

used to denote the same thing, and even in strictly philosophical writings there is no fixed and authorised usage.

For our purposes we shall use the word Existence in the wider sense as comprising Everything, and we shall limit the use of the words Real and Reality to such things as have a double existence, that is, to what we are convinced has an additional existence outside our consciousness. The latter are, in fact, not only appearances to us, that is, personal experiences, but have, in addition, an existence of their own.

The difference is clearly marked if we take special instances. Things of the outer world such as Stones, Trees, Mountains, Stars, Animals, Human Beings, &c., exist in space and are called real things. They also exist for us as our Sensations, Impressions, Perceptions or mental Images.

On the other side there are a great many things which exist only if we think of them, to which, however, we attribute no reality. Extreme cases of this kind are Dreams, Fancies, Errors, Falsehoods, Lies, &c. That the latter exist there is as little doubt in our minds as with regard to the former, but we do not call them Real, they seem to exist only in our thoughts about them.

And again, there are Sensations or Thoughts in the widest sense which only exist for us individually but to which we are accustomed to attribute Reality, though not in the same sense as we attribute reality to things of the outer world. Among such experiences are, for instance, pleasure and pain. Nobody will deny that a severe toothache is a very real thing, though