

to support. They are not tempted to imitate Procrustes by making all the exceptional phenomena of nature lie in their bed, under the penalty of being stretched or amputated.

Logic is the orderly method of procedure of every healthy, human mind, whether of peasant or of philosopher. The latter only systematizes its forms and laws. Language is the symbolized thinking of every human mind, savage or sage. There are common elements in every language, from the rudest to the most refined. The basal principles of all the world's wise treatises on philosophical problems are contained in the terms and grammatical construction of the oldest languages of all races. There are expressed the relations of cause and effect, of substance and attribute, and the mental concepts which result from abstraction and generalization, in the terms and propositions of our uncultured forefathers. This fact, we judge, is not sufficiently considered by those enthusiasts who are trying to discover a Simian language among their distant ancestors, the monkeys. Brutes have cries, and calls, and signals dictated by their instincts, but what brute can construct a simple sentence by putting subject and predicate together, or give the sound symbol for an abstraction. Only human reason can do this. "If a pig could say, 'I am a pig,' it would by virtue of that mental act cease to be a pig." The chasm is too wide for brute intelligence to cross. On the other hand, the insight and powers of self-consciousness which are universal to the human race, make it competent for men in the humblest walks of life to pronounce upon the soundness of any theory once the facts and principles are before them, and the terms are understood. Much that has passed for new and startling has been but a jargon of new and uncouth terms garnishing a rehash of old ideas.

The abuse of a synecdoche, encouraging a popular misconception, deserves to be noticed in passing. The physical sciences having to do with matters cognized through the physical senses, and therefore of most moment and interest to the majority of men, usurp the title science as though there were no other, or none other worth considering. For instance: Prof. Marsh said, before the American Association, "I need offer no argument for