

And Energy, or, in the older expression, *vis viva*, or living force, no doubt suggested a hidden principle such as, under the designation of vital force, condemned biologists to follow alluring bye-paths into barren fields of research. Science has, within the last hundred years, efficiently cleaned out this Augean stable, and confined the terms, by a reference to visible and measurable quantities, to the actual world of physical phenomena.

The damage done in former centuries by applying purely mental attributes to the description of the physical world has been, in recent times, more than balanced in the opposite direction; for naturalists, on their part, have attempted to clarify the science of the mind by reimporting into this study the terms originally borrowed, but now stripped of the emotional colouring through which alone they were fitted to describe some primary experience of the reflecting and introspective soul.

The statements about continuity and the conservation of energy in the outer world which were made above in discussing physical science, require to be taken with caution when considered from a philosophical point of view.

Both notions are what we may call limiting ideas or abstractions. *Prima facie*, their applicability is not evident even in the physical universe, where the common-sense view is continually confronted both with discontinuities and with apparent losses and gains. It is only in an ideal reconstruction of the physical world, such as science aims at, that these two canons of thought have established themselves after thousands of years of