Toward a Conception of the Holistic

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... so that there would be superior development in one direction in one, and superior development complementary to that in another, and so on around; so that in the sum total we get something like a complex organ which if played upon by a master supramental being would give supramental music, and in our own time. There is reason to believe that this may be the way, one of the ways at any rate, in which the supramental may effect its descent.

The need for the descent is vast. If you look across at the world problem today, dropping aside all rose colored glasses and wishful thinking, look at it clearly at its immensity, its complexity, its inherent difficulty in all directions, this conclusion seems to be inescapable. The problem is too much for mental man. I can't go into that, but I could show something of its complexity if we had the time. Therefore, if this humanity, this evolution here, is not to perish and to fall back into another primitive state and start the long climb up again, then this higher power must descend in at least the minimal degree necessary to effect the resolution of an almost impossible massive problem.

Now, before all of you here there emerge three possibilities of which you must choose one or the other. You may by the path of Realization rise to the point where you may enter the Transcendent in that eternal peace and calm, silence, and fullness. You may continue the path of ordinary man content with the little and puny things that make up this life, and ultimately see yourself in a status like that which the animal bears to us in your relation to another order of beings that will be coming; you'll be an inferior creature, an inferior species. Or third, either by rising to the height of Realization and then voluntarily descending to play a part in the supramental flavor, or else devoting yourself towards that goal directly may be a candidate to be one of the chosen. Those are the three possibilities. It is a serious matter. There is no time for dallying, for this is crisis; it is a time when choice must be made . . .

¹ Unfortunately, most of this discourse is missing at the beginning and the end of this audio recording. The missing audio portions may be found in the Wolff Archives under the category, "Lectures, Notes & Outlines."