

number of purely personal experiences detach themselves in early life from the originally dim and confused background which we have termed the "stream of thought" with William James, or the "Firmament of the Soul," which we have considered to be a more appropriate metaphor.

We have also seen that this detached portion of our experiences rises into greater clearness and definition, and acquires the attribute of Reality, though originally the elementary experiences which constitute the real world have neither less nor more existence in the field of consciousness than other experiences which we consider to be less real or unreal.

We have also seen that many of these seemingly unreal experiences rise out of the region of mere existence in the mind, and join the orderly system and complex of real things. They do so by various features which they exhibit or develop; the most important of these being distinctness, definition, and the fact that we share them with other persons. We then say that they gain external or objective reality in addition to the lower form of reality, that is, mere existence.

It does not, however, follow from this view that of our personal experiences those are less important or valuable which are not able to acquire the same definiteness and communicable features as the sensations and perceptions which are endowed with spatial location and attributes. In truth those experiences which do not rise into the clear daylight of the outer world remain, as it were, nearer to our innermost self, forming, not the indifferent facts and events which