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## What is existence?

What is existence? We say that the ideal does not exist, but that the real does. But what do we mean by «exist»? What is existence?

« *Esse est percipi* » (Berkeley).

When Comte says «the Relative alone exists», we can reduce his opinion to «the Relative alone is the Relative». We agree with him. Or does he mean the rel[ative] alone has absolute existence [?]

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