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XI
The Force. Object as presented without Boundaries - Extended

Objects not really given as complete with boundaries for:

- (a) In all but very small (or far) objects only a small portion is distinct - the rest melts away.
- (b) At most only the boundaries in 2 dimensions can be seen - you can't see when the back of your hand (or the front if you are looking at the back) stops. For all you know now it may stretch to ∞ .
- (c) Your attention is always wandering off the point - it is almost

impossible for the eye & attention to rest on one point for long.
The point extends itself, grows!! thereby expressing, not your
nature (the nature of your attention) only, but also the nature
of what you are observing.

(a) No hard lines round objects in nature. Draw
Examples.

(c) And certainly no hard lines or picture frames around
your presented pictures. Merely a fading at the edges.
No boundary, not even of darkness.

② Lessons of above: (a) Extension of Ch 5. (b) Time to cover
space — it takes time to cover space



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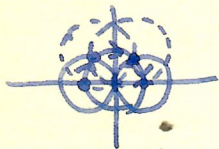
What I have been I will be.

What I have done is working its way round to become me.

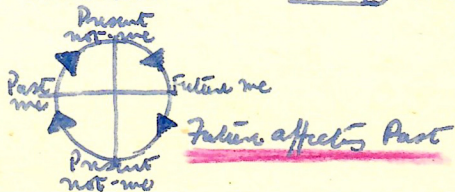
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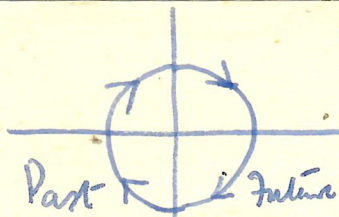
My object is on his way from ~~to~~ having been me

All that I observe is only temporarily other.



Circulation is really this.

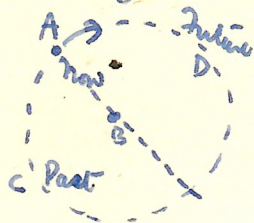




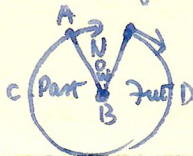
- ✓ Present does not affect Past
- ?? Present does not affect Future.
- ✓ Only past affects Future &
- ?? only Future affects Past.

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Take any moment in circulation of A about B.



Then C is Past & D is Future
But from B's point of view the
now is a wedge.



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Futurity in the Present - & the Past in the Present

All around us - futurity. For potentiality, (which is what we had far more than we had actuality) is the meaning of things for us. A grocer's or an ironmonger's shop is filled with potential meals, potential actions.

"It has in it, in him, in her, to be . . . so and so"

Things interest because of their use, which means future use. To live in the present is to be dead. To live is to live in the past & present & future.

Now the artist & mystic aim at seeing things in the present

They aim at finite limitation of objects, which is
giving them specificity, ignoring the Transparencies of the
Q which gives time-dimensions to everything.
Whitehead: Value is limitation.

But to limit time-grasp to present instant is to
arrive at nil. To increase it to Q is to arrive at
the blank of undifferentiated All.

It is the process of time-inclusion between these
Extremes which gives value & reality.)

Cf Advancing of Ideas p 246: legal contracts, limitations,
social understandings of all sorts are witness to fact that
future is something for the present. "Cut away the future & the
present collapses." (Omnos I say P.Pr.F. is organically one.)

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Past & Fut. in Pres.

Devery in Schellpp: Phil of ANW: (651) "Without the presence of the past in the immediate present there would be no keeping track of what we are doing (including thinking), or no power of selecting & adapting means to effectuation of the plans which are the future in the present. We should not now be aware that what is called "consciousness" is in flux, unless the past somehow lingers in the present so that we are aware of change & contrast."



The Futurity of the Upper Levels.

- ① The Earth isn't intelligent; Society isn't unified & a higher individual than a man. Life isn't one yet. God is not. There is no God. The atheist is right! Neither is there an Earth!
- ② Our task is to bring these things to pass. Up to now they don't exist. They lie in the future, our Future.
- ③ He who realises the existence of God & the upper worlds, & realises it vividly, has to that extent realises his own future. To think of God is to

transcend time, in so far as the thought of God is vivid. The Atheist lives in the Past & the Present, the ~~Deist~~^{Theist} in the Future.

④ But the Atheist is wrong in as much as the Future is Real & determines the Present. To ignore the Future is to ignore much more than half reality; it is to ignore the Real world in favour of mere abstractions from it.

⑤ But our Specious Present is for us the world's growing point. We here at our level are the World's Conscience with work to do at our level, for us, here & now. The Future is to build.

The Futurity of the Upper Levels

⑥ In our future, when Man is One, experiencing in his Specious Present, at that time the human individual is not separately conscious, but is only, from Man's viewpoint, a part of his past & subconscious mind-body. At this future date you are still nat, but only in Man. Now you are separately nat (up to a point). Then you will be unseparately nat.

⑦ This is Our Day. We will, as some fear, succumb to the Total Society, become cogs in the machines

of this & greater wholes. We will. And that
is our immortality. But this is Our Day, the
day of our Specious Present. This Specious
present belongs to & is a necessary part of all
the Future.,

⑧ So with evil, ugliness, pain. These exist now,
at our level, in this present. We strive for &
look forward to a perfect world but here &
now there is no perfection. Yet the imperfection
of now is necessary to the perfection of the
future. Heaven lies in the future.

The Futurity of the Upper Levels

① Society as a true & developed individual doesn't yet exist, any more than you exist for your cells. But the present undeveloped nebulous 'Society' is just as perennially functional & necessary in Society as your cells are functional & necessary in you. Utopia is founded upon the anomalies & evils of present-day society. The confused presentations of our society build up to the clear presentations of Society. The futile actions of our Society build up to the more perfect actions of Society.

(10) In a sense the developed Society exists (I mean that time is an illusion). Utopia is, but our viewpoint, being limited, doesn't take in this Utopia. Or only hazily, when it is to us an ideal or prophecy. Or again, partially, as when the saint lives the life of Utopia.

(11) C's disbelief curiously is right, because it helps to retard the coming of the whole. Our nation helps to bring the whole to pass.

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Arms & Legs & Time It takes longer & longer for impressions to reach you from your outlying organs the further out they are. And it takes longer & longer for you to convey your instructions to your outlying organs. In fact, impressions reaching you now started in these outlying organs (e.g. hairs) long before the centre (your human body) was constituted at all. And, then parts of your body will respond to your will after the centre has (apparently) ceased to be. Your universal body has a root of time-hollowness. It retreats & advances with time. It is like an amoeba throwing out an ad hoc pseudopodium, organs come into being along with the impulse they carry

& fade away as that impulse passes. In fact the organ & the impulse are the same from different aspects.

You exist from eternity to eternity; your body being spread out in time. And you actually see your body thus, spread out in time. One arm is 100 years away; this human arm a fraction of a second away; Bengal is 6 days away; the sun-arm is $7\frac{1}{2}$ minutes away. The comprehension of time is no theory: it is visible! How utterly simple & marvellous!

You know that all you ^{start to} do now will have plenty of body to carry on the work & that body gets more & more adequate to the work as it grows. Your body grows with your work.

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Arms, Legs & Time Fault in the efficacy of your good deeds whose reward is not evident, is fault in the performance of your own body. This body being so extended, takes a very long time to give effect to your full meaning & instructions. You don't remain here, but pass on with your deeds towards their fulfilment. This human body works by faith, you know not how. So your larger body works by faith: & you move mountains

The speed of light is the limit of the various speeds of your body-communication: there are many speeds. One speed is the Air-mail service, another the speed of nerve currents, another

the speed of sound. The lowest speed of all is what we know as the 'speed' of evolution up to man from 2-c, & from man to God. This is the doctrine of differential speeds. Up and down.

No wonder the Universe, your outermost 'arms & legs' look dead! For you see them in their baby-state. As though some of your limbs were so far away (the light from them taking so long to reach you) that you saw them as baby limbs. That is the way you see your outer body.

You can't act now with your further limbs - fortunately because you can be trusted to unconsciously. Your action has to travel out to them, & by the time your action gets there your deed is completed.