The "Aim of Life"

Nesicel ("Conduct & its disorders biologically considered") says the main conclusion reached by the monumental discoveries of the last century is that life is teleological, is directed to a purpose and that that ultimate end... is the continuation of the race to which the organism belongs.

I find this almost universal modern view strange that asks life, being existence, the purpose. But that does not constitute an aim; it is a foregone conclusion. All that does not
Tend to existence tends
also not to exist.

But "life" is existence.

"Life" is not as we
have a way of implying
an entity with
hers an entity with
almost none of
means to we give the
name of life to a certain
thing of fact, the fact of
being not continuing.

What cannot continue
or continue to continue
ceases to continue,
I.e., ceases to live.

I may be muddled-headed
but in all this, I do
not see a purpose, an
aim. I see: how
shall I put it? only
a process implied in
the very definition of
what we are talking about.
The notion of life being teleological is in the first instance inherent or transferred from the notion of God being teleological, and our late emphasis on the supposed teleology of life is I suspect a reaction from our former belief that life was instrumental to God's glory. Having decided that life is not there for the sake of God's glory or any other apparent object, we treat life's being here as a supreme aim. Something of the same kind as God's glory.
But the essence of an aim is surely that it is not implied in whatever it is which has the aim. The aim of God was not to be God; it was to be glorious. But even theology had confused the aim of an entity with the nature of an entity. God was defined as Being, as the one that is; whereas to be is not a function but a directive function but a preliminary to life in the biological sense and distinguished from the psychological one of conscious being.
is of course Continuance No Continuance no life. Surely we have

Continuance too long
Life the abstraction with a life with the concrete Continuance of any particular living being under observation

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