

Men who have
 been Educated
 with Works
 of Venetian
 Artists. under
 their Eyes
 cannot see
 Rafael
 unless they
 are born
 with
 Determinate
 Organs

I am happy
 I cannot say
 that Rafael

ever was from my Earliest Childhood hidden
 from Me. I saw & I knew immediately
 the Difference between Rafael & Rubens

“ It has frequently happened, (says this great painter,) as I was informed by the keeper of the Vatican, that many of those whom he had conducted through the various apartments of that edifice, when about to be dismissed, have asked for the works of Raffaele, and would not believe that they had already passed through the rooms where they are preserved; so little impression had those performances made on them. One of the first painters now in France once told me, that this circumstance happened to himself; though he now looks on Raffaele with that veneration which he deserves from all painters and lovers of the art. I remember very well my own disappointment, when I first visited the Vatican; but on confessing my feelings to a brother-student, of whose ingenuousness I had a high opinion, he acknowledged that the works of Raffaele had the same effect on him, or rather that they did not produce the effect which he expected. This