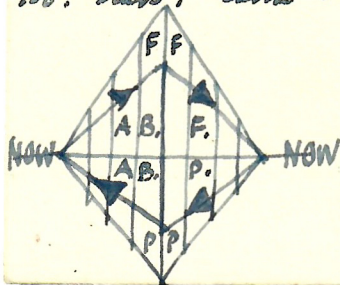


Time & Vision star at its own level. By what amounts to widening
your S-P to twice the no. of light-years distance of the star.
 Your S-P is elastic, & varies according to what you are observing.
 When you think of God, you are really widening your S-P to
 its ultimate limit. As you think of God the Creator, of God
 the Sustainer & Evolver, or of God the Final Perfection, of His
 World, you are embracing (in abstracted guise of course) His
 S-P, his Timeliness or All-Embracing NOW. ① It is, then, no
 accident that you can't see the events happening "now" on
 Betelgeuse, or that letters take time, or that light has a
constant velocity. Your NOW has structure, & this is its

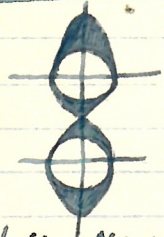
Structure. When you are a star, i.e. when you realise the star level (SS) of yourself, you have to live like a star & have the (symmetrical) net of Now a star too. This Now is simply a broadening of the Now (which also embraces the even at human level, & is not the apex) that you enjoy when observing nearer monads. To contemplate God, Stars, Earth & Sun really is to broaden the mind.



⑩ Note, the arrows work both ways. In a sort of postal system.

And your communication with the monad (say star) is via the whole 8. The speed of light is the speed at which light (v.e.) can build up into you-seeing-star. Terribly important.

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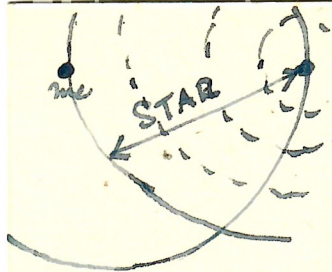
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Even in seeing, it is not a question of light coming to you from a distance, merely making the journey; it is a question of (a) the light (s.e.) building up to you of (b) the whole breaking down to you. But (a) & (b) are still abstractions from the one process which is (ab) i.e. the narrowing-down of the higher NOW (which includes, as you [human] would say, ever more past & more future) to the lower now which you as human embrace. ① When you see a star you see the star on the star's terms, not on your narrow human terms. These terms are surely that you shall observe the ~~the~~ scope of the star's

life. Of course, you must remember that you are simply
exploring another level of yourself. (12) You have, then, an elastic
S.P. Even in your dealings with men your S.P. varies
between $2 \times$ light distance and $2 \times$ postal-telegram distance
- the latter being governed by (a) speed of post & (b) location
on Earth's surface of correspondent. So also your S.P.
with regard to Sun varies according to season of year, &
your sp. with regard to stars according to their distance.

(13) When you "re-ite-rā" you can say to yourself. Now
is (as seen) - 1000 years & (as seeing me) + 1000 years;
altogether this Now of mine, as the rā is present to me,
(or as I & stars are together, component) is a Now of
2000 years. I have witnessed my Now to the star's now.

Time & Vision ⑭ The star is a star because it is so far from me. A star should be defined as Reality observed from a certain distance. A star is the World; or rather stars, the star-level, is the World — at a certain range. There is no star there, at all. There is only the star here ↔ there, See Whitehead on fallacy of simple location. Thus no level of ||| exists in its own right but only as (a) grasping all other levels & (b) grasped by them. If I were to travel to the star I would never arrive. Here is where stars are stars. If I travel to the picture I do not find the picture. The picture is not there; it is here, where it is a picture. The star is a star here.



The star is at Nāś-luvē Her, where
you observe it, but nearer to its
centre it is less than a star!

So you [as-human] must, to the Star,
be, not you-as-human, but a

STAR! To the Star you are a

STAR and not human: the Star

is to itself 'human' & less. Thus you



are, what you see. When you see a

Star, you are, to that Star, a Star. The essential thing

in seeing a Star is to be far less than a Star, then you become

the Star! To become X, you must become less than X

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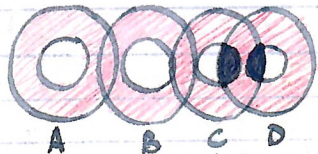
Time & Vision E.g. To see (be) the picture you must contract to A, & not expand to B. For at B there is no picture.



To be a man amongst men you must keep your distance. A & B are men.

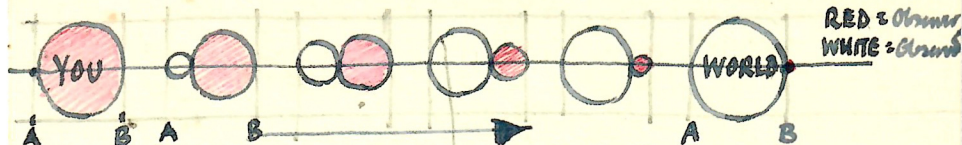
C & D have not "kept their distance". They stand in the relation not only of man & woman,

but in the lower (sexual) animal relation.



⑮ God is God-as-seen-from-Nothing.

To withdraw from the world - you are observing is obviously to see more & more of it. You have withdrawn, & rather, you are by nature withdrawn from the



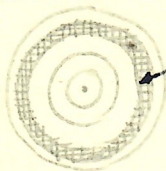
the world in different degrees. In so far as you are expanded to univ. level you observe the world as a world of electrons & think as a physicist. In so far as you contract to man you live at the social level & observe the world as a world of men (w) [The world of men, the world of astronomy, etc.: these expressions wonderfully true.] In so far as you contract to Nothing you see the world as one whole - God. Note, distance A B is constant. (16) Cf. Lao Tze: to be All, be Nothing. Cf. St. John of the Cross. (17) THERE ARE NO STARS, MEN, PLANETS, etc. or any monads at all. For a man

Time & Vision is not to itself a star, a planet is not to itself a planet. ~~to star is star~~ [If you object: 'a man is to himself a man', I say: 'he isn't. He has to become Soc before, as Soc, he uses 'himself' as a man] Thus a star is itself, i.e. to itself as P.H., a P.H. of atoms; a planet is a P.H. of molecules; Soc is a P.H. of men; life a P.H. of cells. (?) But then are all abstractions: these are not realities. The real is a pulsation between the two phases listed. No phase exists all on its own.

⑧ A man looks the opposite of what it is. The star looks a star: it is atoms. Life looks a Cuckoo; it is cells. Man looks a man: he is Society. The S.C. looks an S.C.: it

is God! God looks like God: he is an S-e!! Just let's go
& have a look. Look at life, closely, right up — you see
cells. Look at Stars, you see atoms. But ask the atoms
what they are, & they reply: Stars! The cells, & they reply:
Life! (Q) It is as cells, then, that you know life; as atoms
you see the Stars; as God (S-e) you know God (whole).
As man you know Soc. In other words a man is not
only or even principally a man, but all the other animals.
So is the menadic scaffolding exposed.

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Time & Vision (20)

The Star is a star at S. level only. At other levels it is a Universe a planet (perhaps) an atom, etc.

S. a star then is the BELT, around a centre, in which a star is visible. Just as a picture is the belt round a centre, in which a picture is visible. The belt, then, is a belt of observers,

observing STARS. (21) You have a man belt. A belt, around you as centre, from which observers see you as a man. Another belt, from which observers see you as life, Earth. Another belt, from which, observers see you as cells. Another - contact 'belt' (only it is a point) where the observers & you are one - the Centre. Now you are, Externally, what these observers see of you; i.e. their p.h.s. Internally, as P.H., you are the observers.

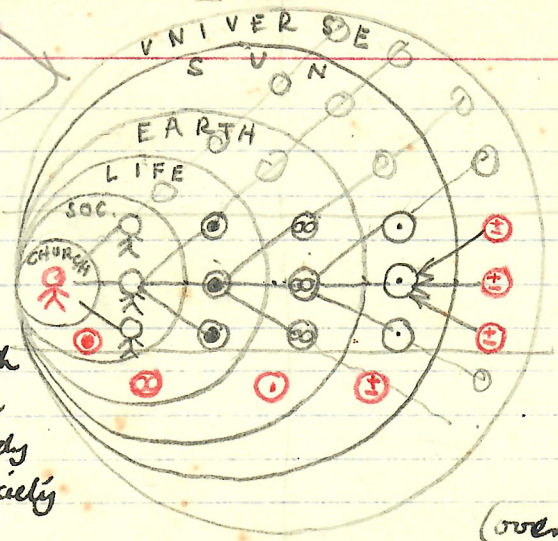
Your inference in each level is thus double: (a) you are what
you are from that level + (b) to that level. You see at any
given level what you appear to be from that level. You only
are yourself. From this level you are a star

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At all levels there are
five units, that have
transpired into others
when their kind is
abnormal except as
subordinates.

E.g. Atom rarely free in Earth

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|----------|---|---|---|---------|
| Molecule | " | " | " | Cell |
| Cell | " | " | " | Body |
| Man | " | " | " | Society |



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What is the function of these gate-crashers?

Is it in all cases innovation, change, disturbance - as in the case of the free man in society?

Thus both the monad that seeks individuality to integrate & the monad that resists integration are necessary to evolution.

There are always a large number of free electrons about (see Sullivan the ④)

Free atoms very rare on Earth (see Burroughs ④)

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Exploding the Atom 270 Our powers will be limitless when science liberates the force condensed in matter. (As is this done when 'we' have evolved to run level, or, really, by the SS at its level? Does Man use men's energy, life cells' energy, Earth molecules' energy, SS atoms' energy? So that the Monad utilises the energy of itself - of its minimum aspect. In that case it is Man that knows how to release men's energy, Life that knows how to release cells' energy, Earth that knows how to release molecular energies, & so forth. This links

Beautifully with my doctrine of life being conscious down to
cell level, Earth to m. level, etc. When man uses
molecular energy, he doesn't know how he does it
though he has some knowledge: Actually he is then the
partially conscious instrument of Earth.

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- 1 When I raise my hat I do so as in Society
- 2 When I walk upright I do so as in Race.
- 3 When I copulate I do so as in Reptile-Animal Group.
- 4 When I feed I do so as in Life
- 5 When I fall I do so as in Earth
- 6 When I am warmed, it is as in Sun.
- 7 When I am, it is as in the Whole.





What do we mean by
"destroy"?

Divisibility = Progressive Destruction.

Example: Cut a house in two & it is no longer a house.
A room remains untouched. Cut this room into
parts & the room has gone. Go on dividing till you
get down to a brick: cut this brick into bits &
the brick has gone. Divide the molecules of the brick
& they with their qualities disappear. And so on. At
every division the 'highest' qualities are destroyed.
And when we say "destroy" we mean: Break up
into small bits.

It is just the same with time. Take a symphony & divide it into a dozen bits: then bits are not little symphonies, but they are still music. Divide further till you come down to one chord. This isn't music, but sound only. Divide the duration of this sound & the sound disappears, for the sound wave is extended in time.

The law is: the more inclusive an object in time & space the richer its qualities. Or, if you prefer, the more real it is. The most inclusive thing is the whole World, which must, as its whole being at its undivided level, be far richer in qualities than we can imagine. It alone is completely real.