

the grand movement, and held it close to the plan which One Intelligence ordained and One Will perpetuated.

Such a train of reflections is awakened by the arrival of a ray of evening star-light. But our memories are stocked, I think, with information which bears our thoughts along other lines. We have seen how man's organization is bound up with the constitution and the history of the world. We know that man, in his own person, is the link which binds together the beginning and the end of geological history. In his material substance, he is a part of the material world. In his plan of structure he is brother of the entire sub-kingdom of Vertebrates. In the basis of his life he asserts kinship with all that lives or has ever lived. He can stand erect in the vast and majestic realm of nature and say, I am a part of it. I am bound up with it—not with the earth and moon alone, but with the stars. Their vicissitudes are my personal concern. I am made of world-stuff. The soul which swells within me, and seizes on the meaning of the forms of Nature—that unites me with the invisible and eternal.

We note another aspect of the unity of nature. Not alone the unity of things in themselves, but the unity of things with each other. Plant life dawned as soon as the turmoil of the primitive ocean had subsided. Humble animal forms rose above the horizon of being as soon as a place in the world had been prepared for them. As conditions improved organization slowly climbed the ladder of gradations, on whose topmost round man stands erect and regal. Throughout the history of life, the relations between organic and inorganic nature have been reciprocal and responsive—insomuch that a careless logic has held the organism to be the result of its environment.

Observe also, the correlation between the world and intelligence. The capacity of knowledge exists in the presence of something to know. And the objects of knowledge are accessible to the knowing faculty. With the knowable and the knowing faculty confronting each other, the pleasure of knowing also stimulates the knowing faculty to exercise, and