

disgusting an object he becomes when he gives himself up to vice, and is the slave of his passions. In fact, in every department of the animal kingdom, the moral instruction of his reasonable creature seems to have been one of the objects of Creative Wisdom: and the sloth and the glutton may be added to the mandril and baboon, as equally calculated to cause him to view vice with disgust and abhorrence; as the bee, the ant, and the beaver, to excite him to industry, and prudence, and foresight; or the dove to peace and mutual love.

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## CHAPTER XXV.

### FUNCTIONS AND INSTINCTS. MAN.

AFTER traversing the whole Animal Kingdom, from its very lowest grades, and having arrived at Man, who confessedly stands at the head, and is the only *visible* king and lord of all the rest, it will be expected that I should devote a few pages to the world's master.

Baron Cuvier, with great propriety, places him by himself in a separate Order, distinguished from that which succeeds it, in his system, by the significant appellation of *Bimane*, indicating that his two hands are the instruments by which he subdues and governs the planet that he inhabits;\* by which also he is enabled to embody his conceptions, and, as it were, to convert his thoughts into material subsistences.

I shall consider him both physically and metaphysically; physically, as to his actual *position*, and as to his *action* upon his subjects and property, whether vegetable or ani-

\* See above, p. 158.