

These aspects of consciousness further present the following phases :

- (a). On the internal or affective side, conscious life presents unity and continuity throughout its successive modes; while, whatever of diversity or separation appears within it, is referred to the objective aspect.
- (b). Conscious life is not only a unity but an organism. For, though presenting an external aspect in its content, its activity both seeks to adjust this to the internal, and, in its so-called higher functions, readjusts and propagates from within. Thus is indicated the presence of a living principle in conscious life.

Do these facts of experience throw any light on the nature and source of consciousness?

Is conscious life the effect of mechanical causation—the result of physical acting and reacting on physical? If so, conscious facts must be invariable and unchangeable. But, as has been seen, a conscious state possesses an aspect of activity, interacting between its affective and its external phases. It is further seen that, as a result of this activity, a conscious mode may vary in its conditions. These modes were also seen to be capable, by virtue of this activity, of propagation from within. Variability, then, being a quality in conscious life, mechanical causation cannot account for its presence.

Is consciousness non-physical, or a pure subjective state? It has been seen that conscious life displays a tendency to propagate from within. This tendency is also found to express itself in modes of consciousness more markedly affective than those of ordinary experience. Thus is indicated the presence, in consciousness, of a term not physical. These more subjective states, however, find content and expression only in terms of the objective aspect of conscious life. Therefore consciousness cannot be purely subjective.

Thus it is found that conscious life is neither subjective nor objective, but an expression of each—the expression of a relationship between them. Intelligent life, therefore, is an adjustment of subjective to objective, and a perfect life the expression