Society of which he is a member in particular. And thus far divisions proceed from men themselves, from the corruption of their own hearts.

But then farther, The Devil, the great enemy of the peace and welfare of mankind, moves all those whom he is able to influence, to break the peace of humane Society; and blinds and infatuates others to be seduced by them. As love and peace are the especial fruits of the divine Spirit, so hatred and contention are among the principal works of the Devil. Satan infuses his nature into all upon whom he can prevail, first swelling them with pride, and then hurrying them on to contention, which are the very characters of the diabolical nature. And where any are fitter to be instruments and tools than principal agents, he casts a mist before their eyes, infatuates their understandings, and thereby dispose them to be led blindfold by others into those quarrels and factions which they were not fit to contrive nor manage themselves. 2.

But then in the last place, almighty God himself, the wise and just Governour of the world, permits all this to come to pass, 3.