

also the first mode which Nature uses for the reproduction of animals which have need of the communication of different sexes ; for the seminal liquors of both sexes contain all the necessary molecules for reproduction ; but something more is required for its effectual completion, which is the mixture of these two liquors in some places suitable to the expansion of the foetus which must result therefrom, which place is the matrix of the female.

There are, therefore, no pre-existing germs, no germs contained one in the other, *ad infinitum* ; but there is an organic matter perpetually active, and always ready to form, assimilate, and produce beings similar to those which receive it. Animals and vegetables, therefore, can never be extinct ; so long as there subsist individuals the species will ever be new ; they are the same at present as they were three thousand years ago, and will perpetually exist, by the powers they are endowed with, unless annihilated by the will of the Almighty Creator,