

two is not clearly marked, and we are sometimes at a loss to decide where and at what moment the attitude of life appears or disappears. The clearer definition of this distinction is a problem which even Science is hardly yet able to solve.

As just stated, by far the larger portion of the objective or outer world appears, on investigation, to be devoid of life, and in consequence we are apt to neglect or entirely forget the living things among the overwhelming multitude of lifeless objects with which most of us are mainly occupied in the business of life.

In fact, being unable to give a clear definition of life itself, and seeing that most, if not all the attributes of living things, taken singly, are no other than those of lifeless things, a school of thought has arisen which is termed materialist, and which explains, or tries to explain away as merely apparent, the mysterious property of life. It is only in a special arrangement or order of the same elements that living things are distinguished from their lifeless surroundings.

The most searching analysis does not discover any difference in the constituent elements, nor in the modes of motion, and it is only when we try to put these elements together that we realise the impossibility of restoring that peculiar order or arrangement which living things originally presented to us. This peculiar property is termed organisation, and seems to be the *sine qua non* of life and *a fortiori* of personality.