

"At times, however, in a fleeting vision, the invisible breath that bears the living is materialised before our eyes. We have this sudden illumination before certain forms of maternal love, so striking, and in most animals so touching, observable even in the solicitude of the plant for its seed. This love, in which some have seen the great mystery of life, may possibly deliver to us life's secret. It shows us each generation leaning over the generation that shall follow. It allows us in a moment of insight to perceive that the living being is above all a thoroughfare, and that the essence of life is in the movement by which life is transmitted."—HENRI BERGSON, "Creative Evolution."