

as it were from the larger sphere of mere existence to the narrower but more distinct sphere of external Reality, may be found in the process of the discovery of a new star or planet, in which also several stages of Reality may be distinguished. The planet Neptune existed in the mind of Adams as well as independently in the mind of Leverrier before it could be said truly that it existed in Reality, that is, in the heavens. But when Gallé, on the suggestion of Leverrier, looked for it and found it with his telescope within a certain constellation, it became a Reality, whereas before that it was either a mere idea or possibly a point on the stellar chart of its inventor or discoverer.

A still more impressive illustration of the wandering of purely personal experiences into the region of Reality where they acquire a fuller and larger existence may be found in the case of many convictions, ideals, or beliefs which, being primarily purely personal, become more vivid and more real through our imparting them to others among our fellow-men. Thus, a political ideal may acquire Reality by becoming the watchword of a party; a philosophical creed may gain reality, force, and vividness, by being imparted to and embraced by a school of pupils and followers; and the most sacred belief, a religious faith, becomes stronger and more real in the exercises of public worship or even only through the presence of surroundings in which other persons and things are felt to point all to a common object of reverence and adoration.

These examples show how things may move from one sphere of existence to another, losing or gaining Reality