

PREFACE

THIS work is an adventure in metabiological thought. An attempt is made to find the solution of the problem of the Nature of Life, and of the relations existing between matter and light, and the part that these seemingly unlike yet inter-connected elements play in the life and development of every creature. A biological concept for the whole of Nature is put forward as the solution of the problem.

The work is, in part, unorthodox from the mechanistic point of view, but it should not be unwelcome because of that. Until quite recently, nuclear fission was unorthodox, and atomic physics had only theoretic interest. In this world of accelerated evolution, we know not what next we shall have to accept as factual. The work is written by a layman interested in science, and is written for laymen in non-technical language as far as is possible, in the hope that some of them may become more interested in biology and the constitution of living things and their evolution, in geology and the history of the earth and in the creative aspect of the World of Nature.

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