

For, if we may reason from the vast body of evidence of her works, Nature does nothing, and bestows nothing, in vain; she never appears to act with deception; therefore she would not have given to men of all ages and nations those hopes of future happiness, merely to disappoint them. "I am positive I have a soul," said Laurence Sterne, "nor shall all the books with which Materialists have pestered the world, ever convince me to the contrary."

The vast powers of intellect and of science, by which man has been enabled to observe and to trace so exactly the astonishing systems of the heavenly bodies; those high passions and thoughts of future bliss which he is thereby led to hope for, in some such regions, partake too much of the nature of Spirit to suffer us to think they are solely produced by a more perfect organization than is bestowed on the horse, the mule, or the ass.

It, moreover, has been proved by the anatomy of the brain of the ourang outang, an animal approaching nearer to the human species than any other, that its brain exactly resembles that of the human species; and it is said, "It is surprising this resemblance is productive of so few advantages; the tongue and all the organs of the voice are similar, and yet the animal is dumb; the brain is formed in the same manner, and yet the creature wants reason; an EVIDENT PROOF [as Buffon finely observes] that *no arrangement of matter will give mind*, and that the body, how nicely soever formed, is formed to very limited ends, when there is not infused *a soul to direct its operations*;" and I am the more happy in giving this quotation, as it shews