

perceive at once the grand design and evident purpose of the visible universe, and realize the wonderful fact that the universe is simply the manifestation of *World-Life*; *World-Life* evidently individualizing and localizing *creative* mind, and progressive intellect, as certainly as animal life individualizes and localizes the human mind and progressive intellect;—and as we know already, as a matter of fact, that the human mind develops wonderfully in association with *animal life*; we may easily imagine that the creative mind may develop also even more wonderfully in association with *World-Life*,

Many may be disposed to dispute the existence of *World Life*, because living worlds do not appear to be provided with organs of sensation similar to the higher order of animals.

This fact, however, by no means proves that *World Life* does not exist; but merely that, if it does exist, it must necessarily differ very much from animal life, and this is admitted at once. *World-Life* certainly does differ very much indeed from animal life; even as animal life differs very much from vegetable life; nevertheless both vegetable life and *World-Life* may actually exist: the existence of both being proved by similar evidence; for as the dead plant, or tree, argues successfully in favour of the actual existence of vegetable life, or of living plants and trees; so likewise should the "*dead world*" argue successfully also in favour of the actual existence of *World-Life*, or of living worlds.

Fortunately, it so happens that we have not very far to go for this kind of evidence, as the nearest planet to us (our moon) is well known to be emphatically a "*dead world*" possessing neither ocean nor atmosphere, and so differing from the earth, and our neighbour planet Mars, in this extremely important and vital condition; consequently the moon is doubtless as "*dead*" as an animal or plant may fairly be said to be, when devoid of either blood, breath, or sap—and a "*dead world*" argues a living world, as a dead tree argues a living tree.

In short, I claim, 1st, that the innumerable worlds in the vast bright universe are generally living worlds; as certainly as the numberless green trees in the forests of the earth are generally living trees.