

- A. You create your forbears but do not become them, remaining a cell.
- B. You decide to become human.
- C. You create your children, but do not become them, remaining a human individual.
- D. Will a father one day be able to become his children?
Or will we at death merge with Society?

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(More likely that we as individuals fade entirely
out of individuality in the supremend regions.
Our human individuality belongs at the human
level. Then, in concrete time, we shall always
remain, a function in the whole, but I can't
see how you in the human narrow sense can
exist at any other level.)

What you can do is, at this level, to extend
your consciousness to other levels & gain the whole
in your lifetime.

Will you be reincarnated successively in Soc. Life
Earth SS. & V.?

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There are two enemies of awareness: ignorance - and knowledge.

Take for example the development of the embryo & the foetus in the womb. There are two parts of people who are not moved to wonder by this marvellous development: those who don't know about it at all, & those who know it too well. Not that one can really know anything properly - let alone too properly. But one knows many things as a matter of habit, familiarity, glibly - & this is worse than ignorance - for ignorance has at least the promise

of revelations to come.

Our C.O. can see because he doesn't know
as much as common sense.

Knowledge in the wrong place is ignorance.
Intelligence misdirected is stupidity. There are
some things you can only see by half shutting
your eyes.

Ignorance is regarded as a dark cloud which
teachers must dispel as quickly as possible. This
is a great mistake. Wisdom is the judicious
mingling of ignorance with information. Deliberate
selective ignorance, or the art of ignoring, is one of
the great arts of life.

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But in addition to the deliberate use of temporary ignorance - the art of ignoring - there is the other kind - permanent, growing ignorance.

Science is at least as much growth of conscious ignorance as of conscious knowledge. (Or it should be)

Every school ought to have ignorance classes. One of the faults of education is that conscious knowledge doesn't keep pace with conscious ignorance. This is because we don't tell children about the problems & the question-marks, but give always information. This misleads the child into thinking that what he

doesn't know, somebody must know.* There ought to be classes which teach children that how (a) happens, & why b~~x~~ (b) is so & so, & when (c) occurs - as all unknown & will probably remain so.

This book is planned to give you a picture of yourself in which ignorance - conscious ignorance - plays as large a part as knowledge.

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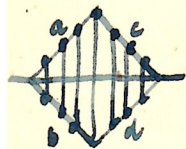
Our Cells controlled by a future Life we are building. Symmetry I

When Life has reached its full maturity of intelligence, it will have extended its self-control down to the cell. It will understand cell-nature, design & control its cell-behaviour.

When Soc has reached its maturity it will have achieved an adequate Psychology of Man, & an adequate Physiology of Man. So with Earth-Mob. and so on.

Between Soc & Life: i.e. in the period during which Soc is developing into Life, it or he will learn to control organ after organ, tissue after tissue, down from Man to cell.

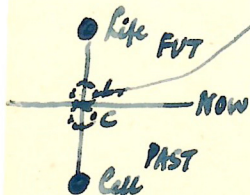
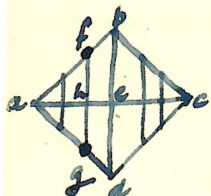
We need not expect to find ~~either~~ complete monads



in the T.V. series or in the T.V. members series, then.
Any more than we can expect Society suddenly
without intermediate stages to develop into
fully integrated life.

Now the lovely thing is that, according to the Law of ^{the} Symmetry
of Time, it is this future knowledge about cells that life has
which really operates our cells. Life runs our cells from
the future. $\frac{a}{b}$. Scientists' work in cytology, histology
etc etc, is ^b a part of the very process by which cells are
existent at all as running concerns (or as anything at
all!) This is the idealist doctrine — only made more
real. We make, we create, we discover ourselves in, Nature.
At the same time Nature is given, a hard datum. &c.

Symmetry $\frac{1}{2}$
of Time.



(2) This gives a totally different picture of ^{the} Evolution & You can't get to the Past by travelling along a d or c d, but only along the NOW to a e. All time, future as well as past, centres about this NOW we are in. In a sense, as we travel along the Neutral Axis, we come to point h, where Life & Cell appear in the present, and to other points, where Earth, m, God-Se, etc appear in the present. But this present is really an expanding Aular one. It is Δ . The Story of Evolution as generally told, and as

Mabel tells it, by way of scaffolding in Part III, is an abstraction. There is no such Part at all! There is only the deeper & deeper Now. There is no such Future as we predict, no development of Society, Life, etc. in the Stapledon manner. There is no such hope for Society or Life or Earth etc., that they shall be made sufficiently perfect or become adult in any historical sense. Their adulthood is of a piece with & not to be separated from their infancy. Advance along the neutine Now & you will come to a section of the Now that includes this Adult Society, which guides us men, which is as.

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Unborn for Immortality

The Germ Cell that Grows by Sympathy, & The Germ Cell that
dies its life by withdrawing Sympathy. Heart: the hard
 nut with its triple layers of physical appetite, possession, &
 recognition, must be buried & rot & be eaten away by the
 new life's germ ("Cred of Christ", 89)

I have, so far, overlooked the process of the process whereby
 the germ cell becomes the multi-cellular animal (by
 extension of 'sympathy') One can & should equally
 regard the attracting & withdrawing process as fundamental.
 You can only survive (in your children) by narrowing
 your sympathy down to cell-hood first, before you
 cell withdraws the process & grows up into your child.

The cell growing into you is repeating in more order the ungrowth by which, from man, it descends.

"Except a corn of wheat fall in the ground & die

Your 'immortality' in your children is conditional on your descent to cellhood. Thus do you descend to Life's "Minimum" to partake (in prospect) of its maximum. Every creature does this, starts 'at Life' & not 'at Species'.

Do you, to gain the 'immortality' of the Species, have to descend to, & be reborn as, a little child (of the Kingdom of Heaven)? And to gain the 'immortality' of the Earth, descend first to Indivisiblehood - dying to all that is above the mol.-level & regaining from there?

Unifying the principle is thus clearly:

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Growth for Immortality You have, (to grow beyond your present status upwards, to attain an 'immortality' greater than that attaching to your present level) - you have to descend, & try again. You have to undo all you have done to limit you to this present level. You have to recede or ungrow to the point where you embarked on this particular venture. Painfully you have to examine your past in all its detail, going through it in reverse, undoing it. This is confession of sin; this is becoming a little child again & rejecting of the hardness you developed as an adult; this is what the psychoanalyst tries to do when he analyzes the sources of complexes. Cf. Buddhism: examination of

You put in worse order. This is precisely what Mabel sets out to do in part III.



To gain a' you must retreat to a : to gain b' , you must retreat to b . Otherwise you are too great, important, big, to gain the wider life, the 'immortality' of the higher soul.

a, b, c , are the eye of the needle.

You are a seed or rather a series of seeds one set boxed within the other. The 'box' theory (of Leibniz & others) is essentially true. There is a level within you literally, a physical-psychical level, to which you can descend, to grow again to a much wider life. There is

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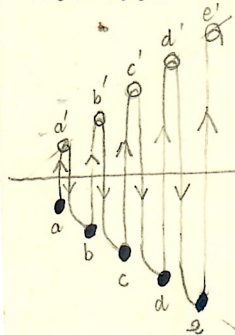
Ingrowth for Immortality a graduated hierarchy a, b, c, d. of Seeds. But for the Seed to germinate in its turn the husk of it must die. For you to be incarnated as Society, you must become a little child (or to be 'in Christ, the Son of Man' you must become as a child). For you to be incarnated in Life you must become one cell. For you to become incarnated in Earth you must become molecules, i.e. die as a man in the common run of it. For you to become incarnated in S.S., you must become atoms. Presumably this means you will have to wait till the Earth is absorbed by the Sun. And so forth. Each group can only develop

when its husk has died.

Does this mean that each growth has to be fully tried out before the next seed in the box can germinate - No, surely. Seed (a) germinates, grows to its full limit of a' and dies off, together with the old (a) seed. It dies off right down to (b) seed level, to the (b) that was boxed in (a). Again the seed germinates: a simpler, smaller seed, but it flourishes more than (a) did.

And so forth.....

[A corn of wheat falling into the ground rises to the status of a plant. Falling lower, in you, to molecule status (as food)]



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ingrowth for Immortality it rises to greater - to human heights
Work this out, too.]

You die down to molecules & are raised in a glorious
resurrection from the dead - as one of the Angels - the Earth.
And so on, through deeper deaths & higher lives, to
God himself.

But note this ~~off~~ business of dying & resurrection
is going on all the time & is the whole basis of the
Lower' world of your being: they are lower only because
they are also higher.

Query: You have to die down to molecule level literally, in
the physical sense. This does not mean you do so deliberately
& consciously, with pre-vision of the results. But we should
& must become so conscious. After all, mental progress

is precisely this: becoming conscious of what was before
unconscious & implicit. (Hobhouse)

Our business is to die now deliberately & of our own
free will. We see how it is necessary to what we want
to achieve, i.e. a fuller, wider, longer, finer, life & we
deliberately take on this dying. Death is swallowed
up in Victory! We shall be with Christ, which is far
better!

This is Freedom: to choose deliberately the path we must
take, to rise in what was before limiting & beyond as
in Death - the way to a wider life. So is all evolution,
ultimately, free; it is the result of persuasion & not of
"will-power above". The whole process of the world is ultimately
a free & 'democratic' process.

Ungrowth for Immortality ⑤ The doctrine of Purgatory, & further preparation for Heaven, may fit in here. We don't die right into Heaven at once.

The plant has to wither down to its root (if it is perennial) for the winter, that it may be renewed in the Spring. So is its life a W-W-W. The tree has to advance & retract W-W annually. Man has to ungrow to the mind of a little child, to grow ^{again} again & to keep his freshness & not become hard and old.

The childish man has ungrown those accretions of later years - physical lust, passions, thirst for recognition. He has shrunk. And the shrinking, the reverse process of growth, is perhaps harder than growth. To acquire virtue & fame is hard; to ungrow them deliberately & not

ment to survive cheerfully than disappearance, is harder still.
So too right down the scale & ungrowth is as much a
matter of effort as growth.

And, as a matter of fact, it is much more
fundamental. The & 'downward' forces are the forces
of Being, pushing out against Non-
being, whereas the opponent upward
forces are the forces of non-being fighting
a losing battle against the forces of
Being. Of course the ↑ forces are created
by the & forces, just as one creates
a wind by running against it. But the ↓ forces
are where the real effort lies. The ↑ forces are due to



Non-Being