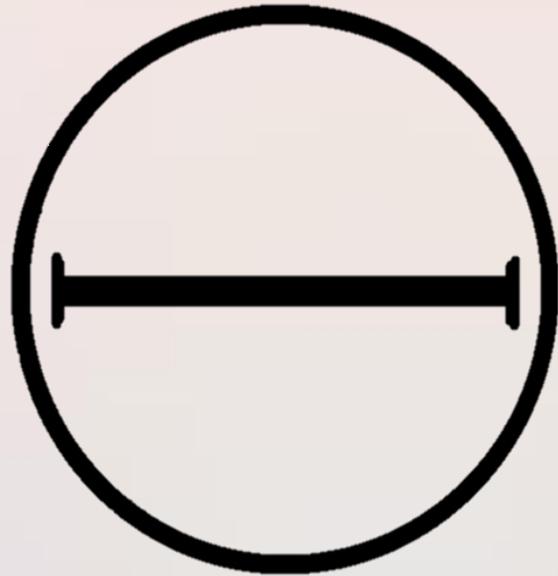


THE LAW OF UNITY

THE ONE & THE ALL



A talk at the United Lodge of Theosophists
London UK, Sunday 4th April 2021

Introductory reading (1 of 3)

KRISHNA:

All this universe is pervaded by me in my invisible form; all things exist in me, but I do not exist in them. Nor are all things in me; behold this my divine mystery: myself causing things to exist and supporting them all but dwelling not in them. Understand that all things are in me even as the mighty air which passes everywhere is in space.

O son of Kuntî, at the end of a kalpa all things return unto my nature, and then again at the beginning of another kalpa I cause them to evolve again. Taking control of my own nature I emanate again and again this whole assemblage of beings, without their will, by the power of the material essence. These acts do not bind me, O conqueror of wealth, because I am as one who sitteth indifferent, uninterested in those works. By reason of my supervision nature produceth the animate and inanimate universe; it is through this cause, O son of Kuntî, that the universe revolveth.

Bhagavad Gita Ch. 9, pages 64-65

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KRISHNA: Behold, O son of Pritha, my forms by hundreds and by thousands, of diverse kinds divine, of many shapes and fashions. Behold the Adityas, Vasus, Rudras, Aswins, and the Maruts, see things wonderful never seen before, O son of Bharata. Here in my body now behold, O Gudakesha, the whole universe animate and inanimate gathered here in one, and all things else thou hast a wish to see. But as with thy natural eyes thou art not able to see me, I will give thee the divine eye. Behold my sovereign power and might!

SANJAYA: O king, having thus spoken, Hari, the mighty Lord of mysterious power, showed to the son of Pritha his supreme form; with many mouths and eyes and many wonderful appearances, with many divine ornaments, many celestial weapons upraised; adorned with celestial garlands and robes, anointed with celestial ointments and perfumes, full of every marvelous thing, the eternal god whose face is turned in all directions. The glory and amazing splendor of this mighty Being may be likened to the radiance shed by a thousand suns rising together into the heavens. The son of Pandu then beheld within the body of the God of gods the whole universe in all its vast variety.

Bhagavad Gita Ch.11, pages 78-79

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ARJUNA: Thou art Parabrahm! the supreme abode, the great Purification; thou art the Eternal Presence, the divine Being, before all other Gods, holy, primeval, all pervading, without beginning! Thus thou art declared by all the Sages – by Narada, Asita, Devala, Vyasa, and thou thyself now doth say the same. I firmly believe all that thou, O Keshava, sayest unto me; for neither Gods nor demons comprehend thy manifestations.

Thou alone knowest thyself by thy Self, Supreme Spirit, Creator and Master of all that lives, God of Gods, and Lord of all the universe! Thou alone can fully declare thy divine powers by which thou hast pervaded and continueth to pervade these worlds. How shall I, constantly thinking of thee, be able to know thee, O mysterious Lord? In what particular forms shall I meditate on thee? O Janardana — besought by mortals tell me — therefore in full thine own powers and forms of manifestation, for I am never sated of drinking of the life-giving water of thy words.

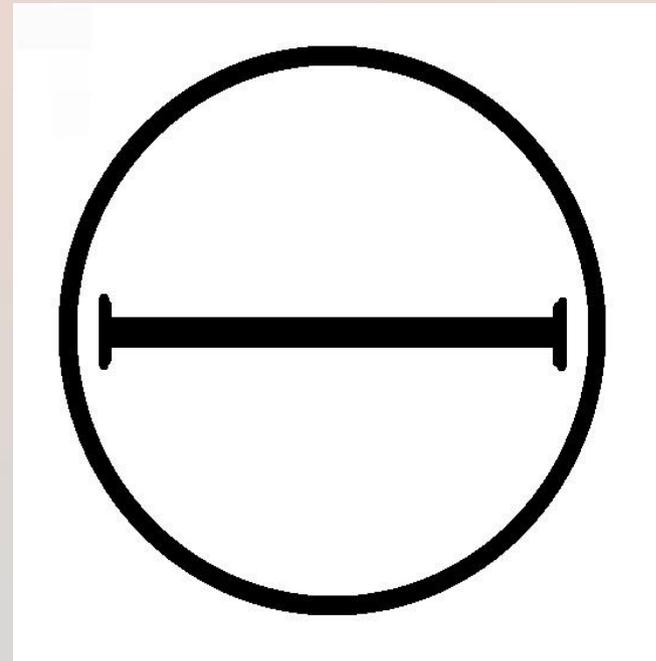
The Bhagavad Gita Ch. 10, pages 71-73

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**I established this whole Universe
with a single portion of myself,
and remain separate.**

The Bhagavad Gita, Chapter 10



“Space, the all containing uncontained, is the primary embodiment of simple unity... boundless extension.”

The Secret Doctrine 1:324, quoting *New Aspects of Life* by Henry Pratt

“There is nothing in the cosmos but 'I'. And it is in me, the non-dual, and through me, Maya (illusion), the phenomenal world assumes reality like the reflection in a mirror. I am the Siva.”

Ode to Self by Shankaracharya

“And as all things are, and originate in the One, by meditation of the One, so all things are born by this unique thing by adaptation.”

from Hermes Trismegistus

Sayings About Unity

“I and my father are One,
and all things that the Father
hath are mine.” *John*, 10:30

“Strength through Unity.”

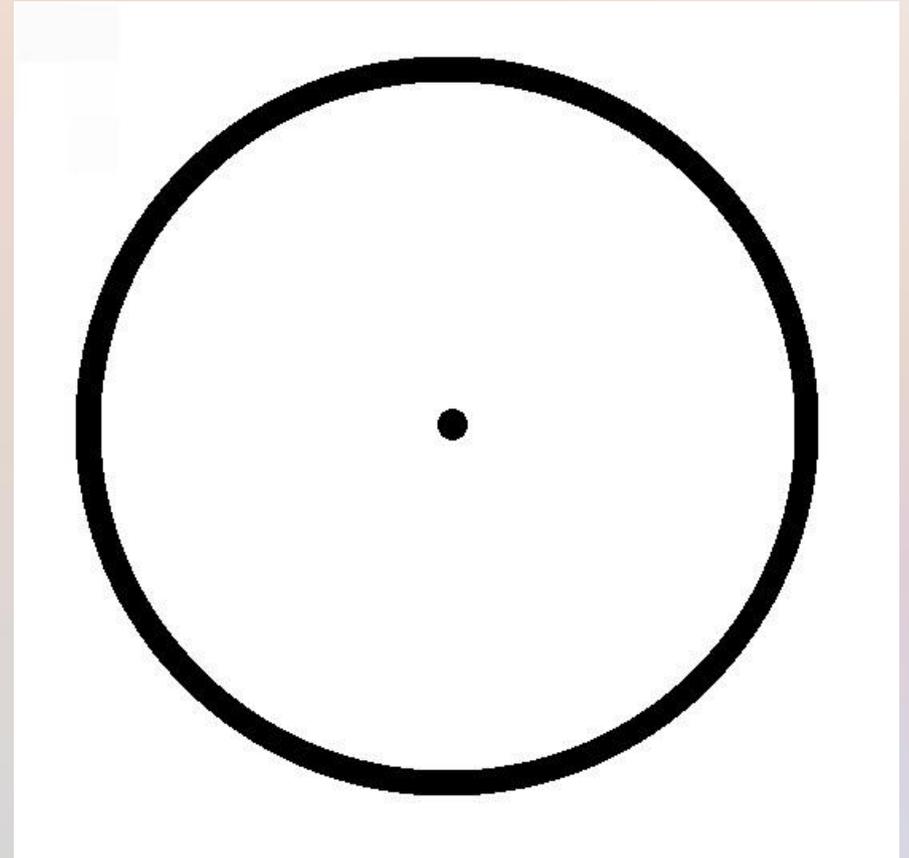
“United we stand, divided we fall.”

Origin 6th c. BC, used later by John Dickinson (a US Founding Father)
in "The Liberty Song," often used to inspire Unity.

The Sacred Circle

The One Circle is Divine Unity from which all proceeds, & whence all returns. The point in the centre represents the dawn of differentiation, the germ which will become the Universe, the all, the boundless, periodical Kosmos.

The Secret Doctrine, 1:4



The Sacred Lotus



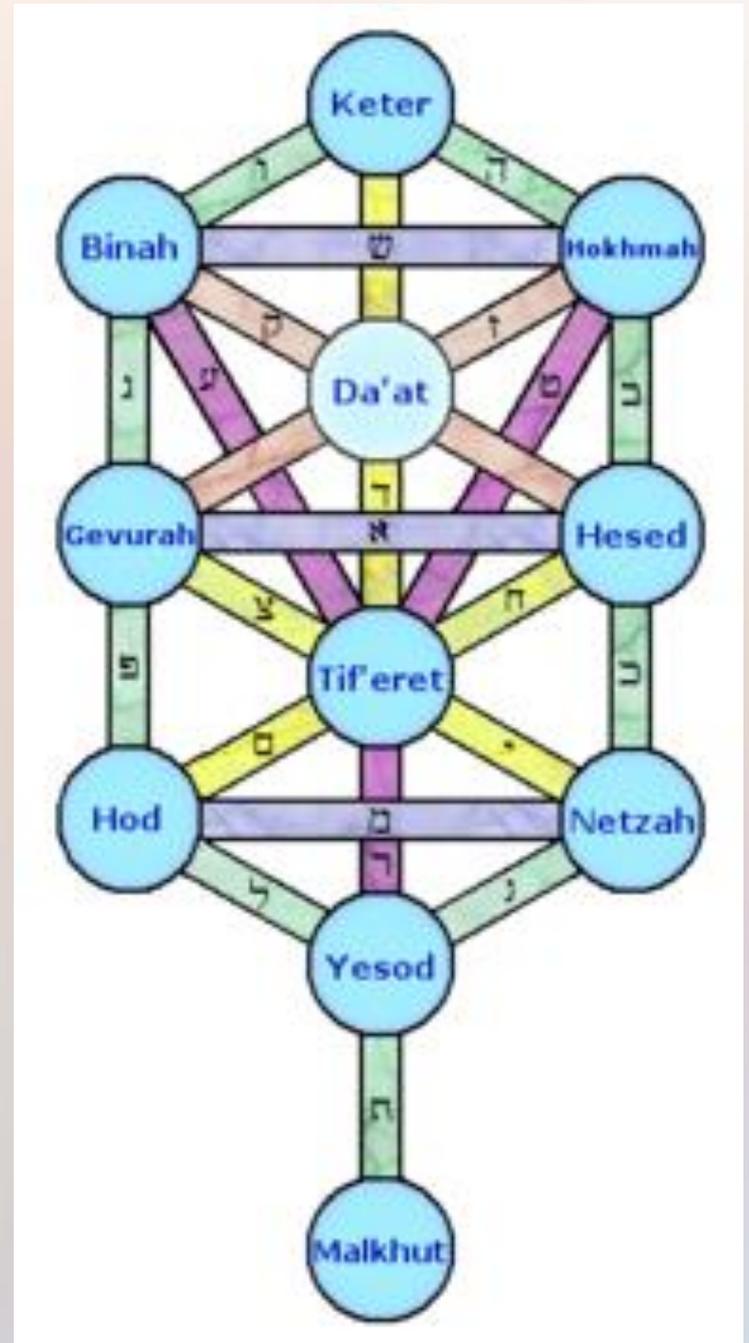
The Lotus is a universal symbol of unity. The roots of the lotus sunk in the mud represents material life; the stalk passing up through the water represents existence in the astral world, & the flower floating on the water's surface opening up to the sky is emblematical of spiritual being. All three parts form the one plant/being/unity.

from *The Secret Doctrine*, 1:379 et seq

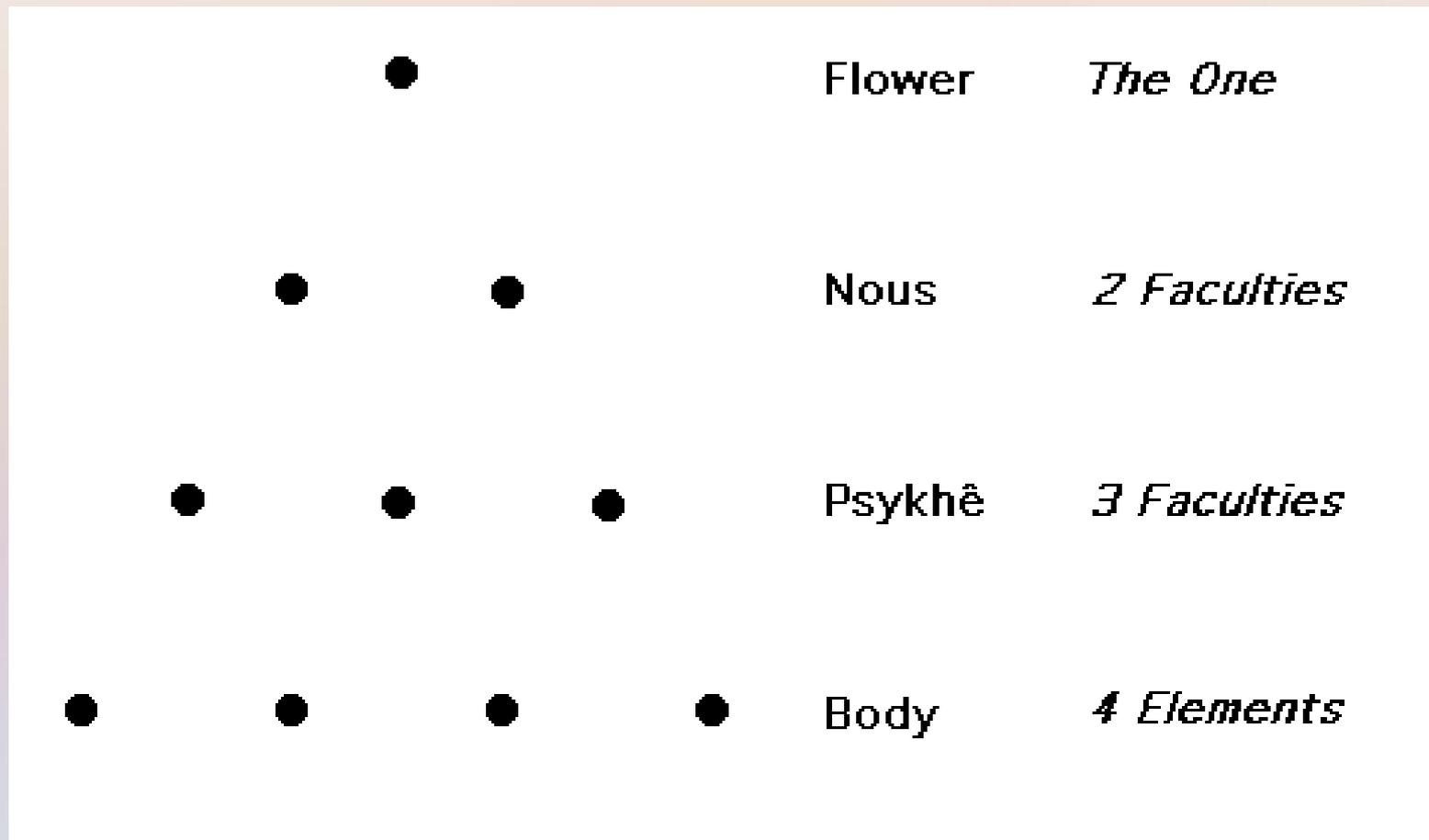
The Kabbalistic Tree of Life

The Tree of life gives us something concrete to contain that 'Unity.' It is a symbol of an intra- and extra- cosmic multi-dimensional system of Reality.

The 'Ain Sof', the 'No-thing', the Infinite, reveals itself and continuously creates both the chain of higher metaphysical realms as well as the physical, through the ten 'Sephiroth', or emanations, each a centre of angelic hierarchies of 'Builders', creative principles & powers.



The Pythagorean Decad or Tetraktys



Manifesting the Law of Unity in Humanity

Harmony does not come through likeness... harmony comes from balancing of diversities, and discord from any effort to make harmony by force.

William Q Judge Daily Readings for 8th March

People are self-contained individuals, but at a deeper level they are all connected to each other. Humanity is a Unity that interacts with all the lower kingdoms of nature as well as with the kingdoms above us, of which we are not aware, the angelic hierarchies. Occultism states that humanity is in its essence and origin essentially homogeneous.

The Secret Doctrine 2:607

Animality has division in the spirit; the human spirit has one Soul, or the ‘great soul.’

Rumi (Sufi master)

Universal Brotherhood is a reality, a fact in Nature.

The need is to practise the principle of mutual co-operation for the highest good of all, as well as taking collective responsibility for the planet and the natural world. We need to transform ourselves from an egocentric to a more universal consciousness, a sense of unity.