

presence constitutes, and whose removal extinguishes it.
Let us for a few moments contrast it with other ailments, which will
at once illustrate, as well as demonstrate this point.

What for instance is apoplexy, if it is not a loss of sensation of ~~the~~ ^{the} intellect, and voluntary motion, restore this loss, and is it apoplexy still? I think not, remove from asthma impeded respiration, and it is asthma no more.

Now in relation to fever, the case is different, and not only so, but but diametrically opposite, why thus because composed of elements homogenous, not so but heterogeneous, and conflicting, and as no single attribute constitutes its nature, so by the same rule no single name can designate it.

To define belongs to the Gods, in regard to fever this is not figuratively, but literally true.

We see in perusing the works of Galen, Fogel, Bianchi, Borhaave, & others, the difficulty they experienced in defining fever, and the several discordant definitions of it adopted, by some of the most distinguished physicians, the world ever produced.

Galen said that fever, was a change in the healthy temperature of the body, accompanied by pulse preternaturally quick, (he probably meant frequent,) very well sum up all this, and to what does it amount, nothing even tangible, conveying nothing to the reader of the subject, to which it relates. Fogel states fever to be a preternatural augmentation of the internal heat, with a dryness of the tongue, and heaviness of the body, very good is there any thing solid or definite here, but rather meager, and vague.