

As to *brutal Animals*---they no doubt receive their various *Instincts* from him : And he may by *Angels* often give them *Ideas* and rule them.

And as to *Men*---He no doubt inspires their various *Geniuses* : As also frequently, if not continually, uses *Angels*, the *Evil* by Permission, the *Holy* by Command, to suggest *Ideas* to them ; and then uses *them* to suggest *Ideas* to *one another* : Which are instrumental Causes under his permissive, controuling and directive Influence, of numberless Passions, Appetites, Consultations, Projects, Resolutions, Actions and Events. He awakens, sharpens, strengthens, guides the intellectual Powers of *Men* : And where the Powers of *Angels* are insufficient to give compleat *Ideas* to perform his Schemes ; He may *secretly* by his *immediate* Operation, utterly unknown to *Men*, suggest innumerable *Ideas* in them ; and therewith infuse his exciting Influence of Zeal, Activity, Courage and Resolution to fulfil his Councils,

Nor may the unknown *Suggestions* of good *Angels* be accounted *proper Inspirations* ; any more than the *Suggestions* of *Satan* when he raises up in our Minds *Ideas* of Scriptures, as he did in the human Mind of CHRIST : Or when one *Man* by Signs suggests *Ideas* to others, and excites their Courage. Nor are the *Ideas* and *Excitations* receiv'd from GOD, either *mediately* by *Men* or *Angels*, or *immediately* by Himself, *proper Inspirations* : Any more than his infusing Millions of Spirits every Moment into new Seeds or Embrios of Animals, making them alive and active ; or infusing into them various *Instincts* or *Geniuses* ; or impressing them with Pleasures, Pains, &c.

For, by *Inspiration* I mean the *certain Revelation* he has been pleas'd to give of *Himself*, and of his *Will*, and of Things past and to come, by CHRIST and his Prophets and Apostles of old, put into the BIBLE and confirm'd by Miracles, as a *definitive Rule* of Faith, Worship, moral and religious Conduct. Every Kind of *Idea* and *Excitation* or *Propension* in us, whether arising meerly from our own Minds, or from evil or good Men and Ministers, or from evil or good Angels, or even immediately from GOD himself, are therefore all to be brought to this only inspired Rule, and tried thereby ; for which End it was inspired and confirmed. And the *true Origin* of our *Ideas*