

of the mind of the active, they may be impressed upon the mind of the passive. This then being so, the communications of thought are not necessarily confined to the *experience* of the first person or operator, but may enter into his *designs* and *purposes*.

Thus, to illustrate, we will suppose a mechanic or inventor designs to build a machine to do a certain kind of work; before he commences operation he has constructed the machine in his mind, and can estimate the time it will take to build it materially. And having constructed the machine mentally, and beholding it in his imaginations, the designer is enabled to impress the ideas upon the mentality of the second person, as much so as if the machine was in actual physical operation; and if you will apply this mode of reasoning to the infinite, you will see the possibility of Divine Inspiration; for if the inventor of a machine or the designer of a purpose can see the end from the beginning in his mind before he has constructed his plans physically, or executed his purposes; then it follows that the Infinite Mind who has constructed a universe, not only seeing the end from the beginning, but knowing the time it will take according to the law of development which He has established; knew at what periods certain events would take place, both in the physical and moral world; and hence by the same established law of communion, (which is the result of His own devising, for the harmony and regulation of a universe,) God could inspire the minds of men to foretell events of which the Prophets had no con-