

thing that can happen in the unfolding of the infant soul is when on its entry into this world it meets with the mother's love.

Yet here we must hesitate for a moment, for in thus describing what we may term the genesis of moral life in an individual soul, we are perhaps stating merely a rare and only an ideal case. In the majority of instances what should be the natural course of things is marred or distorted in the actual world which surrounds us.

In this way, what should be the normal and ruling order is only too often spoilt.

## V.

The last-named circumstance, that in actual life we meet so rarely, if ever, what should be the normal and true state of things, applies of course to every instance where the principle of Freedom which we have considered to be the principle of Order comes into play.

In the physical and cosmical world, where rigid mechanical rule seems to us to have undisputed sway, we see nothing of mistakes, error, or failure. No stunted beginnings, no lost chances are there to be found. Everything is natural and perfect and possesses the same reality. But with the entry of the ordering process of life into the physical world, there enters also the element of failure, of loss, of misdirected and unsuccessful effort, and the lower we go down into the first and primitive evolution