



The Concept of Nature The Turner Lectures Delivered in Trinity College November 1919

By Alfred North Whitehead

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