

and life of the new world. But the old shares with the new, in another beautiful type in the winged creation, I mean the Psittaceous or Parrot tribes, which chiefly support themselves upon fruits, and abound in all tropical countries; these the Creator has not only invested with the gayest colours and plumage, but gifted also with the power of speech, at least of imitating the speech of man, when brought into contact with him. Their principal residence is within the tropics, but not confined to them, as many are found in New Holland. The Aras\* are confined to the new world, and one of its greatest ornaments; their plumage being the most brilliant of any of the Psittaceans.

An analogous tribe of mammiferous animals inhabits the same station, and feeds on the same food with the parrots; these are what Zoologists call the Quadrumanes, or Four-handed beasts, from their often using their hind as well as their fore feet as hands, and many of them even their tail. This tribe includes the Monkeys, Apes, and Baboons; and though these do not imitate man, by catching his *phrases*, like the birds last named, yet they mimic all his *actions*. I have often thought, when I have examined figures of this tribe, that their features are typical of the different kinds of face observable in the human species: as far as relates to *body* they approach us, but in the *spiritual* part of our nature, elevated by high expectations, and by knowledge not confined to this globe on which we tread, but traversing the heavens, and penetrating in thought to the throne of Him who sitteth upon them, we infinitely exceed them.

Those animals that are of a predaceous or carnivorous character, are more widely dispersed than many of the herbivorous ones; in fact they are co-extensive with their food, I do not mean specifically, but generically. Though the Lion and the Tiger, and the larger feline animals are

\* *Macrocerus*.