

ness all these separate minds are in a certain sense manifestations. What is needed to justify this doctrine I think you will see a little further on. I wish now to insist simply on this, just as all the parts of the universe—the forces, the powers, the orbs—have their existence in one rational mind and will, so it is absolutely necessary to believe in a rational mind and will, omnipresent, present in all *minds*, in order to explain the communication of one mind to another. I had only the other day a most interesting conversation with Mr. Bell, the inventor of the telephone. At the dinner table I said to him:

“Mr. Bell, have you made any progress toward the communication of intelligence without any wires?”

“O,” said he, “that is what I have been working at for a number of years. And I will tell you how much we have done. We have done as much as this. I have had my ‘transmitter’ on the shore at Washington, and my ‘receiver’—you will know what those things mean—out in a boat, and we have let the boat drift down the river, communicating all the while, until we got over five miles without any wires whatever.”

I drew a long breath. “How do you explain it, Mr. Bell?”

“Well,” said he, “I can’t explain it. You know that two tuning forks exactly keyed together will respond one to the other. If you set one to vibrating in one corner of a room, the other, in another corner, will vibrate also in harmony with it. The air probably transmits those vibrations. Now whether it be air or ether or what not, I do not know, but certainly there is some intermediary by which this communication is made. You are aware that from the masts of a vessel communication has been held fifteen miles with the shore without any wires.”

Said I, “How far will that go, Mr. Bell?”

Said he, “The Lord only knows.”

If there be molecular movement in the brain attending every thought, is it not possible that two brains precisely keyed together may communicate at a distance? You will not find that in any of the books of psychology, and I do not suggest that men are connected with one another in moral relations, in the fact of duty, of obligation—only another proof that men are not atoms but hold living, vital connections with each other. I am a part of humanity, one with the race. I am bound to love my neighbor as myself because in a certain sense my neighbor is myself. All have in them cer-