

CHAPTER IV.

OF THE SELF AND OTHER SELVES.

I.

It may be that I have carried my readers so far with me, but it is quite certain that they will not be satisfied, and that there is something wanting in the description. Though they may admit, somewhat reluctantly, that all our knowledge and experience is one, a changing whole, our inner self, and that this inner self contains everything, so far as it is known to us, yet they will assert that there are many experients or other selves besides our own self.

It will therefore be necessary to explain how we arrive at this knowledge of other selves, seeing that, according to our foregoing statement, we cannot get outside of the circumference or the firmament, that is, the totality of our inner world.

And secondly, they will probably maintain that in speaking of our Self, we mean something more compact and solid than the momentary events which constitute our immediate experience, and which are embedded in the shadowy environment of changing and fleeting memories. What we have so far described as our Self appears on reflection to be only one side of this I or