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Level Mixing When you think of a flower as
coloured, growing, scented rock; of Earth writing of
the Moon "and ~~etc~~ art thou pale from wanners?";
of the Sun watching its ^{own} eclipse through my bit of
smoked glass — are we not contradicting the
maxim that at Earth level there are no flowers or
men, that a level supersedes its included levels?
Are we not playing fast & loose with developmental
time?

No. Quite the contrary. We are seeing the port & the
flower as differentiations of Earth, not as at this

own levels at all. Saying that men don't exist
at Soc level or cells at man level, is simply
to say that they do not exist at their
own lower levels, but only exist as aspects
of, or differentiations within, the higher level.
A man in Society is not a mere man but
a function of Society - an official or functionary.
A flower at Earth level is not a flower as
such but is an Earth-bloom.

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The Earth's Eyes. Earth's eyes - observations -
are further apart than ours. Therefore Earth - life -
Society can judge the distance of a star, ~~where~~ whereas
we have no idea how far away it is.

A monad's size relative to the thing seen, & relative
to the distance of the object, determines what is seen.

Really the converging lines, from either eye, by which
an object's distance is judged, are extensions - projections
& a part of yourself.



To Society the sun & the other planets look just
as near as a man looks to you. Obviously,
due to the size of the Earth-head.

And to the S.S. (with its nooting eyes on its
planets) the stars are ranged as near & as far
as men are ranged for you.

Growth in size of the observer reduces space
scale in the observed.

God, who sees the world (Himself) out of every
eye annihilates space altogether. Everything in
the world is infinitely near, infinitely far, & all between.
Which means that space is no longer space.

The Earth's Days & the Earth's Clock The same goes for Time. Your clock measures minutes & your calendar days & years. But Earth-Life-Soc's time scale, unlike yours such as you take up their viewpoint, is an affair of centuries, millennia, ages. Life's experience covers vastly more time than yours, yet for Life its experience is not "longer" than yours: time moves faster, & your lifetime is but a day. Mon 20 of SS & Universe.

One man, man as individuals cannot write History. History is a Society's memory: the memory of many men integrated. And the geologist does not himself

discovers Earth's History. He studies fossils & strata. He refers to Earth itself. He is merely Earth remembering its history. He is a part of the mechanism whereby Earth organises its experience into History-Memory, of which the time-scale is alone.

To the Sun & the Universe their History is no longer "drawn-out" than your history is to you. And their rise to themselves is no bigger than yours to you. And their environment no vaster than yours to you.

So does the Space of the World, & its Time, shrink as we ascend, & swell as we descend. Process & is the pulsating of Space-Time.

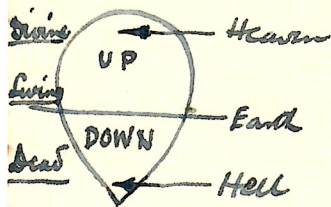
~~A.D. Ritchie: Civilization, Science & Religion~~

One moment at each level. Geocentricity.

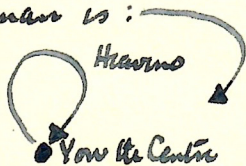
The Old Cosmology Right (44) "Naïve thought contrasts the realm of earthly things, changing, perishable, disorderly & on the whole evil, with the "heavenly" realm over our heads, where are sun, moon & stars, where everything is everlasting, orderly, perfect & divine, & from which comes the light that shines in our darkness. Thus there is an absolute up & down in space. Up above is the place where God lives, of which the "heavenly" bodies are parts or to which they are closely related. Beneath is the region where we live, a borderland between good & evil. Below our feet is the place of the wicked, at any rate of the dead."

(Guss) Heavens = Sky. Heavenly Body = star, etc. We talk of low behaviour & high thinking, of base metals, of the things which are above as more perfect. This is all true. The 8 is built like that: its construction is, progressively, helio-centric, geo-centric, bio-centric, anthropo-centric, ego-centric, cyto-centric, molecule-centric, atomo-centric, electro-centric, — & centric-centric! And this is right because a man to be a man must be at the centre, must be Ego-centric. The Earth is no Earth when it takes up a wider viewpoint. You can't be a broadminded molecule — & to interpret the molecule broadmindedly is to miss what it is. The new cosmology is thus in a sense basically wrong, for it mixes up levels. It thinks of you sitting on a globular earth.

The Old Cosmology Right. All Earth level you do not exist save as
Earth. It is no accident that when the Earth is visible as a
whole you are not visible: it is a fact that you don't exist
(as human) on a globular Earth at all but on a flat bit
of ground. There is a fresh cosmology for every level, +,
while there is a run in which higher levels have higher or
'inner' cosmologies, then are always fed by them of lower levels.
It is necessary to be true to one's own level, providing
accommodation then for all the other levels' processes, as well
as to travel away from home. The 'homely' cosmology of
the ancients is true.



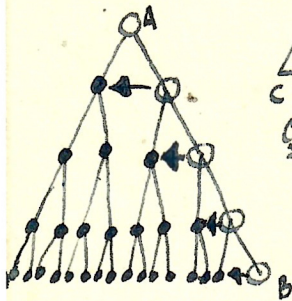
I say, a moral is itself, is of its level, because it is the center of the world, the only P.H. The 8 for you as human is:



The Old Cosmology, developed into Mabels Cosmology, means one of each sort of moral at every level. This is done by starting at the Center - which is as radical a method as the other, which is to start at the Circumference. You have no insides. The 8 as we normally draw it is simply pushing this necessary Egoism to its conclusion.

The Old Cosmology There is only one P.H. at each level. If you appreciate many P.H.s at one level then you have transcended that level & are at the next. You are, as individual man, the only P.H. If things or men are 'far away' - i.e. far away from you. if comprehensible - comprehensible to you. To be blue is to be blue to you. There are appearances in the world which you call men, but they aren't men - only hints that there are men. Until you know men as P.H.'s you don't know them as men, & when you do this you have arrived at Soc. level. When you think about France you are England; when you think about the Sun or Venus, you are the Earth; when you think about

God you are God.



God



You



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God is Δ abc. You are Δ ac'b, & a d-e is just the line AB.

When you see a star, you ascend

to SS level & see the star from there. That is why the star sees you as a star. You are a star when you see a star.

Thus it's not quite true to say there is only one monad at each level: there is only one PH monad.

There are in the world only Δ s never . You are a Δ (with a Δ line on the apex) God is a Δ , every monad is a Δ .

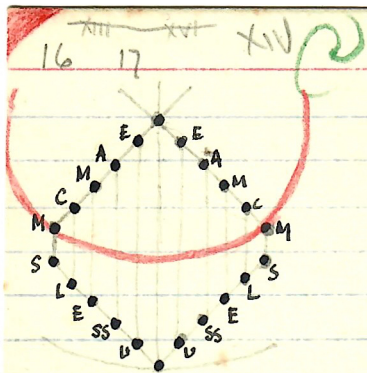
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The Old Cosmology except the S.C. But there is always only one monad really at the level which you are considering. Multiplicity always lies below that level, unity above that level. It is always the level below, which is Many: the Many is always out of focus: look directly at it & it becomes One.



Level iii demands the unity it has at level iv. The real things in the world are monads. Other things (whether collections of monads or parts of monads) derive their reality from the monads they contribute to, not from themselves. Level iii is an aggregate & to that extent unreal. A man is real.

An odd collection of men is unreal as such, but all men
i.e. the Social Monad is real as such. A chair derives
reality as chair only in Soc. This is the meaning of the
doctrine of one monad at each level. When God is
considering all or many men - they are Soc. When he is
considering one man there is only that man under consid-
eration. It is true that in you many things
of the same level exist: you think of many men as men.
But their unity is their unity in you: you are their
monadic unity.



Your human body fed you before you were human. Your reptile body fed you before you were reptile. In a sense it was your womb-reptile-hood that fed you when you were a cell in reptiles. All food comes to

you from the far future. Your warmth comes to you from ⁱⁿ your future Sun-body. Your seeing is in his body, before you are him.

You are as man an Earth Embryo inside your
Earth Mother, being fed by her. You are as
unfinished, as man, as you were, as a fœtus in
the womb. And it is your future that maintains
you.

Man is an E-embryo, as
Ovum is a [♂] man embryo.

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as the ovum is not
merely part of the
the human body. It is
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body, so the man is not
merely part of E, but the
end of E.

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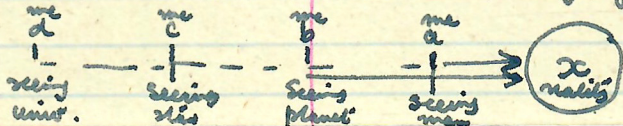
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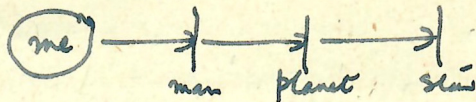
Space-Time. Seeing x a Reality in its diff. aspects is the
concrete reality. S.T is abstraction from this seeing.

All is present with us. We have a perfect view of the
 universe if only we could see it. It exists as "Universe"
 - nebulae, as "Stars", as "Planet", (what about life
 & species?) as Man (what about lower mammals?)
 for us to see. We are not at one range from it.

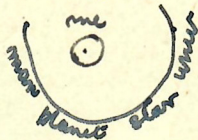


but at
all (or many)
ranges.

We normally make ourselves the fixture & regard our objects as movable, thus: -



A third way of looking at it: -



and this is what is given
Distance a mythical
construction. All is 2-
dimensional as given.

We can say that we have different time-relations to the various levels. It is as if Reality presented itself fully to our inspection in all its modes or levels - & it is the same reality whatever the level presented.

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How do physical things happen? For instance, when a shell is fired at a building, how is the building destroyed?
C.S. First, the shell hits the building.

A. The whole shell hits the whole building? [building.

C.S. Not exactly. The nose of the shell hits the wall of the

A. The whole nose & hits the whole wall?

C.S. No. The point of the nose hits ~~the~~ a brick in the wall.

A And still you must give me more detail.

C.S. Well, the molecules in the shell nose hit the molecules of a part of the brick.

A And?

C.S. The atoms of the shell hit the atoms of the brick,
but I'm not sure that they actually contact one
another.

A. Any more?

C.S. Well, the electrons of the atoms.....

A. What are electrons?

C.S. Well, that is not known.

A. So what happens is that the unknown ultimate
material of the world does something unknown, &
all that we think happens, in its own right so
to speak, is merely the way we apprehend (the
wants of) this unknown reality.