

unlimited space, it does not simplify our idea of it to think of a boundary in the far distance. For if there be a boundary that boundary must be of unlimited thickness, or there will be empty space beyond it. But now we have rendered our conception only the more complex, for we have to think both of unlimited space and of matter filling it. To think of time as limited is equally impossible.

Such, also, is the nature of life. Life is infinite in two respects. We believe that the soul has eternal (*i. e.* infinite) life. But it is in another sense that we wish to consider the *infinity of life*.

There is implanted in every living organism, when fully developed, a principle or energy affording it the means of propagating to infinity the race of which it is a member. This is an attribute of *all* life. And if we accept the theory of evolution, the thought of it is only the more wonderful. For then it is only rational to believe that there was once, conserved in a single speck of protoplasm, the energy which was to convert, or the principle which was to transform energy to convert, incalculable masses of inorganic matter into active bioplasm, to tinge the arctic snows with red, to cause earth, air, and water to teem with busy millions, to cover the mountain-side, and pave the ocean bed with tale-telling rocks—"the autobiography of the world"—to cause islands to spring up, dotting the face of the deep, to rear magnificent forests, and people them with their savage denizens; and, in its ever onward course, culminating in man, to cut down the forests and destroy their fierce inmates, to cultivate beautiful farms, to build cities, towers and pyramids, and, above all, to improve, govern and respect himself.

Wonderful it is to contemplate the development of the life-germ into the speaking, thinking man. But how incomparably more wonderful is the thought that from this germ may be developed an individual having power to perpetuate *to infinity* the race of which it is a member.

Small things may indeed grow to very great ones. The