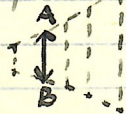


Temporal Idealism: Organic Time

S-P and Distance from Object When two monads that have been present to one another return to a distance then S-Ps become related in a different way. The SP depth AB, BA depends upon the distance of the object. Touch is absence of distance



& touch is at S-E level when the S-P is reduced to nil. On the other hand we see what was happening to a star 10,000 years ago. Our S-P

covers the period -10,000 years past is what we see, & our influence on the star in return is 10,000 in the future. Our S-P vis a vis the star is 20,000 years! Whereas vis-a-vis touch it is infinitely brief. Can we say that vis-a-

vis God our SP is 0 & vis-a-vis God-as-S-e our SP is nil?

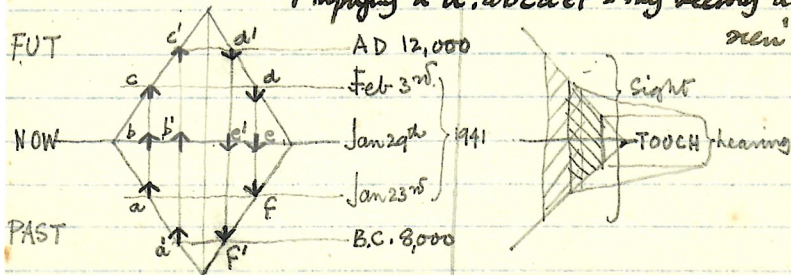
Your SP is no constant - 4 to 13 seconds or whatever they say - it is relative to what you are observing. Observing God, your S.P. is the same as his. This is a very wonderful instance of the Law that you become what you observe.

See how vital & organic the spirit of communication is. We are approaching the time when men will all be almost present to one another - the limit being the speed of light.

Touch is NOW - at o-c level - & embraces no time. That is why we shake hands. All success involves touch and have to appear on the NOW line.

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S-P + Distance from Object $a b c d e f$ = my getting a letter from B
 & replying to it. $a' b' c' d' e' f'$ = my seeing a star & being
 seen in turn.

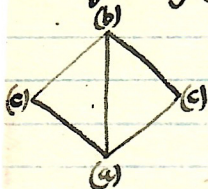


(a) Jan 23rd B. writes the letter I receive (b) on Jan 29th, on which day I write a reply to reach her (c) on Feb 3rd. When I write (e) however I bear in mind that (d) Feb 3rd is her birthday: the future (d) changes

the present (e). But the present (e) interprets its meaning & therefore changes (f) the letter I now receive at (e).

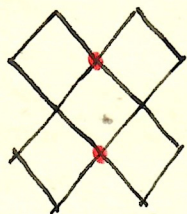
A letter written is not written-off. It has to be interpreted. All depends on how it is taken. (w) The past depends on how it is taken now & will be taken in future. Part of an object's reality lies in how it is taken. This is Temporal Idealism. Idealism says given is what it is for you, for mind, & is nothing in itself merely. Temporal Idealism is a special case of this doctrine: the past depends on what it is for what follows it. All time hangs together, & you cannot cut bits of it out. Time is absolutely organic. What happens at any moment happens really in all Time, centred round that crucial moment. There is no simple temporal location.

Temporal Idealism: S.P. or Distance God's 'letters' to you are dated from the Beginning (a). Yours to him are delivered at the End of Time (b). At (c) you receive & write. But the letters are cumulative. Your letters to God are defective, but are perfected at (b).

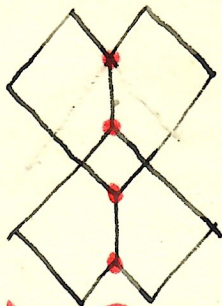


Your extended S.P. is God's, i.e. a-b, the whole of Time. Time is indivisible, really. Space is also indivisible, really.

Relate above to "arms & legs" of your visible body. The outer arms & legs do obey your will, but many thousands or millions of years hence. when you (your human centre) is no more! (Exp. Entry)



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Stage ① Two monads touching. ② Same monads at (Soc) distance. They are one in Soc

③ Same monads at infinite distance are one in God

Extinction of Species Incent can only be done by merging with higher or lower monads. This is the meaning of your breath. You are brief as man, longer lived as Soc, ... eternal as God. Just as you extend in space from human to social dimensions, so you extend in time to social dimensions.

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A distant object both Future & Past of me. Today, say, I get a letter from Bengt (written 8 days past) & write me to her in reply (will be received 8 days hence). Bengt as affecting me lies in my past: I as affecting her affect her future. The same is true of all interaction: when we are in the same room I hear her after she speaks & I reply before she hears.

Bengt lies 8 days ahead of me in time & 8 days behind me. In both capacities she affects my behaviour. As 8 days ahead of me she causes me to act; as 8 days behind me she causes me to receive. In one case the past Bengt changes me ^{now,} in the other the future Bengt

changes me now.

Is not this what happens when any whole affects me, & particularly when a T.V. whole does so? My active, integrative thinking & my physical action are 'caused' by, or are, the activity in the future of Soc., life, Earth, etc. And my passive, analytical thinking, & my physical reception are from the past of those same monads.

But this seems contrary to our 8, in which reception is from above-future, & action from below-past. How reconcile?

Is the difference that our relationship with parallel wholes, with fellow members of the same monad, is the reverse, in time direction, of our intercourse with those same fellow-members when they are seen as an aspect of the common whole?

Object as Future & Past of me. Is the solution this: the Society I passively see before me is disunited, primitive, evil. The same is true more or less of all the higher monads. But this impression, like Beryl's letters, comes to me from these monads' Past. Now I actively conceive a better & nobler & more unified society that I passively observe, & I act, or ought to act, so as to make this unified Society real. My action is controlled by, or directed to, the future of Society, as my letter to Beryl & directed to her future.

The more remote from this human layer it is, the further from me my higher monads are in time

- both past & future. Thus Life as One & Completed (as far as any finite creature can be completed) lies as far in my future as Life as Cells lies in my past. As so of Earth - molecule. This is clearly shown in the 8.

I lie in your past & your future - never in your present. I lie in Life's far future & her far past, in Earth's further future & further past. The Present has one meaning only. It means my human self. This is the doctrine of Her-n-now & the impossibility of world-wide instincts (see Eddington).

All my relations with life are cast millions of years from now in Past, and in Future. I have no Present dealings with life or anything else whatever.

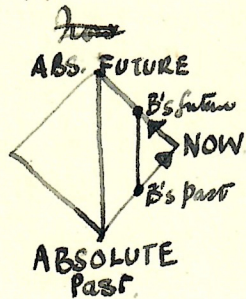
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Object as Future & Past of me So God is related to me, & I am related to God, not in this here & now, which is finite & imperfect, but in the Future & Perfect whole of Complete Content, & in the Past & Perfect whole of Complete Nothingness. This is how God knows me - by holding no track with this futile, isolated & present me at all.

It is always the future which knows us. The present is not an ~~exact~~ unreal abstraction; it is a needful part of reality, but by itself it is nothing at all.

But it is not only the future which knows us; it is the future-past. Life is maximum-minimum, Life-Cell.

And to gain Life is to gain Him in both His aspects. Your
projection is as much a thing of the past as of the future.



Now is nothing really. It is like
a point - a mere negation of
extension, but a very real & ~~it~~
necessary & notion of a limit.
You don't exist at the NOW, even
in your conscious mind, but the
narrower your conscious mind the

nearer you approach the Now-limit from either side.
Now-ness is now-existent, without temporal dimension.

Object as Future & Past of me All the letters I get are from
 Someone's Past. All the letters I write are ~~from~~^{to} Someone's
 Future. I can have no truck with anybody's Present.
That is absolutely Private. That is absolutely Separate.
 But it does not exist at all — save as a limit!
 You cannot be, that is, you cannot do anything,
 you cannot act or suffer anything, without losing this
 Privacy & Separation.

All letters, all communications you get are, ultimately
 from God, & all you send or do is to God. Therefore all
 that happens to you is Perfect & all you do is Perfect —

It is saved in him.

Salvation means two things. It means you & all creation are saved & cannot help being saved, & we never anything but saved. It also means that you & some other monads have come to realise that this is an accomplished fact. The Christian doctrine that you really are saved & only need to realise the fact is perfectly sound.

The more inclusive the whole I am identifying myself with, the greater the discrepancy between what I can see it as now, & its relatively perfect state as it is for me. If we men identify ourselves with and act & feel & think for Society, we are not doing so in & for present Society at all but the future Society.

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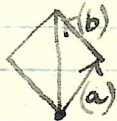
Object as Future & Part of me The Earth & the Sun & the Universe
is ordinarily "we", or think of, are from then far Past.
That is why we do not bring them up to date by seeing
ourselves as part of them, or seeing them as thinking &
acting in us. But the appeal of flowers & some animals
(the little horse) & mountains & sea & stars, is because in all
our activity, mental & physical it is to perfect Society,
Life & Earth that our activity is directed. We have no
touch at all with present Soc, Earth, Life. There is
no present Soc. Life, Earth! Just as for me
Beyl is about. She is not present, but lies both

in my past & future.

Then is no God. The atheist is quite right. But there was, at the World's beginning, God. And there will be, at the World's End, God. And for the atheist who artificially cuts himself off from his beginning & end, & confines himself to the present, there is no God in truth.

Everything, save as Now, has for you a dual aspect. Bengal is (a) as she was 8 days back (b) as she will be 8 days future. The present Bengal may be said to have only one aspect - "as she is now" - but that is only a limit. The two aspects of everything tend to merge into one at your Now, but never can do so, & still exist. The 2 aspects differ most at God level, & converge to identity at Man - Human - Now.

Object as Future & Past of me Physicists study the Universe in its Past aspect, theologians study the same Being in its Future aspect; they don't ordinarily realize they are concerned with the same Being. As if my letter from O to Benji took so long that she was no longer the same person, but had utterly changed in the interval. In a sense this is exactly what does happen in Evolution. All my letters from ^{the Universe} ~~to~~ take so long to get to me -



(a) time in fact, & my replies to Him take so long to get to Him - (b) time in fact - that He has in the meantime grown up from O-E's

to God.

A year or so ago I wrote of a saint, as adapted to a future society (James), really living in that future society. Now I see that we all, in so far as we have any dealings with society at all, have them with completed society in the far future.

Society is finite & imperfect, but the root of 'social imperfection' as we around us is not the imperfection of society as society completely is, but the imperfection of our human level.

Count ten before you act. Also it is easier to overcome pettiness in matters that take time. All good work takes time; the better the work the longer it takes. This is the future of the good. Truth & beauty are alike future. Only the present is evil, false, ugly.

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Atomicity of Time & of Space. The Aura's differential of Time.

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At the circum. all time is bred into a Period
 & all space into a Here. At the centre,
 all time is atomised into an infinite
 succession of instants, & all space into an
 infinite number of points.

Does Time then divide the world, or tend to atomise it,
 on the same principle as Space does, or upon another
 principle? Does an instant take a slice of the whole
 World & leave it a whole in Space? Does a cubic inch
 of the World remain for all Time? By confining the

Time dimension of the World, do its spacial forms
suffer curtailment, diminution, infers? By curtailment
the Space of the world, do we make it briefs,
do we interfere with its Utimely or its Duration?

It takes time to be a spacial whole. The higher
the whole the more time it takes to be that whole.
It takes precisely all the time of its evolution from
S-o level for any whole to be, what it is in space.

Of course this is abstract space, which needs
no time dimension. But concrete space: the
space, for instance, that the Earth is, needs more
time than we have yet realised, to be that much space.