

The conception of order introduced us into quite a new world of ideas : for not only did we find this order in the existing world, but we recognised that the mind itself possesses the faculty of creating or rather of adding to the existing order of physical and mental things, facts and events, a new order which may be *that of art or morality or of both*. Thence we saw that the mind creates a new world which we term the world of Values, and which we recognise as a higher degree of Reality than what is usually termed the Outer World and is studied by scientific methods.

In this way we came to recognise three degrees of Reality ; the lowest degree being that of mere existence in consciousness, the next that of external or objective Reality, and the highest degree that of valuable or interesting Realities and experiences.

This highest region of Reality, the truly Real, is a creation or discovery of the human mind in which the latter shows its freedom. We may therefore term it also the world of Freedom. In it the mind rises from mere awareness or simple consciousness to an intellectual contemplation, and further to a spiritual enjoyment of its original and primitive endowments.

All this may be expressed in other terms, which will bring our reflections nearer to a view that has frequently presented itself in past and recent philosophic thought. We may say that the first stage of conscious experience of the human mind, both in the individual and the race, is a "going out of itself," the recognising of other persons and things. Though more and more absorbed in them so as to become partially or even at times wholly forgetful of itself, the mind