

have eventuated in the multiform and many-coloured panorama of life as we see it. But we cannot stop there. Life as we know it is continuous ; life produces, and life only can produce, life ; and what is more, life can only reproduce itself, so to speak, along its own lines. Thistles produce thistles and not figs. This spark of life must itself have originated in some previous *life* ; and we must believe that all the potentialities which were latent in this primal spark were also in the life from which it came.

Remember, then, that one of the potentialities which were latent in this original seed of life is that which has eventuated in human consciousness. The promise of consciousness was in it from the start ; the seeds of personality were in it from the beginning ; the germs of instinct, of intuition, of intelligence were present in it from the first. And just as the acorn which becomes an oak was produced by an oak, so that primal urge of life which has produced