

World-life, and thus affords us a glimpse of our future destiny in eternity; therefore I propose now to elucidate it as much as possible in a few words.

If the *aggregate human mind* is but the creative mind in embryo, it may reasonably be supposed that a time *naturally* comes when the embryo condition changes into that more perfect condition of being individualized and localized by the earth itself, so as to be identified with this particular planet; (much as the *individual* human mind is now identified with any particular human body), consequently the important question is, When does such a time *naturally* come?

The grand principle of *Universal Alternation* enables us to solve this question most satisfactorily; for this grand principle of alternation is not limited to the alternations of day and night, summer and winter, &c., with which we are so familiar; but is extended to the solar system itself, and doubtless also to the whole Universe.

It is by means of this grand principle of Alternation together with the universal law of the "conservation of force," that the requisite amount of light and heat is perpetually reproduced within the limits of the solar system! The following considerations make this sufficiently manifest.

The "conservation of force" being now generally admitted! We ask, what becomes of the enormous force so continuously and lavishly expended by the sun? There must be "*conservation*," of all this force somewhere! Doubtless it is chiefly within the limits of the planets themselves that this enormous force is securely stored! As this will probably be also generally admitted! We naturally ask again, is all this enormous force destined to be stored up within the planets *for ever*? *Never* to be utilized again! We cannot reasonably entertain so preposterous an idea as this! Consequently we cannot escape the inevitable conclusion that this enormous force is stored up for future use and expenditure. The question is, What adequate use? How could so vast a store of force be possibly expended with corresponding advantage?

It is indisputable that the sun must certainly be *minus* precisely the amount of force expended by it from day to day; that consequently a time must come, sooner or later,