

existence, shedding gleams upon the common roadway of life with all the heartening uplift that light amidst prevailing gloom may occasion. On the contrary, they provide a warranted interpreter for the "Vision Splendid," and so more than hint that human personality is a determining influence in world movements.

The criterion employed must properly define the term "Sacrifice." This has been explained as a principle added to life, when some valued lesson has been learned. Such a view is more than of doubtful utility; it is dangerous. Sacrifice is not simply an element in a larger total; it is a synonym for the latter, or, more correctly speaking, it is identical with it. Life is nothing other than a series of choices, each one of which must mean the giving up, of every other possible direction of conduct presented at the time. Instead of a call to a career of sacrifice, which really is meaningless, the standard should summon to an examination of courses of action, that their probable effect upon the trend of endeavour may be considered.

Further, the standard of value must announce the existence of a Higher and a Lower. Great teachers have explained the Universe as the stage upon which two rival Powers are in ceaseless conflict, with mankind as the Victor's reward. Others have maintained that the presence of defect in us and about us, simply indicates our inability to see to the close of the World Drama. Still others claim, that what is called "Evil," was due to a fatal choice made by the reputed head of the race, which entailed sad consequences upon all, necessitating a change in the great Plan. War should not be waged over mere words, for positivism.