

SPENCER'S STATEMENT OF  
HIS DIFFERENCES WITH COMTE:

What is Comte's professed aim? To give a coherent account of the progress of *human conceptions*.

What is my aim? To give a coherent account of the progress of the *external world*.

Comte proposes to describe the necessary, and the actual, filiation of *ideas*.

I propose to describe the necessary, and the actual, filiation of *things*.

Comte professes to interpret the genesis of our *knowledge of nature*.

My aim is to interpret . . . the genesis of the *phenomena which constitute nature*.

The one is subjective. The other is objective.