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Thus much the world is, it is evident it is; but whether it be so (this) really, or be so (this) ideally, phainoumenal reasoning cannot decide. Let the reader, for the deeper problems of life — nay, for the problems of life itself — consult as metaphysics, where I have started from the Unknown as known, or in the known, to the Unknown in itself.

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