

more importance than the question concerning the Origin of our Existence. It will be the Great Question of future generations in time and space.

We assume that we know pretty well all about the processes of generation, though we have no absolute knowledge of how Huxley's "Mysterious Activity" acts or works. Our knowledge of our existence previous to our coming into "being" is "void." Will it be so when we cease to be? or in other words: Will it be so, when we go out of being? If not: What "warrant" have we for the expectation of a life beyond the present state (or beyond the "Grave"). We have no "warrant" whatever; but must fall back upon the Hypothesis of "a Sovereign Intelligence" as the source and Destiny of our Existence. The Finite, since it is not the self-sufficient, cannot afford an argument toward immortality.

The "Nature" which is dependent upon a "Sovereign Intelligence" for its Origin must be dependent on his "Will" for its continuance. While, therefore, Futurity of Existence is clearly involved in the facts of the present life, Eternity of Existence must depend upon the "Divine Will," and can be known only as matter of distinct revelation, not as Matter of Metaphysical deduction. All that is greatest in us points towards an immeasurable future. Thither we must look for the solution of many of our dark problems, and for that purity and grandeur of personal life unknown in the present state.

If the "Best Intellects" be restricted to pure speculation, the great uncertainty must hang over them, which found utterance in the closing words of Socrates' Apology.