Locke's view of personal identity

"[T]o find wherein personal identity consists, we must consider what *person* stands for;--which, I think, is a thinking intelligent being, that has reason and reflection, and can consider itself as itself, the same thinking thing, in different times and places; which it does only by that consciousness which is inseparable from thinking, and, as it seems to me, essential to it"

Essay Concerning Human Understanding (1841)