James iv. 1. ſaith St. *James*, *come they not hence, even of your luſts that war in your members?*

Thus for inſtance, The love of mens ſelves is one of the moſt general cauſes of contention in any Society. I mean not that ſelf-love which is natural and lawful; for whoſoever ſo loves himſelf will alſo love the ſociety of which he is a member, and will conſider his own good as involv'd in the good of the whole Body: but I mean that ſpurious ſelf-love, whereby Men ſeparate themſelves from God, and from all the reſt of his creation beſides themſelves, ſetting up for their own private and ſeparate intereſts, in oppoſition to the will of God, and to the good of their fellow-creatures; when being immoderately deſirous of the wealth, the grandeur, or the pleaſures of this life, in order to the obtaining what they deſire, they make no difficulty of diſturbing the peace of the family, the city, or the kingdom, of which they are members. *Publick good* they deſpiſe, as a vain and empty notion, fit only to be entertain'd by *fools*, or pretended to by *hypocrites*. They know no other good, but what is good for themſelves; and they eſteem