent, though a Fool, may pass undiscovered. Besides all this, a talkative Person must needs be impertinent, and speak many idle Words, and so render himself burthensom and odious to Company: and may perchance run himself upon great inconveniencies, by blabbing out his own or others secrets; for a word once uttered, *fugit irrevocabile*, whatever the consequence of it be. Great need therefore have we to set a watch over our Mouths, and to keep the Door of our Lips; Psal. 141. 3. \* *run before the* and not suffer our Tongues \* *ἵνα μὴ ῥηθῆς ἡ γλῶσσο* *fore the* *voias*; as *Isocrates* phraseth it. *Understanding* *or Wit.*

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Secondly, Lying or False Speaking. There is difference between *Mentiri* and *Mendacium dicere*, that is Lying, and speaking of an untruth, or thing that is False. *Mentiri* is *contra mentem ire*, which though it be no good Etymology of the Word, is a good Notion of the Thing; that is, to go against ones Mind, or speak what one does not think.

Ἐτερον μὲν κεύθει ἐνὶ φρεσίν, ἄλλο δὲ βάζειν,

As *Homer* expresseth it, to conceal one thing in the Mind, and speak another with the Tongue.—Hence a Man may speak an untruth, and yet not Lye, when he thinks he speaks the Truth; and on the contrary, may speak what is materially True, and yet lie, when he speaks what he thinks not to be True. The Tongue was made to be the *Index* of the Mind, Speech the Interpreter of Thought; therefore there ought to be a perfect Harmony and Agreement between these two. So that Lying is a great abuse of Speech, and a perverting the very end of it, which was to communicate our Thoughts one to another. It hath also an ill Principle for the most part, proceeding either from *baseness of Spirit* or *Cowardise*, as in them that have committed a fault, and deny it, for fear of Punishment or Rebuke: And therefore the ancient

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ancient *Persians*, as *Xenophon* tells us in his *Κύριε παιδεία*, made it one of the three things they diligently taught their Children; which were *ἵππιδεῖν*, & *τοξέυειν*, & *ἀληθεύειν*, *To Ride, to Shoot, and to speak the Truth*: or from *Covetousness*, as in *Tradesmen*, who falsely commend their *Commodities*, that they may vend them for a greater Price; or from *Vanity and vain Glory*, in them who falsely boast of any *Quality or Action* of their own. It is odious both to *God and Man*. To *God*, *Prov. 6. 17.* *A lying tongue is one of those six or seven things that are an abomination to him.* To *Men*, as *Homer* witnesseth in the Verse preceding the fore quoted.

Ἐχθρὸς γὰρ μοι κενὸς ὄμῳς Ἄϊδαο πύλῃσι, &c.

He that tells Lies is as hateful to me as the Gates of Hell or Death.——The Practice of Lying is a Diabolical Exercise, and they that use it, are the Devils Children, as our Saviour tells us, *John 8. 44.* *Ye are of your father the Devil, &c. for he is a liar, and the father of it,* And lastly, it is a Sin that excludes out of Heaven, and depresses the Soul into Hell *Revel. 21. 8.* *All liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.*

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Thirdly, Another Vice or Abuse of Speech, or vicious Action to which the Tongue is instrumental, is *slandering*; that is raising a false Report of any Man tending to his Defamation. This might have been comprehended under the former Head, being but a kind of Lying proceeding from enmity or ill will. It is a very great injury to our Neighbour, mens Reputation being as dear to them as Life itself; so that it is grown to be a Proverb among the Vulgar, *Take away my good Name, and take away my Life.* And that which enhances this injury is that it is irreparable. We cannot by any contrary Declaration so clear the innocency of our Neighbour as wholly to extirpate the pre-conceived Opinion, out of the Minds of those to whom our confession comes; and many will remain whom the Calumny hath reach'd, to whom the Vindication probably will not extend; the pravity of Mans Nature being more apt to spread and divulge an ill Report, than to stop and silence it. I might instance in Flattering of others, and boasting of our selves for two abuses of Speech, but they may both be referred to Lying, the one to please others, and puff them up with Self-Conceit, and a false Opinion, that they have some excellent Quality or Endowment, which



which they want, or have not in such a Degree, or that they are better thought of by others, than indeed they are, and more honoured: The other, to gain more honor than is due to our selves. Neither yet is boasting only of what we have not, but also of what we have, condemned and disallowed by God and Men, as being contrary to that Humility and Modesty that ought to be in us, *Pro. 27. 2. Let another man praise thee and not thine own mouth; a stranger and not thine own lips.* And Moralists proceed so far as to Censure all unnecessary *περι αυτο λογια*, that is, talking of mans self.

Fourthly, *Obscene and impure Words* are another vicious Effect of the Tongue. Those are principally the *σαπροι λογοι*, rotten Speeches the Apostle speaks of, *Eph. 5. 29.* Such as chaste Ears abhor, which tend only to the depraving and corrupting the Hearers: and are to be studiously and carefully avoided by all that pretend to Christianity, *Ephes. 5. 3. But fornication and all uncleanness let it not be once named among you.*

Fifthly, *Cursing, and Railing or reviling Words* are also a great abuse of Speech, and outrageous Effects and Expressions of Malice and Wickedness. *Psalms 10. 7. The Psalmist makes it part of the Character of a wicked*

Man, that *His mouth is full of cursing*. Which passage we have quoted by the Apostle *Rom. 3. 14. Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness.*

Sixthly, Swearing and Irreverent using the Name of God in common Discourse and Converse, is another abuse of the Tongue; to which I might add vehement Asseverations upon slight and trivial Occasions. I do not deny, but in a matter of Weight and Moment, which will bear out such Attestation, and where belief will not be obtained without them, and yet it may much import the Hearer or Speaker that his Words be believed, or where the Hearer would not otherwise think the matter so momentous or important as indeed it is, Protestations and Asseverations, yea Oaths may Lawfully be used. But to call God to Witness to an Untruth or a Lye perhaps, or to appeal to Him on every trivial Occasion, in common Discourse, customarily, without any consideration of what we say, is one of the highest Indignities and Affronts that can be offered him, being a Sin to which there is no Temptation: For it is so far from gaining Belief (which is the only thing that can with any shew of Reason be pleaded for it) that it rather creates diffidence and distrust.

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ramenta* too, it being become a Proverb, *He  
that will Swear will Lye.* And good Reason  
there is for it; for he that scruples not the  
breach of one of Gods Commands, is not  
likely to make Conscience of the violation of  
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Lastly, For I will name no more, Scur-  
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impatiently bear; nothing offends more, or  
wounds deeper; and therefore what greater  
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should do unto us?* This injury of being Deri-  
ded the Psalmist himself complains of, *Psalm  
69. 11, 12. I became a proverb to them. They  
that sit in the Gate speak against me, and I  
was the song of the Drunkards.* And *Psalm  
35. 15.* according to the Church Translation,  
*The very Abjects came together against me una-  
wares, making mows at me, and ceased not.*  
and the Prophet Jeremy, *Jer. 20. 7. I am in  
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a Practice inconsistent with true Wisdom. The Scorners and the wise Man are frequently opposed in Scripture. *Prov. 9. 8.* and *Chap. 13. 1, &c.* It is a Proverbial saying, *The greatest Clerks are not always the wisest men.* I think the saying might as often be verified of the greatest *Wits.* Scorning in that Gradation in the first *Psalms* is set down as the highest step of Wickedness. And *Solomon* tells us, *That Judgments are prepared for the Scorners.*

You will say to me, how then must our Tongues be employed? I answer, 1. In Praises and Thanksgiving unto God. *Psalms 35. 28.* *And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praises all the day long.* Parallel whereto is *Verse 24.* of *Psalms 71.* Indeed the Book of *Psalms* is in a great measure but an Exercise of, or Exhortation to, this Duty. 2. We must exercise our Tongues in Talking of all his wondrous Works. *Psalms 145. 5, 6.* *I will speak of the glorious honour of thy Majesty, and of thy wondrous works.* 3. In Prayer to God. 4. In Confession of Him, and his Religion, and publicly owning it before Men, whatever the hazard be. 5. In Teaching, Instructing and Counselling of others. 6. In Exhorting them. 7. In Comforting them that need it. 8. In  
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Reproving them. All which Particulars I might enlarge upon; but because they come in here only as they refer to the Tongue, it may suffice to have mention'd them summarily.

Thirdly, Let us hence duly learn to prize and value our Souls. Is the Body such a rare Piece, what then is the Soul? the Body is but the Husk or Shell, the Soul is the Kernel; the Body is but the Cask, the Soul the precious Liquor contained in it; the Body is but the Cabinet, the Soul the Jewel; the Body is but the Ship or Vessel, the Soul the Pilot; the Body is but the Tabernacle, and a poor Clay Tabernacle or Cottage too, the Soul the Inhabitant; the Body is but the Machine or Engine; the Soul that *ενδύει* π, that actuates and quickens it; the Body is but the dark Lanthorn, the Soul or Spirit is the Candle of the Lord that burns in it: And seeing there is such difference between the Soul and the Body in respect of Excellency, surely our better Part challenges our greatest care and diligence to make Provision for it. Bodily Provision is but half Provision, it is but for one Part of a Man, and that the meaner and more ignoble too, if we consider only the time of this Life; but if we consider a future Estate of

endless duration after this Life, then Bodily Provision will appear to be, I do not say quarter Provision, but no Provision at all, in comparison; there being no proportion between so short a period of time, and the infinite Ages of Eternity. Let us not then be so foolish as to employ all our thoughts and bestow all our time and pains about cherishing, accommodating and gratifying our Bodies, in making Provision for the *Flesh to fulfil the Lusts thereof*, as the Apostle phraseth it; and suffer our Souls to lie by neglected, in a miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked condition. Some Philosophers will not allow the Body to be an essential Part of Man, but only the Vessel or Vehicle of the Soul; *Anima cuiusque est quisque. The Soul is the Man.* Though I would not be so unequal to it, yet I must needs acknowledg it to be but an inferiour Part: it is therefore so to be treated, so dieted and provided, as to render it most calm and compliant with the Soul, most tractable and obsequious to the dictates of Reason; not so pampered and indulged, as to encourage it to cast its Rider, and to take the Reins into its own Hand, and usurp Dominion over the better part, the *τὸ ἡγεμονικόν*, to sink and depress it into a sordid compliance

ance with its own Lusts, *Atque affigere humi  
Divinae particulam aure.*

This is our Duty, but alas what is our Practice? Our great partiality towards our Bodies, and neglect of our Souls, shews clearly which Part we prefer. We are careful enough of wounding or maiming our Bodies, but we make bold to lash and wound our Souls daily; for every Sin we commit, being contrary to its Nature, is a real Stripe, yea a mortal Wound to the Soul, and we shall find it to be so, if our Consciences be once awakened to feel the Sting and Smart of it. We are industrious enough to preserve our Bodies from Slavery and Thralldom, but we make nothing of suffering our Souls to be Slaves and Drudges to our Lusts, and to live in the vilest Bondage to the most degenerate of Creatures, the Devil; We are thrifty and provident enough not to part with any thing that may be serviceable to our Bodies under a good consideration, and we so esteem them, as that we will part with all we have for the life of them; but we make little account of what is most beneficial to our Souls, the means of Grace and Salvation, the Word of God and Duties of his Worship and Service; nay we can be content to sell our Souls themselves

for a Trifle, for a thing of nothing, yea for what is worse than nothing, the satisfying of an inordinate and unreasonable Appetite or Passion. We highly esteem and stand much upon our Nobility, our Birth and Breeding, though we derive nothing from our Ancestors but our Bodies and Corporeal Qualities; and it is useful so far to value and improve this Advantage, as to provoke us to imitate the good Examples of our Progenitors, not to degenerate from them, nor to do any thing unworthy of our Breeding; and yet the divine Original of our Souls, which are Beams from the Father of Lights, and the immediate Offspring of God himself, τὸ πρῶτον ἐκ τοῦ Θεοῦ, hath little influence upon us to engage us to walk worthily of our extraction, and to do nothing that is base or ignoble and unsuitable to the Dignity of our Birth.

You will say, how shall we manifest our Care of our Souls? What shall we do for them? I answer, The same we do for our Bodies. 1. We feed our Bodies, our Souls are also to be fed: The Food of the Soul is Knowledge, especially knowledge in the Things of God, and the Things that concern its eternal Peace and Happiness; the



the Doctrine of Christianity, the Word of God read and preached, 1 Pet. 2. 2. *As new born Babes desire the sincere Milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby.* Heb. 5. 12. The Apostle speaks both of Milk and of strong Meat. Milk he there calls the Principles of the Doctrine of Christ, and again, 1 Cor. 2. 3. *I have fed you with Milk and not with Meat, for hitherto ye were not able to bear it.* So we see in the Apostles phrase, feeding of the Flock, is teaching and instructing of them. Knowledge is the Foundation of Practice; it is impossible to do Gods Will before we know it; the Word must be received into an honest and good Heart, and understood, before any Fruit can be brought forth.

Secondly, We heal and cure our Bodies, when they are inwardly Sick, or outwardly Harmed: Sin is the Sicknes of the Soul, Matth. 9. 12. *They that be whole need not a Physician, but they that be Sick,* saith our Saviour by way of Similitude, which he explains in the next Verse, *I am not come to call the Righteous, but Sinners to Repentance.* For the Cure of this Disease, an humble, serious, hearty Repentance is the only Physick; not to expiate  
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the Guilt of it, but to qualifie us to partake of the benefit of that Atonement which our Saviour Christ hath made, by the sacrifice of himself, and restore us to the Favor of God, which we had forfeited, it being as much as in us lies an undoing again what we have done.

Thirdly, We cloth and adorn our Bodies, our Souls also are to be clothed with holy and vertuous Habits, and adorned with good Works. 1 Pet. 5. 5. *Be ye clothed with Humility*; and in the same Epistle, Chap. 2. 3. he exhorts Women to *adorn themselves, not with that outward adorning of plaiting the Hair, and of wearing Gold, &c. but with the Ornament of a meek and a quiet Spirit, which is in the Sight of God of great price*: And in Revel. 19. 8. *The righteousness of the Saints is called fine linnen. And the Saints are said to be clothed in white raiment. Matt. 23. 11. Works of Righteousness, and a Conversation becoming the Gospel, is called a wedding garment. Coloss. 3. 10. Put on the new man. And again, Put on therefore as the Elect of God bowels of mercy, meekness, &c. On the contrary, vicious Habits and sinful Actions are compared to filthy Garments. So Zech. 3. 3.*

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*Joshua* the High-Priest is said to be clothed with filthy garments; which in the next Verse are interpreted his Iniquities, either Personal, or of the People, whom he Represented, *I have caused thy iniquity to pass from thee, and will clothe thee with change of raiment.*

Fourthly, We Arm and Defend our Bodies. And our Souls have as much need of Armor as they: For the Life of a Christian, is a continual Warfare; and we have Potent and Vigilant Enemies to encounter withal; the Devil, the World and this corrupt Flesh we carry about with us. We had need therefore to take to us the Christian Panoply, to Put on the whole Armour of God, that we may withstand in the evil day, and having done all may stand; having our loyns girt with Truth, and having the breast-plate of Righteousness, and our Feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace. Above all taking the Shield of Faith, and for an Helmet, the hope of Salvation, and the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, Ephes. 6. 13, 14, &c.

He that with this Christian Armour manfully fights against and repels the Temptations

ptations and Assaults of his spiritual Enemies; He that keeps his Garments pure, and his Conscience void of Offence towards God and towards Man, shall enjoy perfect Peace here, and Assurance for ever. *Tacitus* saith of the *Finni*, a Northern People, that they were *securi adversus homines, securi adversus Deos*: They need not fear what God or Man could do to them, because they were in as bad a condition as could consist with living in the World: They could not be Banished into a worse Country, nor put into worse circumstances than they were in already. I might say of the Man that keeps a good Conscience, that he is secure against God and Man; not in that Sense the *Finni* were; but secure of any Evil befalling him, from either. God can do him no harm, not for want of Power, but for want of Will, which is regulated by his Truth and Justice. He is also secure in respect of Men, because he is under the Protection of the Almighty: and if any there be that would do him harm, they shall either be restrained by the Divine Providence, or if they be permitted to injure him, it shall tend only to the exercise and improvement of his Faith and Patience, and enhancing his future Reward at that great Day,

Day, when the Almighty shall dispense *Aureolæ* to those Champions who have signalized their Valour and Fidelity by Heroick Actions, or patient Sufferings of unworthy things for his sake. 3. A good Conscience not only secures a Man from God and Men, but from himself too. *There is no peace to the wicked, saith my God*, no inward Peace. Such a Man is at odds with himself. For the Commandments of God being agreeable to the Nature of Man, and perfectly conformable to the Dictates of right Reason; Mans Judgment gives Sentence with the Divine Law, and condemns him when he violates any of them; and so the Sinner becomes an *Heautontimorumenos*, a Tormentor of himself. *Prima est hæc ultio, quod se Judice nemo nocens absolvitur.* No guilty Person is absolved at his own Tribunal, himself being Judge.

Neither let any profligate Person, who hath bidden Defiance to his Conscience, and is at War with himself, think to take Sanctuary in Atheism, and because it imports him highly there should be no God, stoutly deny that there is any. For First, Supposing that the Existence of a Deity were not demonstrably or infallibly proved, (as  
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it most certainly is) yet he cannot be sure of the contrary, that there is none. For no Man can be sure of a pure Negative, namely, that such a thing is not, unless he will either pretend to have a certain knowledg of all Things that are or may be, than which nothing can be more monstrously and ridiculously Arrogant; or else unless he be sure that the Being of what he denies, doth imply a Contradiction; for which there is not the least Color in this Case. The true Notion of God consisting in this, That he is a Being of all possible Perfection. That I may borrow my Lord Bishop of Chester's Words in his Discourse of Natural Religion, pag. 94.

Now if he be not sure there is no Deity, he cannot be without some suspicion and fear that there may be one.

Secondly, If there should be a Deity, so Holy, and Just, and Powerful as is supposed, what Vengeance and Indignation may such vile Miscreants and Rebels expect, who have made it their business to banish Him out of the World who is the Great Creator and Governor of it, to undermine his Being, and eradicate all Notions of Him out of their own and other Mens Minds; to provoke his Creatures and Vassals to a Contempt of Him, a slighting of his

*his Fear and Worship, as being such imaginary Chimera's, as are fit only to keep Fools in awe. Certainly as this is the highest Provocation that any Man can be guilty of, so shall it be Punished with the sorest Vengeance.*

Now a slender suspicion of the Existence of a Being, the denial whereof, is of so sad Consequence, must needs disturb the Atheists Thoughts, and fill him with fears, and qualifie and allay all his Pleasures and Enjoyments, and render him miserable even in this Life.

*But on the other side, he that believes and owns a God; if there should be none, is in no danger of any bad Consequent. For all the Inconvenience of this Belief will be, that he may be hereby occasioned to tye himself up to some needless restraints during this short time of his Life, wherein notwithstanding there is, as to the present, much Peace, Quiet, and Safety; And, as to the future, his error shall dye with him, there being none to call him to an Account for his mistake. Thus far the Bishop. To which I shall add, that he not only suffers no damage, but reaps a considerable benefit from this mistake; for during this Life he enjoys a pleasant*  
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Dream or Fancy of a future Blessed Estate, with the Thoughts and Expectation whereof, he solaces himself, and agreeably entertains his time; and is in no danger of being ever awakened out of it, and convinced of his Error and Folly, Death making a full end of him.

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