

such exist. Clearly it is well to seek among these data for a more precise formulation of the problem, which may then perchance lead to some more ambitious quest, or at least to new understanding of the old failure.

III

THE ENVIRONMENT

The world of our senses is a world of matter and energy, space and time. After centuries of philosophical and scientific study, these, the very logical elements of science, are no doubt still without a final description. None the less is there sound foundation for the belief that our preliminary accounts of all four possess completeness in some respects and for certain purposes. Nor are we to-day less confident of the finality of some of our ideas regarding the nature of life and the vital processes, as they exist in this world. But both of these conclusions call for further consideration.

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MATTER

Many facts contribute to the belief, universal among chemists, that the known elements constitute by far the greatest part of