

Notes for Class Aug. 17, 1938

1. Let us imagine Reality as a plenum of primordial, undifferentiated Consciousness.
2. Next, let us think of this Consciousness as being, in some way divided into two aspects, which we will call the Subject and the Object, yet remaining in another sense all the while undivided.
3. Think of this Consciousness as now flowing from the Subject to the Object and back again, thus completing a circuit.
4. As purely subjective consciousness flows toward the objective phase it produces the objective universe as an effect.
5. As objective consciousness flows back toward the Subject it ultimately produces a state wherein Consciousness becomes aware of itself.
6. This state wherein Consciousness becomes aware of itself is the culminating value of the journey of Consciousness through each objective phase.
7. When Consciousness flows from the Subjective to the Objective it becomes differentiated into various aspects or functions.
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8. Of these various ~~aspects~~ or functions, four are distinguishable on this plane of relative consciousness.
9. These four are, Thinking, Feeling, Sensation and Intuition.
10. Each of the functional forms of consciousness ~~xxx too~~ is so unlike all the other three that no one function is replaceable by another or by any combination of the others.
11. Each function may be regarded as a dimension of consciousness capable of ~~development~~ unbounded development in its own dimension but incapable of giving by itself the values of any other dimension.
12. The consciousness on this plane of relative consciousness of any individual is, in general, a complex of two or more functions in variable relative stages of unfoldment.
13. The possibility of cross-understanding between two or more individuals depends upon the possession in common of at least one developed function.
14. The consciousness-complex which is the result of any combination of the functions can never be a complete duplication of the primordial Consciousness before it was differentiated into the functions.
15. For this reason no process of evolution in the field of functional consciousness can ever exhaust the ultimate possibilities of Consciousness as such.
16. As a result evolution is a process upon which no conceivable limit can be imposed and which can, therefore, lead to no final goal.
17. Super-functional or primordial Consciousness is the sum-total of all functional consciousness, including all complexes that may be by any possibility evolved, plus an additional value which is

beyond the reach of any function or combination of functions.

18. For this reason super-functional Consciousness may be regarded as infinitely more than any ~~complex~~ state of consciousness attainable through any function or combination of functions.

19. Super-functional Consciousness may be more or less adequately reflected through functional consciousness in somewhat the way a photograph may reflect a living objective reality while it fails to give the total value of the latter.

20. For the consciousness of any individual to attain the super-functional state of consciousness it is necessary that the normal flow of consciousness from the subject to the object should be reversed.

21. When this reversal has been adequately achieved the individual enters a state of consciousness that is not the result of any process of becoming nor can it be reproduced through any function or combination of functions.

22. If this state of consciousness is entered without the prior development of the power to be conscious ~~ness~~ of consciousness it is like a state of dreamless sleep and therefore indistinguishable from unconsciousness.

23. If the power to be conscious of consciousness is sufficiently developed then the state is one of an inconceivable richness of Consciousness, like the Light of an ineffable Sun.

24. Super-functional Consciousness has both terminal and initial value.

25. In the sense of being the initial State it is called Primordial Consciousness.

26. In the sense of being the terminal State it is the Goal made possible by the evolution of functional consciousness but never attained by means of evolution alone.

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