

which must meet together for the accomplishment of a desirable end,—and on the absence or the failure of any one of which, the manifold adjustments both of place and of operation that enter into the products of physiology, and without any one of which neither an animal nor a vegetable could be sustained—these, while they give more intense demonstration to the reality of an intelligence that framed the whole of this exquisite mechanism, have the effect of casting over the designs and the processes of this intelligence a deeper mystery than before. They more clearly evince His Being, but they have the effect of making His policy more inscrutable—and while they tell more emphatically than a simpler material system would, that there is a God—they go to shroud the principle of His creation in profounder obscurity from our view, and to aggravate more hopelessly than ever the unsearchableness of His ways. It is thus that no conceivable extension of natural science would seem to supersede, but rather to enhance the necessity of revelation. None of her discoveries, however much they might afford more emphatic demonstration than we previously had of the Being and Intelligence of God, none of them can achieve, they do not even approximate, to the solution of the moral enigma involved in the question which relates to the principle or purpose of the divine administration.

15. We mean to say, that if, under the present economy, ten independent circumstances must meet together for the production of a certain beneficial effect instead of six, there is all the more