

## CHAPTER I

### FITNESS

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#### PURPOSE AND ORDER

**I**DEAS of purpose and order are among the first concepts regarding their environment which appear, as vague anticipations of philosophy and science, in the minds of men. In truth, when the manifold phenomena and experiences of daily life stored in the memory are critically scrutinized, purpose and order seem naturally to suggest themselves as explanations of the universe. Day and night, the changing but recurring seasons, the fertilizing sunshine and rain, the flight of birds, the powers of the human hand, and all the beauties and mysteries of nature cannot fail of such interpretation by the simple and untrained mind. Alike anthropology and the history of primitive civilizations bear witness to this natural tendency of thought. Such ideas pre-