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### **Schopenhauer's word will invoked no brilliant...**

Schopenhauer's word will invoked no brilliant (lucid) idea in the mind. A bar of iron when heated expands; it is through will Schopenhauer would say. Yet it is hard to conceive what we call will as applied to a bar of iron. But when I say the bar expands on account of *Power* all is clear <sup>(1)</sup> and will is, in a way, explained.

Suicide through self-denial, through self-sacrifice. Here is the secret of the hold which mankind's heroes have on us.

<sup>(1)</sup> Had it not the power to expand it had not expanded. Thus I draw near, in my view to the philosophic principle of intelligibility.

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