

He lends out on trust to beings endowed with option, a portion of the energy which else is His."

And now briefly, in conclusion, we have shown:

(1) That man's nature and his relation to the universe he explores makes personality the beginning and goal of philosophy;

(2) Determines its method;

(3) Affords a clue to the nature of reality, which rescues philosophy from the shadows of a phenomenology and constitutes it an ontology; and lastly its explication indicates the limits of the *fixed* and also of the *voluntary* relationships man holds to nature, to his fellow-men and to God; and reveals further what these voluntary relations should be. Accordingly, if philosophy is to fulfil her mission in a rational explanation of life, instead of denying facts or accusing mankind of racial insanity, it must investigate "personality," in which lie buried the roots of the world's institutions and history; and upon which alone a sound morality or a true religion can be based. Furthermore, since philosophy like science proceeds on hypotheses, it ever presents to the future a prophetic face; and if one may be permitted to read its countenance, then the next great stage in the development of philosophy will be the clearer definition of personality, and the truer appreciation of its significance as a key to all human mystery and aspiration.

An aesthetic ear, charmed by the felicity of his expression, is apt to accept without scrutiny Sir William Hamilton's exquisite *bon mot*, "The highest reach of human science is the scientific recognition of human ignorance," yet the truth it carries veils a deeper; for it drops man at the limits of knowledge, shuts the door of hope and extinguishes faith. Knowledge is an investment for the future; we cut the nerve of endeavor and rob life of its meaning by drawing an impossible circle around the present. Perhaps a nearer approximation to truth might be attained by saying, the highest reach of human science is the attainment of a scientific basis for human faith. At any rate it keeps the path open in the direction in which man is moving.