

Thirdly. The agent or Being who constructed the wonderful system we have been considering, must have been as *intelligent*, as he was powerful.

We infer intelligence in an agent from the fitness and adaptation to certain ends exemplified in his works. When, for instance, we see a machine admirably fitted for the office it performs, we infer that the maker of that machine must have possessed intelligence. Now, if we judge of the molecular constitution of matter by this rule; we shall find, that there is not only the most extraordinary fitness and adaptation to circumstances displayed in its arrangements, as far as we can understand them, but evidently, much further; that is to say, the maker of this system, must not only have possessed intelligence; but intelligence infinitely surpassing our own. Thus at the very beginning, the adoption of the molecular form of matter, may be considered as indicating intelligence of the highest kind; for of all the forms that can be conceived to exist, the molecular form of matter seems best adapted to the purposes of creation. Indeed, on what other supposition, than that of the subdivision of matter into *minute similar parts*, could all those endless operations, which we see constantly going on in the world, be imagined to take place? The next circumstance which claims our attention, is the nature