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DUAL EVOLUTION

BOOK I

INTRODUCTION

CHAPTER I

THE ACTIVITIES OF PHILOSOPHY ARE IMPLICIT IN THAT WHOLE WE CALL REALITY

As the attempt to give form and expression to a theory of things, philosophy is essentially concerned with practical life. As a search for general principles which may be expressed and co-ordinated, it is compelled, no doubt, to shape its activities on lines that seem to have little contact with ordinary life; but if it is to be effective—if it is one day to claim the general interest and to deserve recognition as a real part in that life of which it is an effort—the aloofness must be confined to manner at the most. Its terms must stand for real things which may be estimated, valued, and deferred to, and its general conclusions must not be such as life may disregard. Just as chemical theory must recognisably infuse, explain, and to a large extent guide the activities of the chemist in his concrete work, so must philosophical theory, if it is to justify itself, intimately and directly inform practical life. For, while chemical theory concerns itself with a specialised human activity, philosophy cannot be divorced from a transforming contact with human activity as a whole.

The husbandman and the mechanic—their daily toil directed to proximate end and purpose—must be a concern of philosophy. Nor can the husbandman and the mechanic, even though they may have neither conception of nor interest in Idealism, Realism, Empiricism, Pragmatism, or any of the rival schools, be really unconcerned with philosophy.