

Our knowing consciousness, appearing as outer and inner sensibility (receptivity), as understanding and as faculty of reason, is divisible into subject and object, and contains nothing else. To be object for the subject and to be our representation or mental picture are the same thing. All our representations are objects of the subject, and all objects of the subject are our representations. Now it is found that all our representations stand to one another in a natural and regular connection that in form is indeterminable A PRIORI. By virtue of this connection nothing existing by itself and independent, and also nothing single and detached, can become an object for us.

Arthur Schopenhauer