

whereas for the totality of the inner world, we must maintain that it is continually *being created*. The counterpart of this statement is the popular view that the external world, or the cosmos, is eternal and indestructible; whereas the inner world, as it has grown in the course of the life of humanity, and in every individual instance, might also disappear without, as it seems, altering the fixed course of events in the physical universe.

We are obliged to use terms which have been invented under the predominating influence of external conditions and necessities in order to commune with our fellow-men, not only with regard to outer things, events, changes, but also when we describe the inner world of thought, sensation, and feeling. In doing so, we involuntarily import into our hidden meaning also some of the characteristics which attach only to the outer world. Thus the symbolical use of words is continually accompanied by the danger of carrying over attributes which are not really applicable to the things we are dealing with.

A singular transfer of the opposite kind is witnessed in the use of the two words mentioned in the foregoing: Force and Energy. Originally coined to denote purely subjective experiences, such as the effort we put forward in voluntary action, or the power latent in our inner selves, these two terms were in the development of science transferred to purely physical facts and events. There they misled students of nature into serious errors.

Force was used to denote an occult agency behind or beneath visible phenomena.