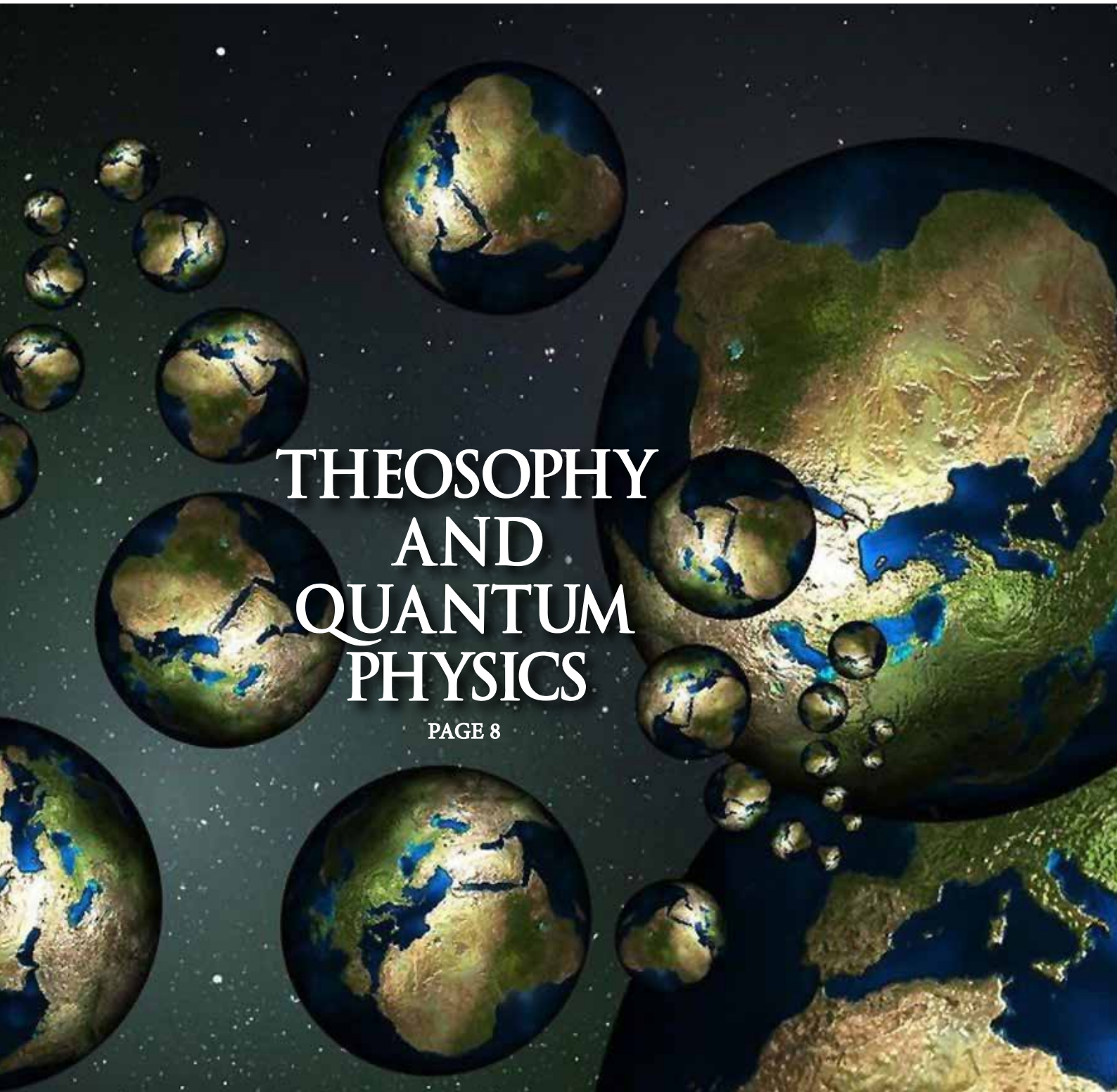


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# THE FIRST RAINBOW

**H**urrying home in the rain from the local playground with my complaining two-year-old granddaughter, all I could think of was a warm haven from the storm. Cursing Melbourne's notoriously changeable weather, I was oblivious to the patch of sunlight that broke momentarily through the dark clouds creating a beautiful rainbow across a wintry sky. My granddaughter stopped, electrified by the experience of nature's beauty, the first rainbow she had seen in this life. As we stood there soaking wet watching as the rainbow dissolve from view in the next rain shower, I realized how rarely it is that we are aware of the beauty and wonder such as a child can see in the little things of everyday life.

Most of us hurry head-down through the responsibilities of adulthood losing touch with the beauty of the hour and the minute each precious day provides. The loneliness and boredom which plague modern Western society tell of a community in which many people disregard the opportunities each day

provides to learn and grow. As each new day dawns, we can resolve to see a 'rainbow' in all our tasks and duties, no matter how outwardly humble. Not only will this exercise immeasurably enrich our daily lives, but it is needed practice in building strength of character for future tests and responsibilities awaiting those who genuinely pledge themselves to the betterment of Humanity.

The great English poet, William Wordsworth (1770-1850), put this thought beautifully in a little poem, *My Heart Leaps Up*:

"My heart leaps up when I behold  
A rainbow in the sky;  
So it was when my life began,  
So it is now I am a man;  
So it shall be when I shall grow old,  
Or let me die!  
The Child is the Father of the man;  
And I could wish my days to be,  
Bound each by natural piety."

- The Editor.

Spiritual teachers throughout the ages have emphasized that as we grow spiritually, we live in an increasing state of greater awareness of divine consciousness at work in our every moment. If this is so it would make sense for us, as aspiring spiritual students, to develop our Awareness.

But - What exactly do we mean by Awareness? The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines Awareness as: "the quality or state of being aware: knowledge and understanding that something is happening or exists. Synonyms for Awareness include: attention, cognizance, consciousness, ear, eye, heed, knowledge, mindfulness, note, notice, observance, observation."

**Awareness in Traditional Societies:** Traditional societies such as the Australian Aborigines and the American Indians promoted awareness of nature in the education of young people.

*American Indian Vision Quest:* some American Indian nations



required their young men to sit without speaking and remaining alert for 24 hours under a tree observing everything that happened around them. After being attentive to nature's patterns in this way they were said to come back as a changed person.



*Ancient Egypt:* as a beginning in training for initiatory candidates in the temples of ancient Egypt, young men and women were required to observe nature (among many other duties) over an extended period and discuss what they saw and their understanding of nature's patterns with their teacher.

**Mystical Christianity:** Mystical Christianity certainly encourages us to have an awareness of the divine presence everywhere in Nature by looking at common things and our whole lives in a different way.

For example, from *The Gospel According to St. Thomas:*

(3) Jesus said: If those who lead you say unto you: Behold, the Kingdom is in heaven, then the birds of the heaven will be before you. If they say unto you: It is in the sea, then the fish will be before you. But the Kingdom is within you, and it is outside of you. When

# AWARENESS

## Part I:

## Perspectives from Spiritual Teachers, Poets, and Scientists



you know yourselves, then shall you be known, and you shall know that you are the sons of the living Father. But if ye do not know yourselves, then you are in poverty, and you are poverty.

(113) His disciples said to him: On what day will the kingdom come? Jesus said: It cometh not with observation. They will not say: Lo, here! or: Lo, there! But the kingdom of the Father is spread out upon the earth, and men do not see it.

**Poets:** Poets of all ages have ever encouraged us to Mystical Awareness of the common things we see in nature everyday.

For example, **William Blake** from *Auguries of Innocence*:  
 "...To see a World in a Grain of Sand/  
 And a Heaven in a Wild Flower,/ Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand/  
 And Eternity in an hour..."

**William Wordsworth** encour-



ages us to look for what we can learn from the innocence of children and how our state of awareness can fade away as we grow into youth and adulthood because of the pressures of daily life. From *Ode to Intimations of Immortality from Recollections of Early Childhood*:

"...But trailing clouds of glory do we come/  
 From God, who is our home:/ Heaven lies about us in our infancy! /  
 Shades of the prison-house begin to close/  
 Upon the growing Boy,/ But he beholds the light, and whence it flows,/ He sees it in his joy;/  
 The Youth, who daily farther



from the east/  
 Must travel, still is Nature's Priest,/ And by the vision splendid/  
 Is on his way attended;/ At length the Man perceives it die away,/ And fade into the light of common day..."

**Shakespeare:** William Shakespeare in *Hamlet* encourages us, through Hamlet's speech to himself, to look for the essence of man even though we may despair of the state of the world we live in:

"...What a piece of work is man, How noble in reason, how infinite in faculty, In form and moving how express and admirable, In action how like an Angel, In apprehension how like a god, The beauty of the world, The paragon of animals. And yet to me, what is this quintessence of dust?..."

**Modern Spiritual Teachers:** In modern times spiritual teachers such as Ramana Maharshi and Jiddu Krishnamurti from







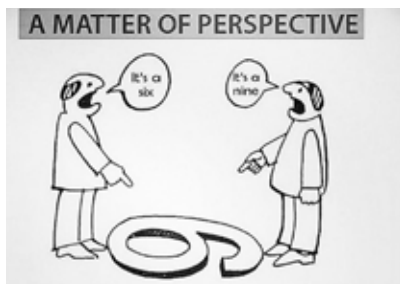
**Eckhart Tolle**

India, and Eckhart Tolle from Germany/Canada, devote a great deal of energy to encourage their students to

develop Awareness. According to Eckhart Tolle, this involves:

- Self awareness/self knowing/ freedom to observe and therefore learn from our mistakes and have the opportunity thereby to grow.
- Awareness of the invisible part of other people that makes their character.
- Be aware of our sense perceptions, thoughts and emotions and our ability to make these observations.
- There must be something which is observing to have these sense perceptions, that there is a thought/emotion, etc.
- Perhaps this is one key to pure consciousness that we never really spend much time exploring because we don't examine our lives much in this hectic modern world.
- Examine the role of intellect versus our total being and seeing that there is something behind intellect that is examining and learning from it.

**Quantum Physics: Things are**



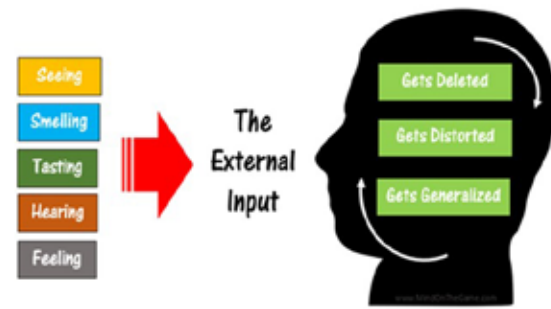
**not what they appear to be: Illusion – 'Maya':** our experience of reality reflects our level of conscious awareness. The laws of physics as we know them relate to our level of reality. They may be quite different in other dimensions or levels of vibration. As our Awareness increases, we understand our world in different ways, as we have seen in the discoveries of modern physics.

**Truth and Relative Truth:** Our understanding of the real nature of the universe as it really is in Itself is relative to our level of spiritual understanding, eg a human understands the universe quite differently from an animal, and a 'God' presumably has a much greater understanding of the nature of reality than a human.

**Things are not what they appear to**

**be:** The physical Universe is mostly empty space between subatomic particles. The Ancient Wisdom refers to our physical bodies as 'Stuhula Sarira' – the 'Gross or Foamlike Body'.

We live and are aware of maybe 5% of the mass of the Universe: The rest is composed of 'Dark Matter' 27% and 'Dark Energy' – 68%. So, if anyone says that I only believe what I can see and touch, then what about the 95% of the mass of the Universe we cannot see or touch?



**Our senses filter out an enormous amount of reality:** as

well as allowing us to function in the world as far as our consciousness is developed to understand, eg. We can only see about 0.0036% of the total electromagnetic spectrum. As famous inventor, Nicholas Tesla once said:

"The gift of mental power comes from God, divine being, and if we concentrate our minds on that truth, we become in

tune with this great power.

Our senses enable us to perceive only a minute portion of the outside world."

There are people who have such a wider sensory awareness: and can 'see' music, and 'feel'

colour – 'Synesthesia'. There are others who can see energy fields, or 'auras', around other people, or see 'dead people' as portrayed in the film *The Sixth Sense*!

– Compiled by the Editor.

**REACH  
HIGH, for stars  
lie hidden  
in your soul."**

- Pamela  
Vaull Starr

**In June 2020  
this series concludes with,  
Awareness:  
Part 2: Perspectives from  
Theosophy**



**Picture:**  
The 'Pillars of Creation' – tall columns of interstellar dust and gas within the Eagle Nebula about 6,500 light-years from the Earth showing young stars forming within, and at the tips of the columns.

# CREATION IN A CLOUD OF DUST

**T**he dust-cloud, swept up by a passing motorist, hung in the honeyed, balmy air. A shaft of evening light illumined the scene like a great spotlight. Silvered insects pirouetted delicately, spiraling and darting from the shifting, swirling mist.

Upon Nature's stage, the passerby saw the creation of a universe occurring before her very eyes. The planets materializing from the midst of the fiery orb of a new star, or of stars from the great wheel of the Milky Way galaxy. If the small mirrors the mighty and the mundane the majestic, then perhaps the same thing must be happening constantly throughout time, on all levels of manifestation.

Creation seemed now to be a constant occurrence, a continuous recreation. New life pours, itself from other pourings, into the same mold, through the same open door. The door seems constant, held in shape by the quality of what passes through.

She saw, from these revelations, that all things really are crystallized light. If not for the slanting rays of Father Sun, the miracle she

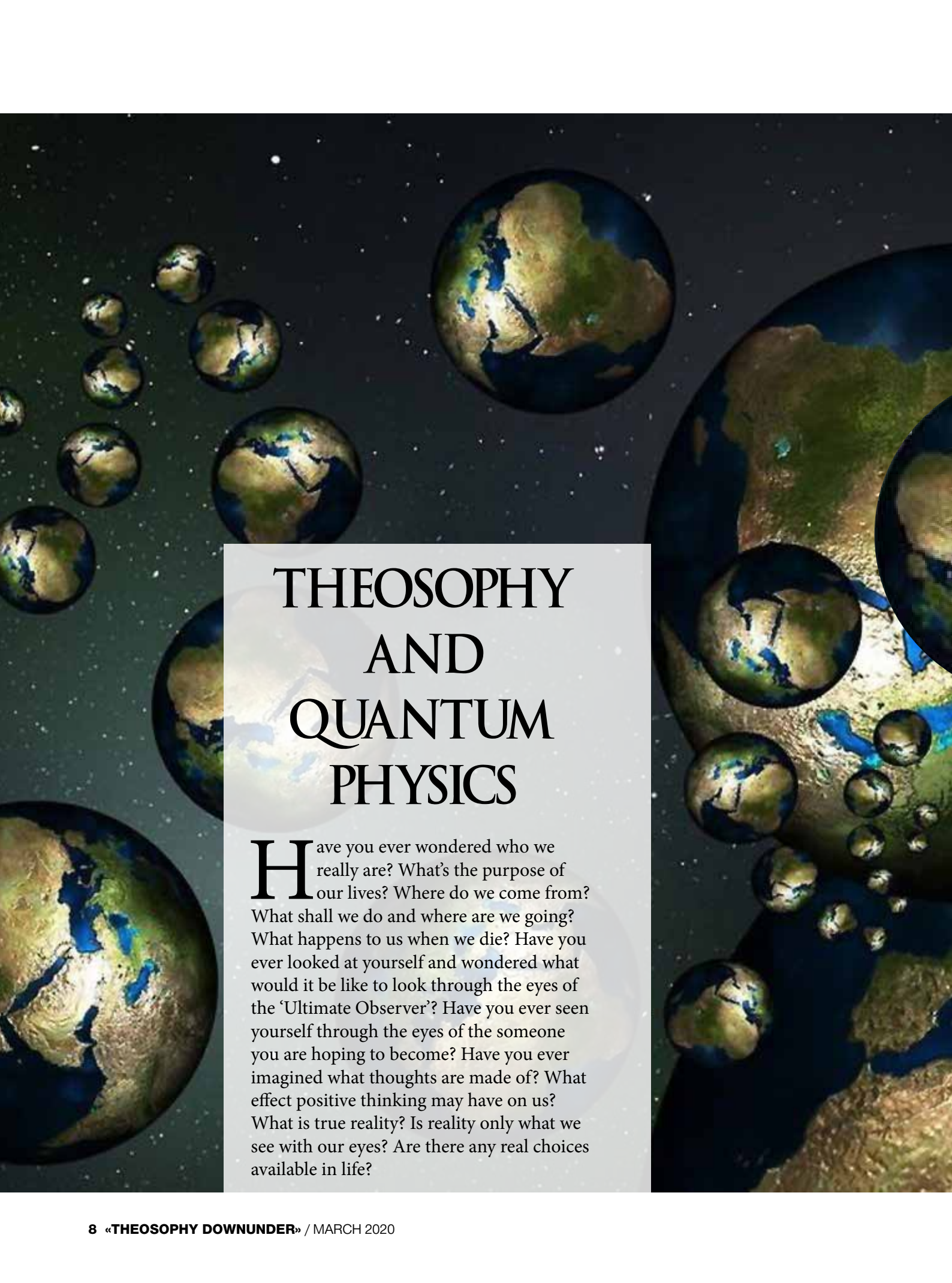
had witnessed would not have been apparent. We only see what vibrates on our own wavelength. 'Empty' space, sprinkled with dust, and lit from a certain angle, gives the illusion of solidity. Paradoxically, it seemed, that which makes visible, hints at the invisible, that which differentiates, also suggests the underlying unity of all things.

This Light is the essence of all things, which we only find, piece, by piece, from our daily experience.

- Amanda F. Rooke,  
Melbourne,  
Australia.

**"When I look up in the universe, I know I'm small, but I'm also big. I'm big because I'm connected to the universe and the universe is connected to me."**  
Neil Degrasse Tyson





# THEOSOPHY AND QUANTUM PHYSICS

**H**ave you ever wondered who we really are? What's the purpose of our lives? Where do we come from? What shall we do and where are we going? What happens to us when we die? Have you ever looked at yourself and wondered what would it be like to look through the eyes of the 'Ultimate Observer'? Have you ever seen yourself through the eyes of the someone you are hoping to become? Have you ever imagined what thoughts are made of? What effect positive thinking may have on us? What is true reality? Is reality only what we see with our eyes? Are there any real choices available in life?



**B**oth Theosophy and Quantum Physics address all these eternal questions, the only difference is that quantum physics is still trying to find solutions, whilst, in my view, Theosophy has already solved them! Let's have a look at the major features of Quantum Physics in comparison with Theosophy:



**Quantum physics is the science of possibilities:** If we accept this definition, then the question immediately arises, who, or what is making the choices amongst these many possibilities? Immediately we see that Consciousness must be involved as an Observer affects the results of basic experiments about the nature of reality in Quantum Physics. From a Theosophical point of view, the Observer is the Spirit animating

our bodies which are like 'space suits' enabling the Spirit to exist in the material world. Our bodies have all kinds of sensory systems enabling us to function in our environment according to the present limits of our consciousness development.

Theosophical teacher, HP Blavatsky in her, *Collected Writings*, Vol 14, page 387 says: "Consciousness is a part of the whole, or rather a Ray on the graduated scale of its manifested activity, of the one all-pervading, limitless Flame, the reflections of which alone can differentiate; and, as such, consciousness is ubiquitous, and can be neither localized nor centred on or in any particular subject, nor can it be limited. Its effects alone pertain to the region of matter, for thought is an energy that affects matter in various ways, but consciousness per se, as understood and explained by occult philosophy, is the highest quality of the sentient spiritual principle in us, the Divine Soul (or Buddhi) and

our Higher Ego, and does not belong to the plane of materiality."

**Quantum physics implies that everything around us is already existing without our influence, our choice:** Even the material world around us, chairs, tables, rooms are possible movements of sub-consciousness and we are choosing moment to moment out of these movements to be our actual experience into manifestation. Werner Heisenberg said that atoms are not things, there are only tendencies, so instead thinking of things we have to think of possibilities. These are the possibilities of Consciousness.

In HP Blavatsky's, *Secret Doctrine*, Vol. 1, Page 49 we read:

"Esoteric philosophy teaches that everything lives and is conscious, but not that all life and consciousness are similar to those of human or even animal beings. Life we look upon as "the one form of existence," manifesting in what is called matter; or, as in man, what, incorrectly separating them, we name Spirit, Soul and Matter. Matter is the vehicle for the manifestation of soul on this plane of existence, and soul is the vehicle on a higher plane for the manifestation of spirit, and these three are a trinity synthesized by Life, which pervades them all."

**Quantum physics suggests**



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**different realities created by our differing thoughts: If reality is my possibility, a possibility** of Consciousness itself, then comes the question of how can we change it? How can I make it better? How can I make it happier? Every single one of us can affect our world by the way we are thinking, even if sometimes we try to hide our thoughts. So, we have to change from the inside out. If we change our minds, we will change our choices, if we change our choices, our lives are going to change! Then we realize that there are different levels of truth and understanding about the nature of reality – Truth and Relative Truth.



HP Blavatsky in her, *Collected Writings*, Vol. 12, page 691 says:

“Let the student clearly realize that he cannot see things spiritual with the eyes of the flesh, and that in studying even the Body he must use the eyes of the Spiritual Intelligence, else will he fail and his study will be fruitless. For growth is from within outwards, and always the inner remains the more perfect. Even the development of a physical sense is always preceded by a mental feeling, which proceeds to evolve a physical sense. As said (p. 672) all senses are but differentiations of the one sense-consciousness, and become so differentiated on the Astral plane,

where perceptive life proper begins (p. 660); from that the differentiation is continued on to the lowest sub-plane of the Prâkritic plane, to which the physical molecules of our Bodies belong.”

Quantum Physics and Theosophy agree on the fundamental truth of UNITY: At the deepest level of our reality YOU AND I ARE LITERALLY ONE! We have to think that each of us personally can influence other people, our environment, space itself, and the future. Each of us is responsible for all these things. Each of us has to think that “I and all Nature are not separated. We all are part of ONE, we are connected within the ALL like a drop in the ocean or a flame in a fire”.

HP Blavatsky in the, *Secret Doctrine*, Vol. 1, Page 49 says: “The idea of Universal Life is one of those ancient conceptions which are returning to the human mind in this century, as a consequence of its liberation from anthropomorphic theology.”

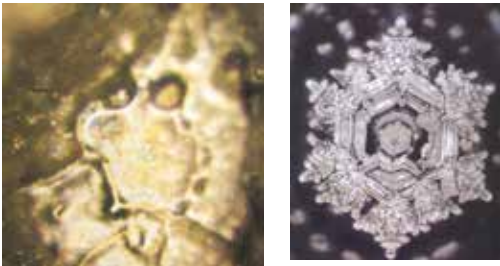
Bearing in mind this truth of Unity in Nature, that Universal Brotherhood is a fact of nature, Dr. Masuru Emoto and his team of scientists experimented with water exposed to music, spoken language, and typed words, taped to glass containers, photographs, and long-dis-



tance messages. Here are some of the pictures that show the response of water to these various sounds and words.

(Emoto's photographs are available at: <http://www.adhikara.com/water.html>)

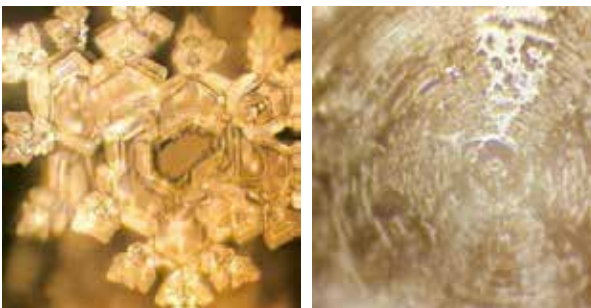
*Water before and after a prayer:*



*Water, after saying the word THANK YOU, and, also water, with words written on the bottle: "You make me sick, I will kill you."*



*Water after being exposed to Bach's "Air for G String" and water after being exposed to heavy metal music:*



Seeing these amazing pictures, we have to ask ourselves this question: If thoughts could do that to water and thinking that 90% of our bodies are made up of water, can you imagine what our thoughts could be doing to us? So, if quantum physics is right, and since we have unlimited options of thought and

unlimited choices - it's up to us to decide - "How far investigating the spectrum of reality and possibilities suggested by quantum physics do we really want to go?"

HP Blavatsky in her, *Collected Writings*, Vol. 14, page 249 encourages us onwards:

"There is a road, steep and thorny, beset with perils of every kind, but yet a road, and it leads to the very heart of the Universe: I can tell you how to find those who will show you the secret gateway that opens inward only, and closes fast behind the neophyte for evermore. There is no danger that dauntless courage cannot conquer; there is no trial that spotless purity cannot pass through; there is no difficulty that strong intellect cannot surmount. For those who win onwards there is reward past all telling - the power to bless and save humanity; for those who fail, there are other lives in which success may come".

- Sotiria Galanopoulou,  
Athens, Greece

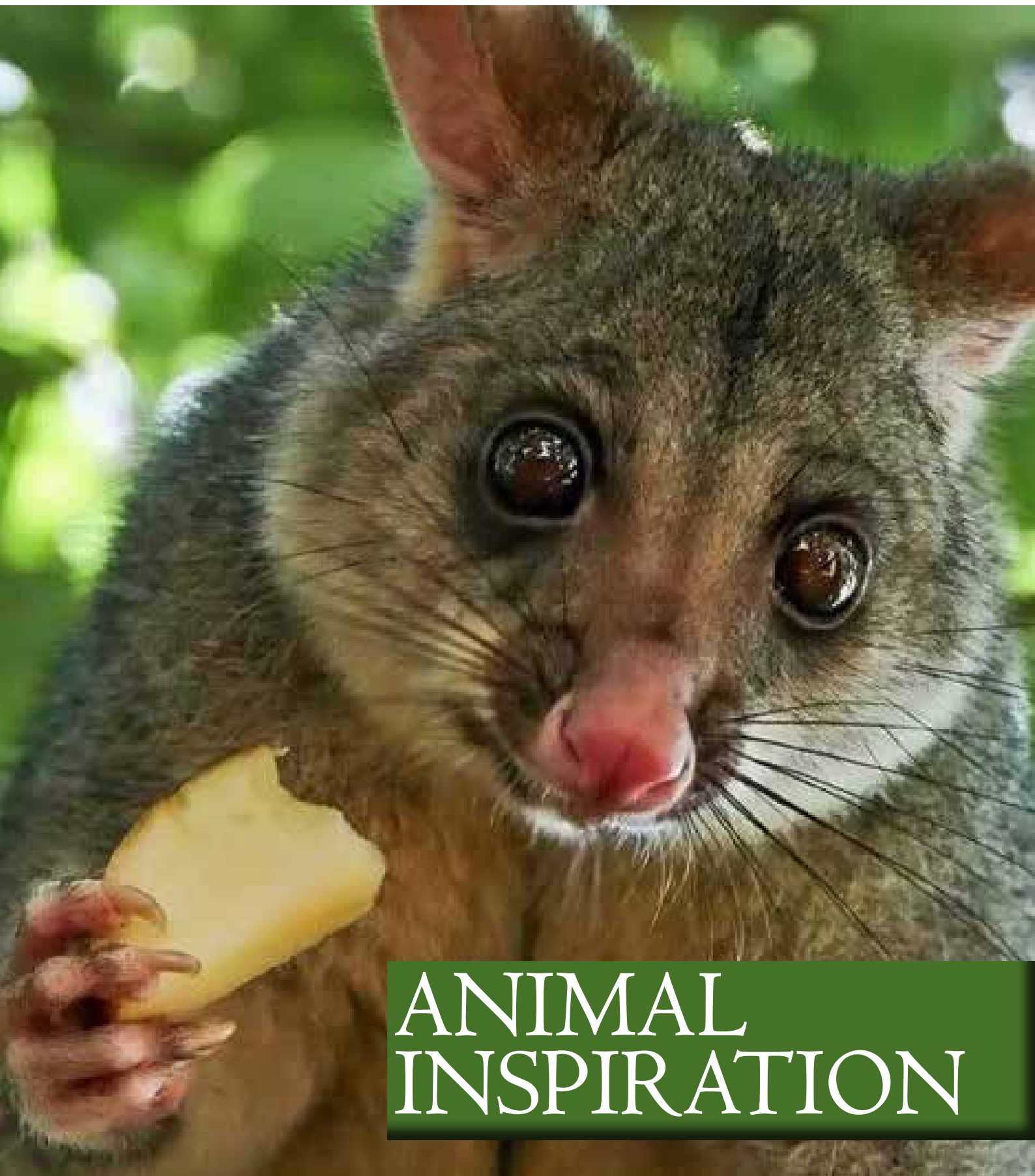


**Each of us has to think that "I and all Nature are not separated. We all are part of ONE, we are connected within the ALL like a drop in the ocean or a flame in a fire"**



**"You must speak straight so that your words may go as sunlight into our hearts."**

**- Cochise,  
Chiricahua Chief.**



# ANIMAL INSPIRATION



**S**ome years back, I worked in a school as a cleaner between 4 pm to midnight each weekday and was employed there for about 10 years. Being the sole cleaner there, it could sometimes become quite lonely. There was many a night when no one was around barring the possums, birds, rats and a few chickens.

As an animal lover, I'd say a hello to all (rats included) as I went about my nightly tasks. Now, one evening as the sun was setting and twilight nearby, this little Brushtail possum spotted me from afar and made a hasty run from the top of its tree towards me. I was a little cautious as I felt it may attack me.

However, this little possum was a female with baby in her pouch and she was only seeking friendship. Over time, she'd come up to me almost every night for an apple-core or a piece of bread. It was nothing for people walking along a path that meandered through the school grounds to see me sitting on a bench, cup of coffee in hand, sharing a tiny biscuit (or two) with this, sadly to most folk, pest animal - and a wild one to boot. As I shared the biscuit, I could gently stroke her head and even flatten her ears down like one does with a cat. How humble was I to have this animal show me such trust – what a beautiful gift from above!

Two years passed when she suddenly disappeared, and I never did learn about her fate. It was really sad and heart-breaking as I fell deeply in love with this wee angel. However, I'll never regret this experience. She taught me much about:

- Trust - that she would not bite me,
- Friendship - she came to the realization that she could be friends with me,
- Sharing what I had - as we sat together to share a biscuit,
- Discipline - learning to feed her the things that were good for her,
- Mutual respect.

No doubt, there were other lessons that I learnt or, at least, I was meant to learn. Surely her life is worthy of entering the Afterlife, if not, why so? Or do I simply imprison her Spirit? I think not! Now I do not advocate making friends with wild animals as they can lose their fear of humans, yet somehow this little girl was different; the exception to the rule. I share this story to show that sometimes animals and people can become friends and, as already said above, can learn from one another.

– Heathclyff St James Deville, Melbourne, Australia.

A close-up photograph of a Brushtail possum (Trichosurus vulpecula) clinging to a vertical tree branch. The possum has greyish-brown fur, large dark eyes, and a pink nose. Its long, dark tail is visible behind it. The background shows green foliage and other branches.

**“Shine the  
light  
– Let the light  
shine in you!”  
– White Eagle.**

Meetings in Melbourne: All meetings in Melbourne are listed on our website at:  
<http://www.theosophydownunder.org/library/meeting-programme/>

## New on the Theosophy Downunder Website:

Our website is at: [www.theosophydownunder.org](http://www.theosophydownunder.org)  
Newly added articles to the 'Theosophical Lectures' menu include: *Spiritual Awareness* - Compiled by Andrew Rooke.

## New in the Melbourne Library:

The Theosophical Pasadena Library Centre is at 664 Glenhuntly Rd, Caulfield South open on days of meetings or by special arrangement by phoning 0400942613. Books are available for loan to regular attendees at our meetings and U3A students attending the Ancient Wisdom course (Tuesday meetings) or by mail to members. The catalogue of books and a list of the journals available in the library is on our website.

## Newly added to our library:

Grateful thanks for a large donation of books from a friend of our work. Amongst the donations are the following books: E. Schure: *The Great Initiates: a Study of the Secret History of Religions*; R. Ellwood: *The*

*Cross and the Grail: Esoteric Christianity for the 21st Century*; A. Grabous - *The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Medieval Civilization*; R. Payne - *The Crusades*; A. Cotterell - *The Minoan World*; M. Beard - *SPQR: A History of Ancient Rome*; HG Coffin - *Creation: Accident or Design*; H. Shanks - *Jerusalem: an Archaeological Biography*; C Aldred - *Akhenaten*; P Jordan - *Riddles of the Sphinx*; S. Quirke - *The Temple of Ancient Egypt*; J. Fletcher - *The Search for Nefertiti*; WB Emery - *Archaic Egypt ...* and many more books on ancient history and philosophy.

## Dutch Translation of the Encyclopedic Theosophical Glossary:

For our Dutch readers, a Dutch language translation of G de Purucker's *Encyclopedic Theosophical Glossary* is now available online at: <https://theosofie.info/woordenlijst/M2A1.htm#M223>

Our congratulations to our colleagues in Holland for making this invaluable source of theosophical teachings available in Dutch language.

## The Secret Doctrine on Slide Share:

The theosophical classic by HP Blavatsky as published by our TS is available in Powerpoint format on Slide Share at: [https://www.slideshare.net/yamaraja\\_dasa/the-secret-doctrine-vol-2-pdf](https://www.slideshare.net/yamaraja_dasa/the-secret-doctrine-vol-2-pdf)

## Reincarnation Research:

<https://www.reincarnation-research.com/>  
This internet site is one of the most comprehensive sites on reincarnation. It contains evidences, views of religions and philosophers as well as cultures and traditions, quotations from famous people, links, and an extensive bibliography on the subject on reincarnation classified according to books (non-fiction and fiction) and journals. Reincarnation is one of the most important issues faced by philosophy, religion and science that have very significant implications to the understanding of human life. Reincarnation used to be a subject confined to religion. Since the 20th century, however, the inquiry has moved into the field of science as a result of ground-breaking researches about people, particularly children,



whose memories of previous lives have been validated by independent investigations. Many of these cases involved birthmarks or physical characteristics at birth that matched the manner of death of the claimed previous life. Some of them also could speak an unlearned language but which corresponded to the language learned in the claimed previous life.

The concept of reincarnation, however, goes against the mainstream doctrines of a number of major religions. This has created conflicts and has led to raging debates on the pros and cons of reincarnation.

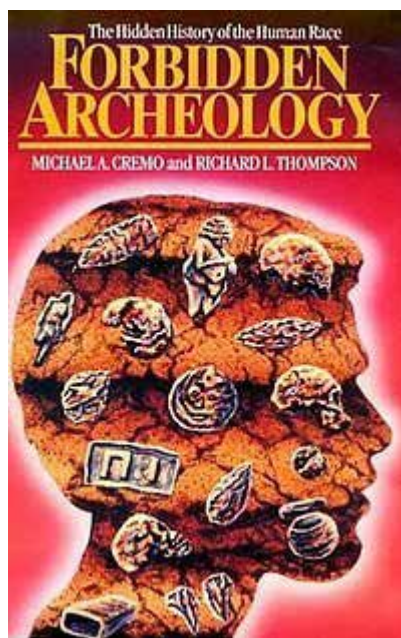
This site contains current knowledge regarding reincarnation. It has linkages to sites on various facets of the topic, books written about it, and the controversies revolving around it. It also includes objections raised against reincarnation.

Karma and Reincarnation are two of the fundamental teachings of Theosophy with profound implications for behaviour if taken seriously as facts of nature.

## Chinese Theosophical

**Website:** friends who may read Mandarin, might be interested to visit the new Chinese Theosophical Website at:

<http://chinesetheosophy.net/>



## Evidence for the Ancient History of Mankind:

Theosophy teaches that humanity has a vast history spanning millions of years, though not necessarily in the form that we would recognize a human being today. Over the past two centuries, archaeologists have found bones, footprints, and artifacts showing that people like ourselves have existed on earth for many millions of years. But many scientists have forgotten or ignored these remarkable facts. Why?

Primarily because they contradict the now dominant evolutionary views about human origins and antiquity. According to these views, humans like ourselves have existed for only about 100,000 or 200,000 years, and before that there were only more

primitive human ancestors. This evolutionary paradigm, to which influential groups of scientists are deeply committed, has acted as a "knowledge filter." And the filtering, intentional or not, has left us with a radically incomplete set of facts for building our ideas about human origins. Michael Cremo is a leading researcher of this unconventional view of human history. The following link to a video lecture by Michael Cremo attempts to recover the complete set of facts taking us on a fascinating expedition across five continents to various archaeological sites, some long forgotten, some the center of ongoing controversy. The complete set of facts is consistent with the accounts of extreme human antiquity found in the *Puranas*, the historical writings of ancient India. The full lecture, is available on You Tube: *Michael Cremo: Forbidden Archaeology: Talks at Google*:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DKfGC3P9KoQ>

**"Think of the power of the universe – turning the Earth, growing the trees. That's the same power within you..."**  
– Charlie Chaplin

## FLIGHT TO EGYPT

Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favourite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an aeroplane, so she asked him which story he meant to represent.

- "The flight to Egypt," said Kyle.
- "I see...And that must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus," Ms. Terri said.
- "But who's the fourth person?"
- "Oh, that's Pontius – the Pilot!"

## HAVE A LAUGH



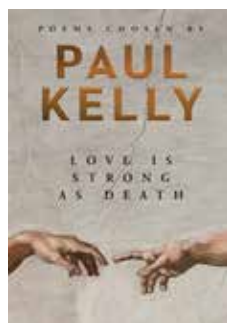
## PARKING TEMPTATIONS

A minister parked his car in a non-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a parking meter. So, he put a note under the windscreen wiper that read: "I have circled the block 100 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES."

When he returned, he found a ticket from a parking officer along with this note. "If I don't give you a ticket. I'll lose my job. LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION."



## LOVE IS STRONG AS DEATH



– Poems Chosen by Paul Kelly.  
Published by Hamish/  
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**There are many ways** of learning and teaching about the mysteries of life besides intellectual discussions. Music, art, theatre, dance, ritual, and especially poetry have been tried and true methods of passing along

the Ancient Wisdom throughout the ages.

Poetry is certainly alive and well in the 21st century as it has ever been. But few people these days will take the time to read books of poetry such as the new book compiled by Australian popular musician, Paul Kelly, *Love is Strong as Death* (2019). However, we are all surrounded by poetry all the time in popular music, background music where we work and play, and particularly on ritual occasions such as weddings, funerals, and birthdays when we are likely to reach for a suitable poem to help us through a speech.

Though we may be largely unaware of it, poetry lives on in our everyday speech. Common phrases like 'tower of strength', 'cold comfort', 'vanished into thin air', 'high time', 'tongue tied', 'the long and the short of it', 'it's neither here nor there', and many others all sprang from the plays of Shakespeare which, for the most part, were written in a form of poetry.

Shakespeare certainly features strongly in this rather idiosyncratic collection of poems old and new. All of the poems feature the great questions of daily life such as the joys and pains of personal love, death, grief and loss, good and evil, divinity and the search for God, war and the fallout from conflict, loneliness, the complexity of family life, and many other

**"Poetry  
is deep play.  
It's comfort. It's  
challenge. Just like a  
friend."**

– Paul Kelly

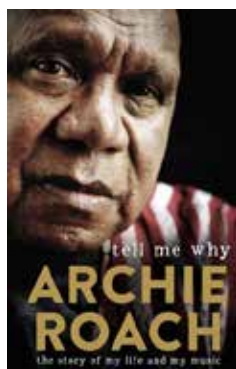
eternal themes centred on human life experience. There are poems here by the classic poets such as Homer (*'And so their spirits soared'* from *The Illiad*), John Keats (*'Ode to Melancholy'*), Thomas Hardy (*'The Darkling Thrush'*), John Donne (*'Death be not Proud'*), T.S. Eliot (*'The Journey of the Magi'*), and little known modern poets such as Ocean Vuong (*'Aubade with Burning City'* about the evacuation of Saigon after the Vietnam War in 1975), Gwen Harwood (*'Thought is surrounded by a Halo'*), Ansel Elkins (*'Autobiography of Eve'*), and many other poetic voices that deserve to be heard.

All the poems are arranged alphabetically with the classic and the banal, the spiritual and the secular, jostled together with indexes by author, and the first line of each poem available. Strangely enough, considering that Paul Kelly is one of Australia's most famous popular singers and a poet in song himself, song lyrics have been mostly left out although most poetry throughout history has been really meant to be sung. A notable exception is Australian Aboriginal musician, Archie Roach's song, *'Took the Children Away'*. Poems which Paul Kelly has put to music are listed.

● **Readers of Paul Kelly's new book** may also be interested in the new autobiography of his close friend and fellow musician, Aboriginal singer, Archie Roach: *Tell Me Why: the story of my life and my music*.

According to theosophical teachings, the Australian aboriginal people are the descendants of the world's oldest civilization from the Lemurian, or Third Root-Race civilization. **Lemuria** was a continent that existed about thirty-four million years ago, according to *The Secret Doctrine*. It was destroyed by volcanic fires and most of its land lies now under the ocean with the exception of Australia and some Polynesian islands such as Easter Island.

The Australian Aboriginal people have endured through the ages since those ancient times but their existence as the world's oldest continuing culture has been threatened since their encounter with European settlers in the last 200 years. The legacy of violence, resettlement on missions and



**ARCHIE ROACH:**  
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**of my life**  
**and my music**  
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reservations, imprisonment, alcohol and drug abuse, is epitomized in Archie Roach's own life story since he was forcibly taken from his Aboriginal parents by Australian government authorities whilst still a boy – 'the stolen generation'.

His life story of alcoholism and regular imprisonment makes for harrowing reading. But his own great resilience, his musical and poetic talent, and the light of Aboriginal culture shines through Archie's work as a renowned musician and poet. Archie Roach's life story shows that suffering can produce amazing creative insights into the human condition which can benefit us all.

An example of Archie's poetry in song:

ALL MEN CHOOSE THE PATH THEY WALK –  
Archie Roach

Some men are prone to misadventure  
Questions of guilt aren't always clear  
Some men run from a fate they can't avoid  
All men choose the path they walk

Some men can be faulted for their reason  
Feigning to justly intervene  
Some men hide from the memories that haunt  
All men choose the path they walk

Some men see everything through duty  
Cast off responsibility  
Some regret that their courage sometimes fails  
All men choose the path they walk

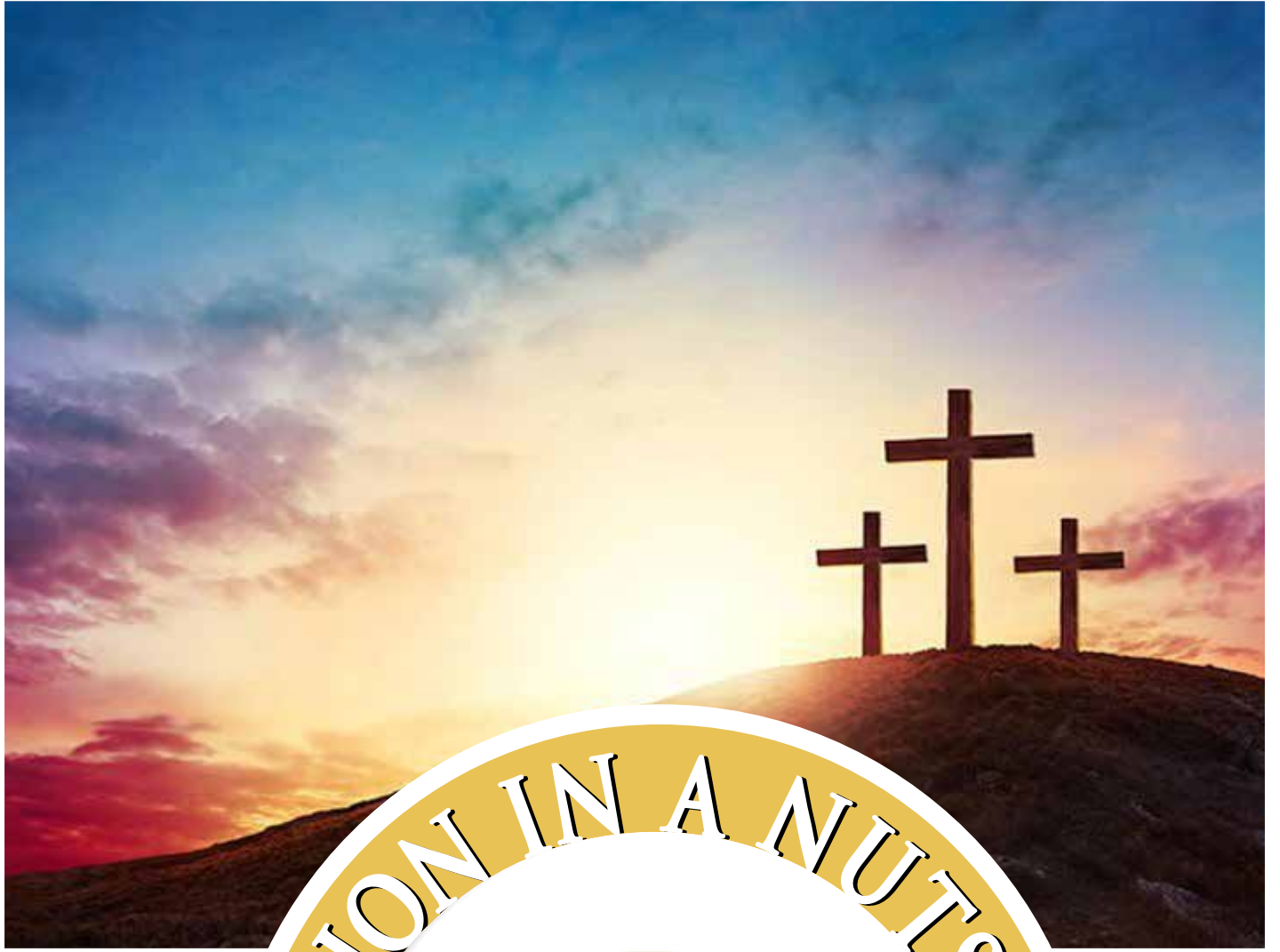
Some men have attitude that's righteous  
Care not about the consequence  
Some men fight with the violence inside  
All men choose the path they walk

Some men have reached their destination  
Finding their own serenity  
Some men lead others till they recognize  
That all men choose the path they walk.

After a high-school education when most of us were forced to learn Shakespeare and other great poets for English language examinations, most people tend to permanently avoid reading poetry! These two new books by Australian musician/poets, Paul Kelly and Archie Roach, will hopefully encourage people to dust off their school poetry books once again and to reap a rich harvest of all the spiritual gifts poetry can bring to our imaginations.

- Reviewed by the Editor.





The world's largest religion with 2.4 billion followers.

**Monotheistic:** belief in One God who is transcendent, all powerful, demands exclusive loyalty. Whilst being a monotheistic religion, Christianity believes in a Trinity of the Father (God), the Son (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit (the active power of God) in the one person of God.

**Jesus is not just a Prophet:** According to Christian belief, He is the Son of God sent to earth by God as God's sacrifice on the Cross to save those of humanity who will believe in Him. Following the Crucifixion, he rose from the Dead (the Resurrection) to teach his Apostles and prove his status as one with God (summed up in the Nicene Creed). Jesus performed miracles such as making the blind see again, curing people with terrible diseases such as leprosy, fed thousands of people with a small amount of food, walked on water, etc. According to Christian belief, He is the Messiah, and we should accept Him as our personal Saviour so that we can have eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

**Faith in Jesus:** According to Christian belief, Jesus is the Son of God and sent by Him as the Messiah foretold in the Old Testament. He was sent by God as our Saviour to cleanse Man's Original Sin. In order to be a Christian you need to accept Christ as your Saviour

and this is the only way to get to eternal life in heaven when you die; to be resurrected in the distant future when Christ returns to rule the world and to cleanse the earth of sin. Jesus will surely return on this Judgement Day to save all the people who believe in Him. Therefore, Christianity is strongly based on Faith.

**Christian Life:** in addition to Faith, Christians need to live a good life guided by Christian principles whilst alive. Christians believe that we should Love God, love yourself, other Christians, and even your enemies as well – 'turn the other cheek'. Help the poor.



**Forms of Worship:** Going to church at least once per week. Highly ritualistic with sacraments, music, reverence for relics/sacred places, and pilgrimage. It is not necessary in all types of Christianity to go to church as long as Christians attempt to live a good Christian life and have faith in Christ the Redeemer.

**Mysticism:** Christianity also has a mystical tradition within the church, eg. Meister Eckhardt, St Theresa, Thomas A'Kempis, and heretical traditions not accepted by the mainstream churches, such as the Gnostic Christians who had such a major impact on early Christianity.

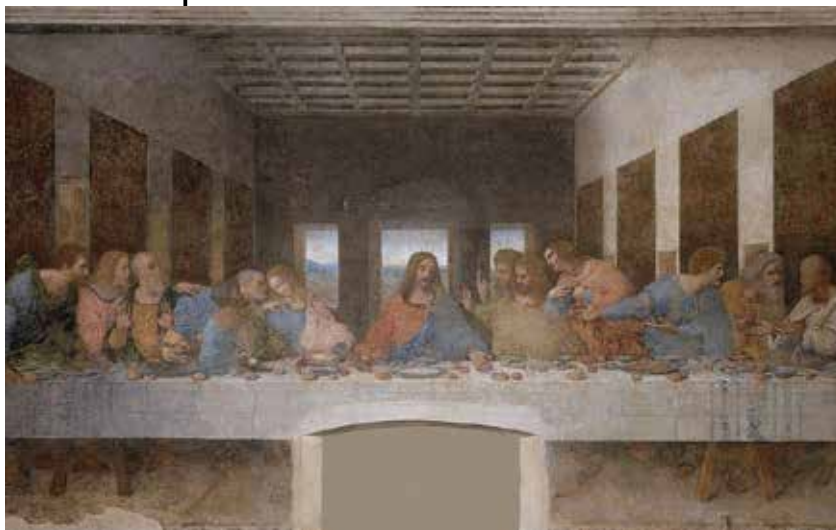
**Conversion:** Christianity is a proselytizing religion, ie. A religion that actively promotes converting people to Christianity. Christianity expects that Christians will try and convert as many people as possible to Christianity to save them too.

**Sacred Texts:** The Bible, meaning the Old and

New Testaments. The Gospels, the first four books of the New Testament, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, are the main source of information on Jesus, his life and ministry. There is little independent confirmation of his existence and ministry, eg. some mention of Jesus's ministry in the works of Jewish historian, Josephus.

**Three Major Forms of Christianity:** Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Protestant. There are innumerable permutations of these three basic forms of Christianity. Most forms of Christianity have a hierarchical structure of priests, bishops, archbishops, the Pope, etc.

**Festivals:** Major festivals are: Christmas – birth of Jesus; Good Friday – death of Jesus on the Cross; Easter – resurrection of Jesus.



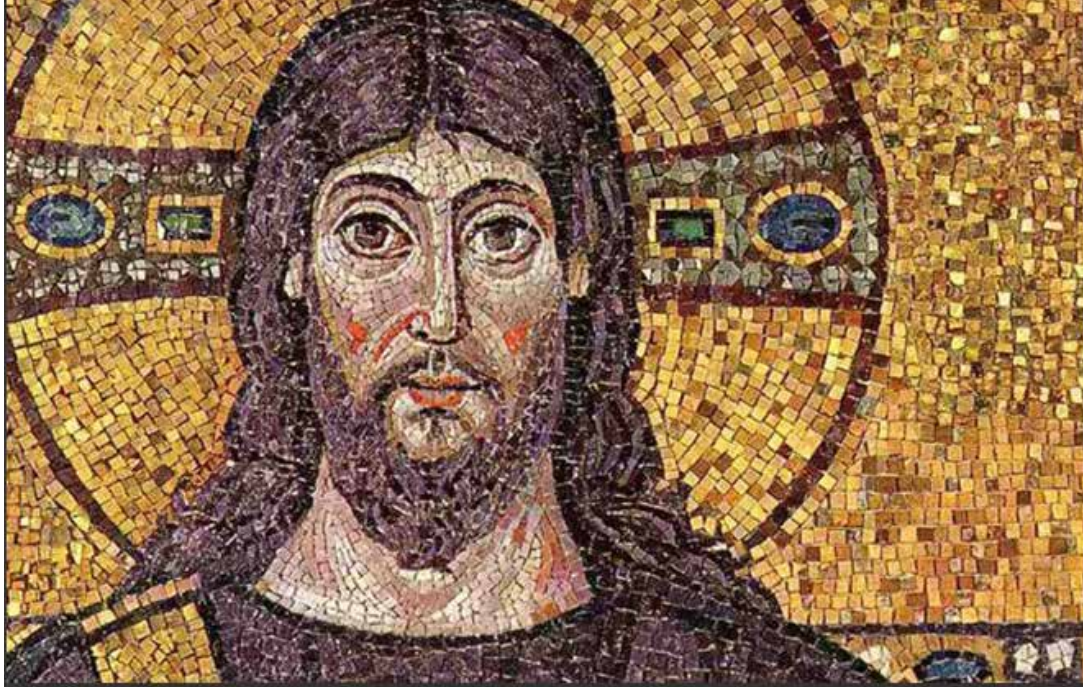
**History of Jesus life according to the New Testament:** Judea in Palestine was conquered in 63BCE and the Jewish ruler, King Herod, became the client king of the Romans with his son of the same name being the king when Jesus was born. There was a long history of resentment and rebellion amongst the Jewish people in reaction to the Roman conquest with some (Zealots and Sicari) wanting an outright rebellion, and the majority awaiting a Messiah or Saviour who would restore righteousness, the Jewish way of life, and rid them of the Romans. According to the New Testament, Jesus was born into this volatile situation to a poor family in Bethlehem attended by a number of miracles including

Virgin Birth to his mother Mary. Not much is known of his early life except that he worked as a carpenter.

At the age of 30 he began his ministry and was baptised by John the Baptist. Jesus of Nazareth was basically a Jewish priest of that time talking about monotheism and the 10 commandments, with new elements of his teaching being: a personal relationship with God, love, forgiveness, looking out for the poor and weak, attended by many miraculous healings, casting out of demons, and other miracles showing Jesus's super-natural powers. The New Testament, especially the first four books, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, tell us most about Jesus but were all written 60 to 70 years after Jesus death. In the three years of his ministry Jesus appointed 12 male Apostles and Mary Magdalene, his constant companion, preaching the promise of eternal life if they followed Him.

According to the New Testament story, in 29CE Jesus went to Jerusalem where he was seen by many people to be the Messiah promised for ages by Judaism. This presented a real problem for Jewish priests (Pharisees) for whom it was a heresy of the highest order to say that Jesus was the Son of God, and for the Roman authorities (Pontius Pilate the Governor) who were worried about any further cause for instability in a very volatile political environment in Judea of that time. At the Last Supper Judas betrayed





Jesus and the Jewish religious authorities gave him back to the Romans to be crucified between two thieves. Following his death on the cross, He was put into a tomb when three days later he was found to have gone and he visited the Apostles when he told them to spread the word of eternal life through the world. Then, according to the Bible, Jesús ascended into heaven where He sits at the right-hand of God the Father. Following His death Christianity spread throughout the Roman Empire largely due to the efforts of St Peter and especially St Paul. St Paul was a Roman citizen with freedom of travel in the empire and a common language to preach the Gospel. St Paul preached that Christianity is open to all without circumcision, Jesus was the long-awaited Jewish Messiah for all peoples, no observation of Jewish laws necessary, the promise of eternal life which was particularly attractive to the poor and dispossessed of which there were many in the Roman world at that time, attraction for women – the cult of Mary, simple and exclusive faith in Jesus enough to achieve these great benefits. James, brother of Jesus, disagreed with St Paul, and was opposed to Gentiles (non-Jewish believers) converting to the cult of Jesus, but he was killed early in the period after Jesus death. In 70CE the Romans brutally crushed the Jewish rebellion pushing the Jews out of Palestine. Persecution of Christians followed, especially by Roman Emperor, Nero, who ordered the death of St Peter and St

Paul, but Christianity continued to spread. Emperor Constantine (280-337CE) was converted to Christianity in 312CE and in 380CE Christianity became the official state religion of Rome guaranteeing its status as the leading religion in Europe thereafter spreading across the world wherever European civilization spread.

In the first decades of the 21st century, the future of Christianity lies less in the developed economies of the Western world, where numbers of Christians and the level of their enthusiasm for the religion seem to be declining, than in the developing nations. The greatest numerical growth of Christianity today is in Asia, Africa, and Latin America as well as the countries of Eastern Europe where communism had forbidden religious practice. The future of Christianity appears to lie in its capacity to become a truly 'world religion'.

– compiled by the Editor



## A CHRISTIAN PRAYER FOR EMPATHY AND COMPASSION

May God bless you with discomfort

At easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,

So that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger

At injustice, oppression and exploitation of people.

So that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears

To shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war,

So that you may reach out the hand of comfort to them

And turn their pain to joy.

To believe that you can make a difference in the world,

So that you can do what others claim cannot be done

To bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor. Amen.



# A LETTER FROM 'INSIDE'

– L.S.

**W**e recently received a letter from L.S., an inmate of a prison in the USA and a student of our Theosophical Correspondence Courses\* since 2004. The letter demonstrated how Theosophical teachings, if taken seriously, can have the potential to help turn your life around under the very most difficult of circumstances:

***In answer to the question 'How are you doing?':***

"... Inside myself? Happy and content with my current situation. At peace of mind and being. I am looking forward to becoming even more compassionate with my interactions with others. I am also working on my inner self and how I accept that which is a part of a wider spectrum of consciousness and connection with every other. On a journey that is travelling through the entire universe and looking forward towards a realization of the mind of God within and without.

***In answer to the question, 'Where do you want to be?':***

Where I am right now. To be continuing on my path towards enlightenment of Self. Gaining


insight and experience so that I can be prepared to survive the outside world. At a place where I am OK with who I am and not needing to be in a state of questioning "what am I going to do next?" The feeling of always struggling to make it when I parole. Last time I got out I committed this current crime on the day I paroled from my last prison sentence. So, I want to be in a better and more pragmatic state of mind..." – L.S., USA

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**We are as the  
ancient Maya  
called themselves,  
'Little pieces  
of the Sun.'  
– Jane Sorbi**





# THE COSMIC BRAHMA



**Brahma is the Hindu Creator god. He is also known as the Grandfather and as a later equivalent of Prajapati, the primeval first god. In early Hindu sources such as the Mahabharata, Brahma is supreme in the triad of great Hindu gods which includes Shiva and Vishnu.**

- Don Shepherd

**I**n *The Secret Doctrine*, H.P. Blavatsky wrote: “Osiris was, like Brahma-Prajapati, Adam Kadmon, Ormazd, and so many other Logoi, the chief and synthesis of the group of ‘Creators’ or Builders”<sup>1</sup>. In my September 2019 article, *The Cosmic Osiris*, I investigated how the combination of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Logos in a ten-fold world system operated as the “Great Breath” to transfer its pre-cosmic energies into the Central Spiritual Sun as its “head” and manifest those energies into the cosmic Daiviprakritic emanations of our Sun in the solar system<sup>2</sup>. Since Osiris symbolized the Central Spiritual Sun as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Logos which tintured our Sun with the Great Breath, he was the Creator and Builder of the seven manifest worlds and referred to as the Cosmic Osiris; he linked the pre-cosmic worlds of the three logoi to the seven cosmic worlds ruled over by our Sun during the 311 trillion-year

cycle of a Great Age. But the Egyptian religion was not the only religion constructed on this framework. In Hinduism, Brahma, both in his pre-cosmic origins and in his cosmic outcome, corresponded to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Logos who collected the potentialities of the Universe in its eternity to transform them into the active potencies of the manifested realm. In reconciling ancient Hindu literature with the writings of H.P. Blavatsky, the Cosmic Brahma is appropriated his proper place not merely as our Sun but the Central Spiritual Sun enlivening it.

The investigation of the Cos-

mic Brahma begins with a study of the Hindu Trimurti of Brahma-Vishnu-Shiva but not in the order that one would expect since H.P. Blavatsky made it clear that Vishnu and Shiva transcended Brahma<sup>3</sup>. This may appear strange at first for those used to the idea of Brahma jump-starting the Universe, but this role actually belongs to Vishnu. If one reviews my previous work in Theosophy Downunder on the three logoi, the 1<sup>st</sup> Logos corresponds to the immaculate white disk or “Kosmos in Eternity,” but to be more precise:

- the 1<sup>st</sup> Logos is really the pre-cosmic potential point in that immaculate white disk that retains its Individuality but not its function, thereby presenting the appearance of indeterminability and Absolute negation to cosmic senses<sup>4</sup>.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Logos corresponds to the “hazy comprehension” of that Supreme Light which, “inaccessible to human intellect,” can only appear as Darkness falling “like a shadow” into the objective from its subjective base<sup>5</sup>.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Logos is the potentiality of that point now centralized in manifestation in all its active potency as a beacon of light breaking through the Darkness, a moment in which “the creative Logoi have their understanding opened, and they see in the ideal world (hitherto concealed in the divine light) the archetypal forms of all”.<sup>6</sup> The 3<sup>rd</sup> Logos becomes the Demiurge or Architect—a Creator and Builder from pre-cosmic origins—for the manifested Universe subsequent to this stage.

Within this structural framework, Vishnu is the potential point in the immaculate white disk. H.P. Blavatsky concurred, designating the symbolism of the lotus flower growing out of Vishnu’s navel as the “most graphic allegory ever made: the Universe evolving from the central Sun, the POINT, the ever-concealed germ”.<sup>7</sup> But this is the Central Spiritual Sun before manifesting its central point of light, as Brahma, for the seven lower worlds. H.P. Blavatsky recognized the distinction by indicating that Vishnu was

a first Logos and Brahma a subsequent Logos, or “ideal and practical creators” who are “respectively represented, one as manifesting the lotus, the other as issuing from it”.<sup>8</sup> The logoic light existed in two senses:

- 1) “eternal, absolute light, *in potentia*, ever present in the bosom of the unknown Darkness, coexistent and coeval with the latter in Eternity” and
- 2) “a Manifestation of heterogeneity and a contrast to it”.<sup>9</sup>

Vishnu represented the first light; Brahma the second light. Vishnu would necessarily have to be higher than Brahma because, when Shiva destroys the manifested Brahmanic energies of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Logos as that secondary light at the close of the Great Age after the 311 trillion-year Maha-Manvantara, there has to be a force or power preserving that Individuality, formerly an active potency but no longer, in the potentiality of its own being. Vishnu is that potential force beyond the productiveness of Brahma and the destructiveness of Shiva. So Brahma, after Shiva destroys the seven lower worlds to throw the Universe into the Darkness of Maha-Pralaya, re-emerges preserved as the manifested central point of light in a lower form of Vishnu, or the potential point within the Supreme Light of the immaculate white disk now extended as the Mul-



aprakritic Father-Mother “plane” of Darkness on which “lie crossways all the gods, creatures, and creations born in Space and Time”.<sup>10</sup> This depicts H.P. Blavatsky’s cosmology for the immaculate white disk, the darkness of Space, and the central point of light emerging out from against the blackness of that Space in terms of the Hindu Trimurti, perhaps a more esoteric ordering of Vishnu, Shiva, and Brahma as the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Logos.

**Trimurti, (Sanskrit: “three forms”) in Hinduism, triad of the three gods Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva. The concept was known at least by the time of Kalidasa’s poem Kumarasambhava (“Birth of the War God”; c. 4th–5th century ce).**



The cosmological role of Brahma as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Logos is to mirror himself in Space, a role we have already seen him performing in mirroring the primary light of Vishnu through his own secondary light. In this mirroring process, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Logos becomes “the definite and objective expression of that which has hitherto remained in the depths of the Concealed Thought”.<sup>11</sup> This is why, despite all assertions of “Oneness” in theosophical writings, there is still a distinction between two “ONES” in *The Secret Doctrine*—Vishnu as the primary light on the “unreachable plane of Absoluteness” and Brahma as the secondary light on the “plane of Emanations”.<sup>12</sup>

Brahma, as a central point of light against a backdrop of Darkness, simply reflected the Supreme Light beyond that Darkness to shine interiorly in the seven lower worlds. Brahma, then, became identical with the Monad, viewed as “ONE” above the “seventh principle of Atman (the pinnacle of the lower worlds), and with Mahat, the “Synthesis of the Seven creative rays.”<sup>13</sup>

Subba Row, the Advaita philosopher, explained that these “seven distinct rays” radiated from the Central Spiritual Sun.<sup>14</sup> In this statement, we get a clear identification of Brahma and his Mahatic consciousness with the Central Sun, often referred to as a Raja Sun. For him, this Central Sun is the “Still Small Voice,” the “Voice of the Silence” that has within itself the “whole plan of Life-Evolution.”<sup>15</sup> This “Still Small Voice” emanating from the central point of light of the Central Sun merely expresses in an objective manner the plan of Life-Evolution deeper in the unknown “bare subjectivity” of its parent Darkness, or Mulaprakriti.<sup>16</sup> Figuratively, H.P. Blavatsky depicted Mulaprakriti as the horizontal line bisecting the diameter of the circle and the Central Sun as the manifesting point on that line.<sup>17</sup> Thus, a man “digging into himself can find the centre of the Universe” and put himself in rapport with the Monad and its “universal mind” to “see the whole Cosmos.”<sup>18</sup> It is



a cosmic view; it is the view of the Cosmic Brahma who, with his understanding opened, envisions the archetypal form of all and re-creates it in the realms below. This archetypal form is the “circle of Vishnu,” a shape with such a curve that whatever proceeds from it will “finally re-enter upon itself.”<sup>19</sup> The process of such a curve is necessarily reflexive, otherwise the distance on the curve from the re-entry position could never be measured.



Therefore, H.P. Blavatsky described Vishnu, originally a potential point outside Space and Time, becoming embroiled in Space and Time as the “Solar active energy,” the “sevenfold Sun” (though always “distinct” from the potential point) being the “visible symbol of the impersonal deity.”<sup>20</sup> In this manner, Brahma mirrors Vishnu (as the potential point) through his own manifestation as the Central Sun and then transfers that original, pre-cosmic, ideal form of Vishnu onto the practical, observable, circular motions of the Sun to impress the rotational nature of the circle of Vishnu. As illustrated in the Sata-patha- Brahmana, the rays of the “setting of the sun” were equated with the “highest light” of either Prajapati or Indra, both names being equivalent to Brahma (Prajapati being the plurality of divine hosts in Brahma) or Mahat (Indra being the Mind).<sup>21</sup> In Sri Sankaracarya’s Brahma-

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The cosmological role of Brahma as the 3rd Logos is to mirror himself in Space, a role we have already seen him performing in mirroring the primary light of Vishnu through his own secondary light.”

Vishnu is the preserver god, which means he protects the universe from being destroyed and keeps it going, according to this religion, and he has come to earth in nine forms (called avatars) so far, with one yet to come. His most famous forms are Rama and Krishna. Vishnu's wife is Lakshmi, the Hindu goddess of fortune.



Sutra-Bhasya, he distinguished the Sun from Brahman, confessing that transcendent ideals were “superimposed on the sun” so that the Sun “will come to be looked upon as raised in status” because of the superimposition of such an “exalted idea.”<sup>22</sup> Treating the Sun as something superior to what it actually is could develop a sense of reverence in the worshipper and accelerate the cultivation of his faculties. Worship of the Sun is actually about worship of what is internal to the Sun, turning our attention to the “Still Small Voice” of the Central Spiritual Sun mirroring the nature of the 1<sup>st</sup> Logos through its own 3<sup>rd</sup> logoi identity.

In understanding how the Central Spiritual Sun speaks to us as the “Still Small Voice,” one can turn to Utpaladeva’s *Isvarapratyabhi-jnakarika*. First, objects can be “manifested as external only if they reside within.”<sup>23</sup> The

definitions for the names

Vishnu and Brahma are

helpful here. Vish-

nu means “to

pervade” and

Brahma “to

expand.” In

the *Vishnu*

*Purana*, the

“indiscreet

Principle”

(Mul-

aprakritic)

and the “In-

tellect” (Ma-

hatic) united

with ether, air,

light, water, earth,

and sound “formed an

egg” and gradually expand-

ed “like a bubble of water” that served as

the spiritual “abode of Vishnu in the form

of Brahma.”<sup>24</sup> So the quality of this egg was

both pervasive and expansive. The egg was

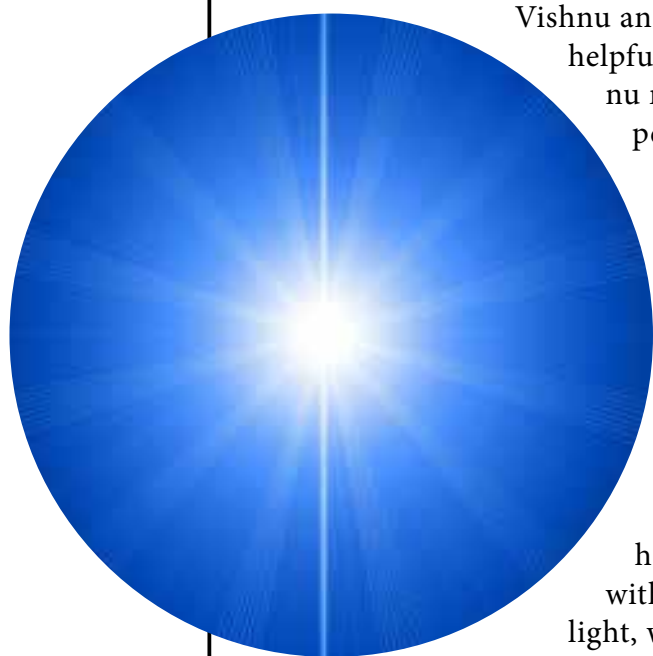
“externally invested” with a series of “natural

envelopes” that culminated in the “principle

of Intelligence” (Brahma) and, finally, the “indiscreet Principle” (Vishnu) surrounded the whole like a “cocoa-nut, filled interiorly with pulp and exteriorly covered by husk and rind.”<sup>25</sup> The husk and rind symbolized the darkness of Space while the interior pulp symbolized the light of the logoi that expands throughout—a most beautiful Hindu metaphor that combined the pervasiveness of Vishnu with the expansiveness of Brahma to explain exoterically an esoteric mystery for the simultaneity of transcendence and immanence.

All the gods, creatures, and creations born in Space and Time exist as objects within the purview of the Central Spiritual Sun in its potential and manifest aspects. Second, if an object were not “essentially light” it would be external to consciousness and thus not exist at all; however, there are no non-existent objects and so any object that is “illuminated” must itself be light.<sup>26</sup>

In my December 2015 article, *The Inner Cosmos*, I developed this scenario where Brahma “like a bright pearl” appeared as an “ovum of fullness in the womb of emptiness” and from his light swirled “specks of life” (shards of light illuminating the cosmos in their own right) straining to see into the Darkness, activating



within themselves the perceptive faculty of Mind, and displaying the dualism inherent in the circular rotation—the circle of Vishnu re-entering upon itself—of the activity of life felt as “tension (separation) and resolution (union).”<sup>27</sup> This tension and resolution, separation and union, is the energy of Mahatic consciousness or the “essence of light” as reflexive awareness distinguishing differences as each shard spirals away into the outer reaches of the cosmos and then again towards the fullness of the light of Brahma, all the while, as light itself, carrying the “Still Small Voice” of the Central Spiritual Sun.<sup>28</sup>

In our daily lives, there may come a time, as recounted by Subba Row, that we hear the “infallible voice” of the Central Sun that “must be obeyed.”<sup>29</sup> It “comes but once and gives directions,” points “out the path,” and then “goes away,” tincturing the human consciousness now in the present just as it tintured the solar orb trillions of years ago.<sup>30</sup> The Central Sun “throws out a kind of feeler” of its “own light” into various organisms and, when the union takes place after the “light vibrates along a series” of human incarnations, the individual “at once feels that he is himself the Logos, the Monad formed from whose light has been going through all experiences which he has now added to his individuality.”<sup>31</sup> Since the function of the Central Spiritual Sun is to mirror itself in our experience, Subba Row explained that the Masters, in reflecting the light of that Central Sun, “never teach us as our English school masters” but “simply impress in our minds and help us develop the higher fifth rounder’s faculty.”<sup>32</sup> He continued, insisting that we must “bring our brain to the clear level of the Adept, by banishing from us any feeling for anything worldly, love, hatred, anger, avarice, or any absorbing passion” in order to “carry a brain which can be *impressed*.”<sup>33</sup>

By fashioning ourselves to be impressed, we too begin to mirror the worlds as the objec-

tive expression of the reflective nature of the Central Sun. In looking at this overview, the Hindus were no different than the Egyptians. As previously delineated in my article on The Cosmic Osiris, the First Degree of the Egyptian initiatory trials pertained to the “orb of light” in the Darkness but with no direct experience of the “inner vision.”<sup>34</sup> The Second Degree pertained to the direct experience of the inner vision. The Third Degree pertained to the union with the radiance of light that shineth in Darkness. In the Third Degree, the Eye of Horus opened in the same manner that the understanding of Brahma opened, demonstrating a man’s ability, mirrored through the reality of Horus and Brahma as the 3rd Logos reflecting the divinity in them, to consciously enter and exit the plane of the immaculate white disk as the central point of light.

In both cases, the Egyptians and the Hindus related the same story: man’s path along the circle of Vishnu transfigured on his return to the light of Brahma and his re-entry into the all-consuming absorption of Vishnu, the potential point in the immaculate white disk, without measure, without Time, yet residing as an Individuality on the coils of the serpent Ananta-Sesha until called forth once again.



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# Imagine All the People

- James Rooke.

Imagine all the people  
In loving embraces  
Including all races

Then would come the sequel  
With loving forever  
It only gets better

Mumma always told me  
With hope of a future  
Hold love close to her

Help those out in need  
With no hope or feeling  
Begging and kneeling

And we can turn dark into light  
With every single one in sight  
The journey no - it won't be so easy  
And I know it sounds a little cheesy

But with love the future's brighter everyday  
And sometimes it's too easy to see grey  
If you look a little deeper, you will find  
That place inside your heart, where you are kind.

- James Rooke, Vancouver, Canada.



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