In the first guesses, there was no guide but what Galileo used to call *il lume naturale*, the Light of Nature. What is that light of nature but the analogy between our own mind and the mind of Nature?

Some men scoff at the idea of a *mind* in nature. [—] Whether or not there be any consciousness in or behind nature is beside our purpose; yet it is needful to recognize that Nature somehow generalizes.


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