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THE BRAIN AND THE WORLD

WE never come into contact with things, but only with their images. We never know the real—only effigies of the real. We do not pursue objects; we pursue the reflection of objects. We do not possess things; we possess the emotions that things inspire.

If I pluck a flower and hold it in my hand I have merely come into contact with an image in my brain created by certain complex influences transmitted through the senses from an unknowable. No one pursues power or wealth; he pursues ideas and images of power and wealth. Strictly speaking, I do not live in a house, in the air, but live in my house-image, my air-image. Images and thoughts being the very pulp of consciousness, it follows that in images and thoughts there lies the only reality we can ever know. Imagination and its elements are not the effigies of matter, but what we term matter is the