

countries very rarely arrive at an understanding of the peculiar mental atmosphere which there surrounds them; it takes a long time and a distinct desire on their part if they are ever to feel themselves thoroughly at home, and share with the people they visit those deeper interests which form for them the background of their mental and spiritual life. Most foreigners, *e.g.*, who have been domiciled in this country, even for many years, taking an active part in the practical work and external life which surrounds them, remain strangers to the emotional and spiritual interests of the nation; thus, even if they do not live isolated from their surroundings, they return to their own country with a very imperfect understanding of the inner life of the people among whom they have passed the greater part of their lives.

What has here been said will suffice to impress upon the reader how various are the meanings of the word "Reality": how it comes that this word has no adequate and exhaustive definition, but is applied to very different sensations and experiences.

Whilst it is quite possible to give a strict definition of Existence in the sense in which we are using the term, it is not possible to give an equally clear definition of what we term Reality.

To exist belongs to everything which enters as a feature into the stream of our thoughts—taking the word in the widest sense; and *vice versa*, existence cannot be predicated of anything that does not enter into this stream, or that does not form a feature on the firmament and within the horizon of our consciousness.