

Prevailing studies are of no small consequence to a State, the religion, manners, and civil Government of a country ever taking some bias from its philosophy, which affects not only the minds of its professors and students, but also the opinions of all the better sort and the practice of the whole people remotely.

*Has not fatalism gained ground during the general passion for the corpuscularian and mechanical philosophy? . . . .*

But when it entered the Seminaries of learning as a necessary accomplishment and most important part of education, by engrossing men's thoughts and fixing their minds so much on corporeal objects and the laws of motion, it hath, however, undesignedly, indirectly, and by accident, yet not a little indisposed them for spiritual, moral, and intellectual matters.

BERKELEY, *Siris*.