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Why, space not being a reality, is good a reality?

Why cannot the term good or bad be applied to the motion, or rather to the laws which control the movements of atoms? The basis of the idea of good is pleasure and pain, whence come good and evil.

Why should one part of the world be unreal and another real ?

Since men of genius are of the future we may pre-know in a sort, from them, whether evolution leads us.

There is aught in me that cannot die. True, but that is not myself. Quite true; there is something in me that cannot die.

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