

Its noble origin and destiny ;  
 Fit to ascend to highest spheres of thought ;  
 To feed on truths both human and divine ;  
 To mirror its Creator and its God  
 And cogitate His attributes, 't is fit  
 To testify to what its God must be.

Had Man a mere blind force as his first cause,  
 Would he be rational ? Would he be free ?  
 Would he be what he is — would he be Man ?  
 Blind force the Infinite ? the Absolute ?  
 The Artist who designed and made the World  
 And filled the heav'ns with Nature's harmonies ?  
 Whose hand upholdeth all it doth create ?  
 Whose mind encompasseth the Universe ?  
 A strange God would he be — unknowable —  
 Who could impart more than he did possess.  
 Man contemplator of his little works,  
 And the FIRST CAUSE a blind artificer !  
 Man personal, and God impersonal !  
 Man conscious even of his feebleness,  
 And the Omnipotent not of His might !  
 E'en were it true that Man's self-consciousness,  
 Intelligence and other attributes  
 All spring from matter, whence the potency,  
 If not from the Supreme Intelligence,  
 The Power which includes all potencies,  
 The living, conscious, personal First Cause.