

ABSTRACT

In his various writings William James (1842-1910) has discussed about two types of reality: one is pragmatic reality and the other is metaphysical reality. He considers pure experience; in his book *Essays in Radical Empiricism*, as the metaphysical reality. He says that pure experience is the primal stuff from which all things are created but it is important to note here that he does not make clear whether there is relation between pragmatic reality and metaphysical reality, rather we do get hints of apparent contradiction in his writing about this matter. As a result there is debate among James scholars as to whether there is any relationship between two realities at all and if so what kind of relation it is. There are some James scholars, like C.H Seigfried who would deny any type of relation between pragmatic reality and pure experience. On the other hand those who would admit relation between these two realities would differ among themselves regarding the nature of this relation: some of them, like Ellen Kappy Suckiel, would argue that pure experience is fundamental and pragmatic reality is dependent on it, while other thinkers, like Sami Pihlström will consider pragmatic reality to be fundamental. If we go through these interpretations of James' view of reality offered by the various scholars it will be apparent that none of them reflect the whole spirit of James' view of philosophy in general and metaphysics in specific. The aim of my research is to make an attempt to arrive at an interpretation of the relation between these two realities which will be more consistent with the Jamesean spirit of philosophy.