

! ere hen is our natural state of ignorance) i h regard' o he po)ers an' in9uence o% all
 ob#e\$ s. ! o) is his re" e' ie' b& e0perien\$e> 7 onl& sho) s us a nu" ber o% uni%or" e%e\$ s,
 resul ing %ro" \$er ain ob#e\$ s, an' ea\$hes us, ha hose par i\$ular ob#e\$ s, a ha par i\$ular
 i" e,) ere en' o) e') i h su\$h po)ers an' %or\$es. 3 hen a ne) ob#e\$, en' o) e') i h si" ilar
 / sensible quali ies, is pro' u\$e' ,) e ope\$ si" ilar po)ers an' %or\$es, an' loo* %or a li*e e%e\$.
 ?ro" a bo' & o% li*e \$olour an' \$onsis en\$e) i h brea' ,) e ope\$ li*e nourish" en an'
 suppor . @u his sure& is a sep or progress o% he " in' ,) hi\$h) an s o be e0plaine' . 3 hen
 a " an sa&s, *I have found, in all past instances, such sensible qualities conjoined with such secret powers:*
 An') hen he sa&s, *similar sensible qualities will always be conjoined with similar secret powers.* he is
 10 no guil & o% a au olog&, nor are hese proposi ons in an& respe\$ he sa" e. Aou sa& ha he
 one proposi on is an in%eren\$e %ro" he o her. @u &ou " us \$on%ess ha he in%eren\$e is no
 in ui i(e. nei her is i 'e" ons ra i(e. +%) ha na ure is i hen> To sa& i is e0peri" en al, is
 begging he ques ion. ?or all in%eren\$es %ro" e0perien\$e suppose, as heir %oun' a ion, ha
 he %u ure) ill rese" ble he pas , an' ha si" ilar po)ers) ill be \$on#oine') i h si" ilar
 1/ sensible quali ies. 7% here be an& suspi\$ion, ha he \$ourse o% na ure " a& \$hange, an' ha
 he pas " a& be no rule %or he %u ure, all e0perien\$e be\$ o" es useless, an' \$an gi(e rise o no
 in%eren\$e or \$on\$lusion. 7 is i" possible, here%ore, ha an& argu" en s %ro" e0perien\$e \$an
 pro(e his rese" blan\$e o% he pas o he %u ure. sin\$e all hese argu" en s are %oun' e' on he
 supposi on o% ha rese" blan\$.

Da(i' ! U2E, *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding* (7<.2. *Sceptical Doubts Concerning the
 Operations of the Understanding*, = 21)