

Fernando Pessoa

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I see everywhere, not indeed the abstract, but the non-concrete: this is the nature of my abstraction of spirit — not the infinite but the not-finite. In this manner I who was ever in pure abstraction saw nothing but objects in themselves.

I fear all things, true, but all things not in all ways, but in one way only, abstractly and dreamingly, as with an opium-eater's consciousness.

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Pessoa por Conhecer — Textos para um Novo Mapa . Teresa Rita Lopes. Lisboa: Estampa, 1990: 5.