

It is entirely through intersubjective communication that the outer firmament within the more comprehensive inner firmament gradually rises into prominence, occupying the first place in our attention and interest, and forming also the main, if not the only, subject of our communication with others. Through this intercourse with other persons the plane of the outer world becomes for us gradually filled up and completely covered with sensations which are, to a large extent, never experienced as such, but only imagined by us individually.

### III.

In the way just described, the complex of sensations which appear located in space gradually joins together and forms a new totality. This totality, which includes not only things fixed and defined in a distinct order, but also other persons, and our own bodies, and with them, as it seems to us, all the inner world of thought possessed by them, appears, in the practical and popular view of the world and life, to contain everything—we call it the Universe.

Before our physical or our inner eye, it appears as a great surface, which we learn has also the dimension of depth. The more we look at it, either directly with our physical eye, or inwardly in the memory pictures which we carry about with us, the more it seems to be continuous, with no gaps or empty spaces. Experience accumulated through ages, and adopted by us, has taught us that wherever an apparent empty space exists