



# The Perfect Whole An Essay on the Conduct and Meaning of Life

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This historic book may have numerous typos and missing text. Purchasers can usually download a free scanned copy of the original book (without typos) from the publisher. Not indexed. Not illustrated. 1898 edition. Excerpt: ... iii. the basis of belief in A spiritual reality. There is but one thing needful, --to possess God. AmiePs Journal. Eighteen hundred years ago a voice was heard in the far-off East enunciating, simply, clearly, and fearlessly, the law of the higher life, and uttering words of wisdom and comfort which have rarely, if ever, been equalled in wealth of meaning and power. These utterances, freighted with the life of Him who spoke them, summed up the results of ages of contemplation and devotion in the Orient. They represent to-day the wisdom and experience for which the East at its best has stood since that far distant time when its sages first sought to give expression to the real and eternal. God is Spirit, said that voice, a living, omnipresent Father, in whose mansions of power and goodness there is a place for every one and, if one seek his kingdom and his righteousness through love and service, all else shall be added as the result of natural, immutable law. Side by side with this great doctrine of an im A paper read before the Metaphysical Club of Boston, January, 1806. manent Spirit or divine Father, he whom the mind alone can perceive, has grown up the great intellectual movement which, originating in Greek speculation, has become our modern philosophy and nineteenth-century science with its wondrous achievements. Its one great aim has been to discover the ultimate, self-subsistent, absolute, and eternal reality, as opposed to the ever-changing, the varied finite and relative beings and things which perennially spring from this ultimate unity. It has been greatly hampered at times by the older doctrine, which, neglecting the spiritual simplicity of Jesus teaching and assuming to know the whole truth, has become conservative, ...

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