

understands and loves is not so very far in essence from that overmind which functions and expresses its being through the phenomena of nature.

We cannot measure all the final forces that lie behind the expressions of law in the physical world, but we can measure their immediate effects. Thus we do not feel as strangers in a world whose seas run ringing up their coasts responsive to the sway of the moon, for we too feel the moods and tenses of the night, and know and feel the presence of that Good Shepherd who

"Bids the stars perform their shining"

and leads the constellations like flocks of sheep along the meadows of the sky.

Thus the thought, feeling and high purpose of life are re-tuned to the music of a vaster chord. Life and the vision of life are enlarged as a result, and greater and higher achievement is inspired when a more accurate view is attained of one smallest segment of the circle of science in this field.

Preconceptions and prejudices arising out of a limited vision result often in real disaster. To misinterpret motives is one of the commonest mistakes, and a source of many moral and social tragedies. When the illuminating and restraining influence of a cultural training gives a better estimate of the motives of others, misunderstanding is ended, the vision grows clearer, and patience and sympathy become almost sublime under the regis of a science so vast in its reaches and, in its varied fields, so diverse in its conclusions.

Not only do we thus avoid misunderstanding others, we are led also to a better understanding of our own being. Few of us realize as did the ancient Greeks, how central and vital is such knowledge, and how rare.

We constantly misinterpret ourselves in life and conduct. Almost always we underestimate our own intrinsic worth while we grossly overestimate our achievement. We fail to realize our high cosmological station in the great family of life, as elements in a universal race, yet we so grossly over-value ourselves