

fruit not only of the transcendental notion of value and the achievement of self-transcendence witnessed by a good conscience but also of the cumulative criticism of social, cultural, religious development in the race and in the individual

know for, in all probability, his map was just a compilation of the many maps of ^{much smaller} ~~quite small~~ areas made by surveyors who had been over the terrain. So the map-maker believed the surveyors and, while each surveyor could know his own area to be represented correctly, he could no more than believe that the rest of the country was represented correctly.

Finally, while ~~one~~ one may urge that planes fly, highways are built, cities are laid out, ^{trips are taken,} property is bought and sold on the basis of maps, that all these transactions seem to proceed quite smoothly, and that therefore maps must be quite trustworthy, still ^{that} only shows that it is quite reasonable to believe that maps are correct. One is just invoking an unspecified multitude of witnesses whose silence presumably speaks and, by that speech, causes in one not immanently generated knowledge but belief.

another's work. On the contrary they make it their aim, not to find out everything for themselves individually, but to presuppose the conclusions reached by others that some have reached and no one has disputed and, on that basis, proceed

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a teacher,
the soundness of judgement of a counsellor, a leader, a
statesman, an authority. The point at issue in each case
is whether one's source, expert, authority did achieve ~~the~~
intentional self-transcendence in his judgements of fact
and real self-transcendence in his judgements of value
and whether, further he was accurate in his statements.

The fourth step is the decision to believe. It is an act of will, a choice, that follows upon the general and the particular judgements of value. One has judged in general that man's division of labor in coming to know is, on the whole, a good thing and so that believing is, on the whole, a good thing. It is open to the gravest abuse. It is not without its risks. But decidedly it is superior to a reject of rejection of all belief and a regression to primitivism