

from a state of dependence on other minds with which it formed, as it were, a connected existence.

It is one of the great merits of James Ward's Psychology that it has emphasised the fact and importance of intersubjective communion.

To this subject we must now give special attention.

VII.

The fact that we share with others certain of our personal experiences may be held to furnish us with the first and most important criterion of Reality. Through this circumstance, a personal experience—be it a perception or any other form of sensation—acquires as it were a double existence; the purely personal becomes twofold, and this we term objective and subjective.

This may be illustrated in many ways. Not only does a seemingly objective experience like the *mouches volantes* mentioned above lapse into a purely subjective sensation when we find out that it only affected our own person, but on the other side what appear to be purely personal experiences may attain to more or less distinct objective reality if we find that other persons share them with us.

It is in this way that such sensations as the beautiful, the good, and the spiritual, which seem originally purely personal, acquire more or less of objective reality as we find that others share them with us.

This opens out a very large subject, which we cannot deal with in this connection. But the in-