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The Limits of Evolution. (11) Chap. 25 (Unlimited) is only half the story, & not much progress can be made without Chap. 26 (Unseparate). The price you have to pay for progress is the supersession of your human self-hood. The 'natural' man cannot perceive the things of God. The achievement of the Superman level involves down-going.

But remember that these upper levels are not alien powers or persons to which you must do obedience or surrender. They are more truly your Self than this human self is.

Opposites are One. The Dual Aspect of Everything.
Heraclitus. Hegel.

① God is Himself & Supreme because he is the Least among us.

Here God is Omniscient

Here God is innocent

Here God is only acted on & wills on.

Here God is wholly active & never acted on.

② In your case, every bit of knowing means unknowing.
To grow up to spiritual maturity is to grow back to

become child-like. You do not only have to reach God at A & C; but at B also & one goes with the other.



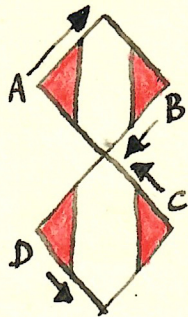
③ Thus it is that every monad has its two aspects (a) the height it has climbed to, (b) the depth it has sunk to. Earth - molecule, Life - cell, & so

forth. These pairs are really the same thing. A molecule & Earth are 2 aspects of one thing. Just as Immanence & Transcendence are both aspects of One God.

Opposites are One ④ That is why throughout Mabel we alternate between your greatness & your littleness, your unlimitedness & your unseparateness. The two are correlative.

⑤ That is also why in Mabel unknowing is as important as knowing, for it is the condition of knowing. God is the supreme knower because he is the supreme unknower.

⑥ The Opposites are always apart in time: their positions embrace the time-field you have made your own.



Your evolution at A + D is your evolution at B + C.

⑦ It is extremely important to remember that the opposites are in every case really One, not divided at all. There are not Society & man, Life & cells, etc. There are only society-men, Life-cells, Earth-molecules.

⑧ Monads evolve, then, in two directions. Each monad grows up & down, & as far up as down. Evolution is at once positive & negative, integration & differentiation. The one is the other.

Opposites are One (9) Really the lower monads are abstractions from the higher ones, & vice versa. Aloms as men aloms are not real.

(10) A monad's evolution is like a rocket's flight: the advance is measured by the retreat, the rocket's motion forward is due to the motion in the opposite direction of its explosive material. Every action has an equal & opposite reaction — every evolution has an equal & opposite devolution.

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in such wise that confused perception & complete
passivity were synonymous" (Ward: Realm of Ends?)

(One Confused perception = undifferentiated perception
of naked monads) The Centre.

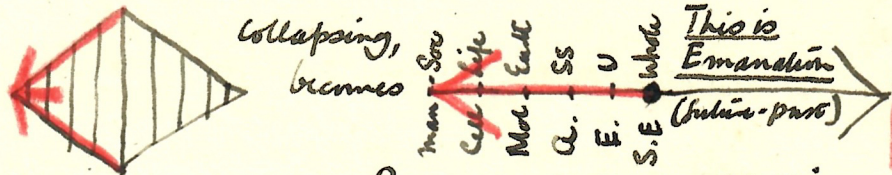
Later. One. God is nescient at Centre: what
we must attain to is capacity to unlearn to
amputate our mental extensions - e.g. to forget
the existence of flower-seeds. This unlearning
the condition of true knowledge. SS. knows so
much more than us because it also knows so
much less! Matter is guarantee of
very high TVs!

Your Past and your Future are the Same, seen from two aspects.

- ① You have not a Past and a Future, you have a Past-of-You, or non-Present you, which is Past-Future.
- ② So also your Outside or your Inside are different aspects of the You-of-Other texts. You really have no Outside ± Inside, but only Outside-Inside.
- ③ Past is Future. Future is Past. We have had many glimpses of this. Such as the belief of 'Past' men & of 'Future' men in Angels, Panpsychism, the Other

World. We call this Spiral progress. Actually the Past & Future are one, seen from different angles. What we call Future & past are different aspects of the same undivided Reality.

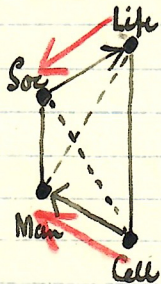
④ These divisions are Cell - Life, molecule - Earth etc.



⑤ But note that your Future is in the completing, perfecting wholes of Life, Earth etc, whereas your Past was there under the aspect of their parts.

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Your Past & your Future

⑥ In growing up (in your Past) to manhood, you have also achieved your Future. For your progress to Man was also your degeneration to Man, from God. Retreating into your Past, then, and the realisation of your Future, are the same thing - returning to God.

⑦ Your growth, in the womb, from cell to man, was, in its other (future) aspect, the growing merging of Soc. with life in reverse. This sounds difficult. Put it this way:

Society is dominating Life & one day will be merged
in Life. Life is dominating Earth, & one day the
whole Earth will live & there will be no Earth
and Life. Now this future process of Soc →
Life → Earth etc. is your part of molecule →
cell → man in reverse.

You have to retrace the road you came along.
You have to travel to God by the same road
by which you left Him. But naturally, since
you are now travelling in the opposite direction,
things will look different. You are discovering things
other side. This other side is what we call the future.

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Your Past & your Future You arrived here via Sun, Earth, and Life. You make the return journey via Life, Earth Sun. Naturally the stations are in reverse order on the homeward journey, & they will look different. But they are the same stations.

⑤ Now generally, the evolution of the Earth from the Sun, of Life from the Earth, of Society from Life are the same as the (future) merging of Society & Life into one harmonious organism, the vivification of Earth, & the merging of Earth into the S.S.

⑨ Actually, however, I would say that the first series is only an appearance, while the second is Real.

Strictly, there is no Species, Society, Life, Earth etc in the Past, but only lower monads. We know these higher monads not from our Past but from our Future.

⑩ Our Object in life is to bring about the unification, in one harmonious whole, of nations into Society, of Society & other Species into Life, of Life into Earth. This is reversing the process whereby we as cells left molecules behind us, & as men left cells behind.

Concrete Time & Your Past. If the Past is 'gone', & the future 'isn't', & time isn't concrete or all-there, then to talk of you in your fish ancestors or even in your human ancestors is nonsense. But not so in the other view of Time. If you are somehow eternally an aspect of the world, if when 'you' were in fish you were not non-existent as man too, if there is a sense in which you as in reptiles, & mammals, & men, & fish, & as man & so on, exist together in the same reality, then there is no denying the Youness

of the whole history. In fact we can only label
the whole history YOU, & to call this human
You "you" is an unwarranted abstraction.
It takes the whole history to constitute this YOU.
or not a moment now an aspect of it all can
be spared.

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We say: our bodies have stopped evolving & we are, instead, conductors of the life force which is evolving the outer layers & instruments of man. Projected Evolution. See Heard.

This is a parochial view. We have got to this level, & are slowly advancing. Then, at this low-layer level, future is for us becoming past. Then we are creative. But is not one of your molecules at its level likewise creative? It is advancing towards enzyme-hood or crystalline-hood (or whatever it is) that lies in its future.

If it could think it would look on atoms,
& its molecule body, as Past, & spheres which
were simply the avenue of evolutionary urge,
an urge which really found expression in
its own creative behavior outside its body.

Each monad has its own growing level
just outside itself. This is the point where
its future is becoming its NOW. This is the
creative layer.

The world is Creative from top to bottom. Every
Now is creative - disintegrative, the focus of
Evolution, a growing point.

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It seems to you that you are making new buildings
& new inventions. What you are doing is, at
this point, absorbing the future.

The developed soul, becoming more self-conscious,
will be able to extend this NOW, to become
aware at other layers than the original &
normal human conscious level of words etc. Much
of this book is an attempt to transcend this
narrow NOW.

Self-consciousness of our true kind is the ability
to (initially & half-heartedly & vaguely at first)

Experience the Creativeness of Existence at
Other Time levels than our Present.

Later. Each monad has its NOW Thus
time is utterly relative to monad under
consideration. World creative through &
through - at different time levels.

But a monad's NOW in a sense embraces
the NOWs of its subordinates.

Also grasp of the Now as Specious Present
becomes more inclusive.