

Thought breath substance emotion
Joy pain exhilaration

Pieces of a life
Pieces of reality
Pieces of a man

We are the sum of all we have seen and done; felt and experienced; been taught, and choose to believe...the total of all the pieces that make up what we call life. "Man the machine -- man, the impersonal engine. Whatsoever a man is, is due to his make, and to the *influences* brought to bear upon it by his hereditaries, his habitat, his associations. He is moved, directed, COMMANDED, by *exterior* influences -- solely. He originates *nothing* himself -- not even an opinion, not even a thought."¹

In this website I have selected several paintings and drawings which represent some of the interests, intrigues, and influences of life. "Much have I seen and known -- cities of men/ And manners, climates, councils, governments/ Myself not least, but honored of them all -- / And drunk delight of battle with my peers,/ Far on the ringing plains of windy Troy./ I am a part of all that I have met; ... Though much is taken, much abides; and though/ We are not now that strength which in old days/ Moved earth and heaven, that which we are, we are -- / One equal temper of heroic hearts,/ Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will/ To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."²

¹ Mark Twain, *What is man?* I, a&b (c.1900)

² Alfred, Lord Tennyson, "Ulysses" (1842)