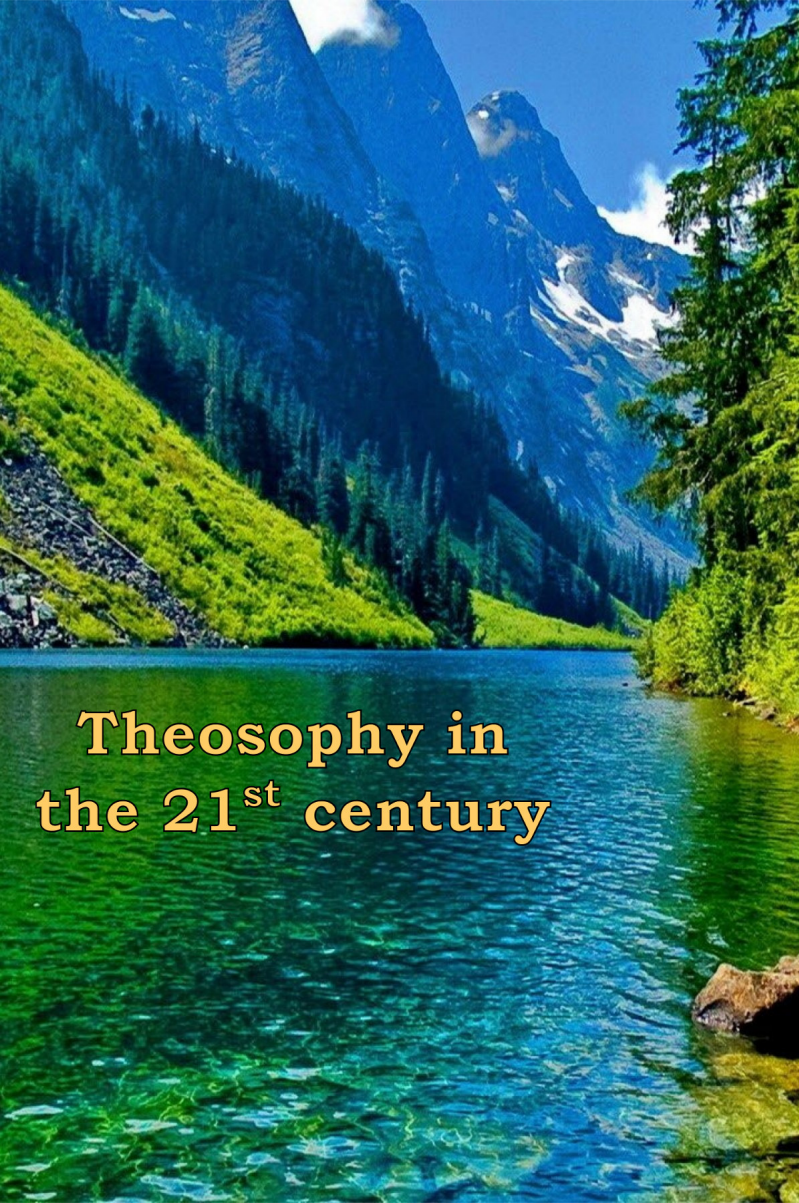




Theosophy in
the 21st century

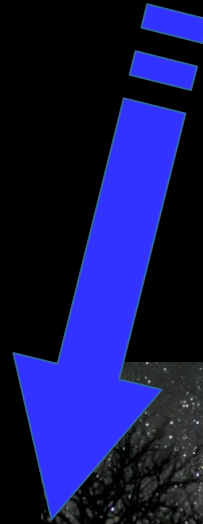
4 The Manifestation

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From Unity to Diversity

- We have seen:
 - The diversity
 - The Unity of Life
- But how does diversity arise in the heart of Unity?
- **Manifestation** is the process by which the universe passes from the integrated (latent) state to the differentiated state (manifested).

Pralaya = Latent state



Manvantara = Manifested state

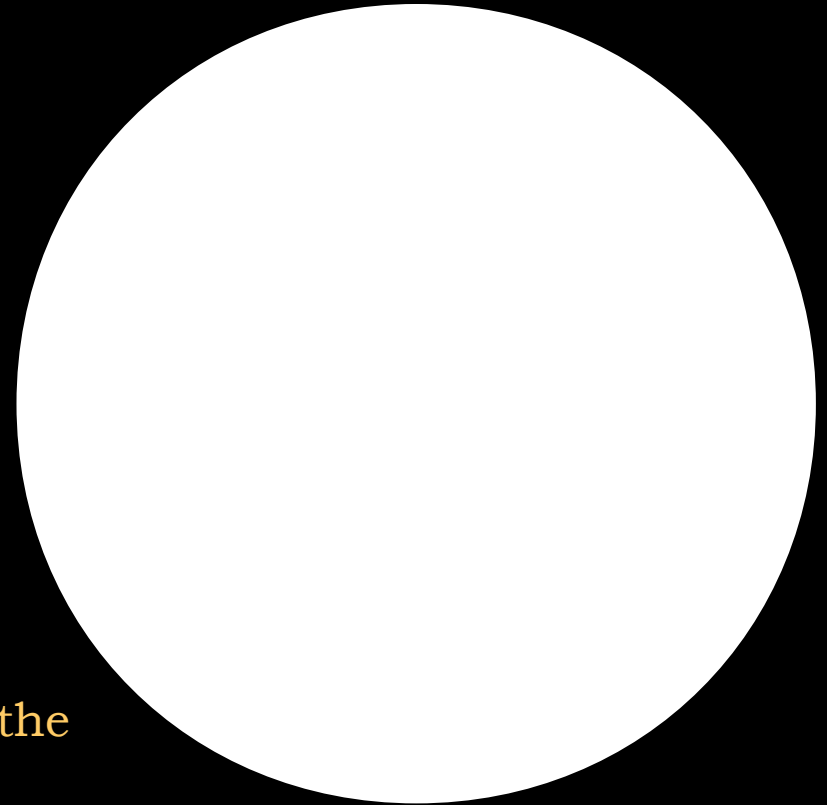


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Pralaya

1. The ABSOLUTE; the Parabrahm of the Vedantins or the one Reality, SAT, which is, as Hegel says, both Absolute Being and Non-Being.

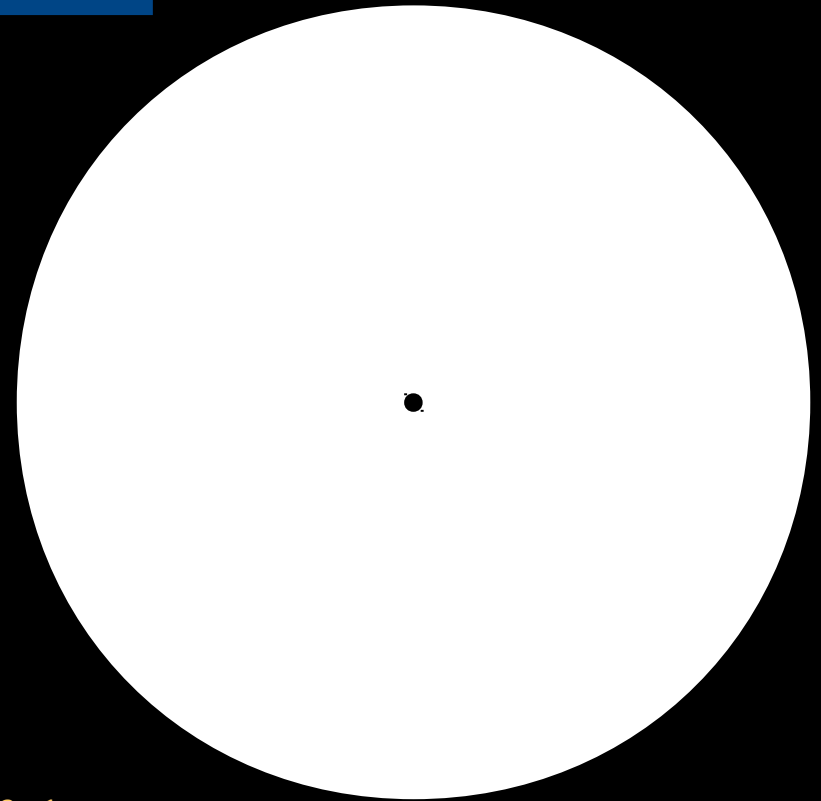
The Kosmos in the
Eternity
before the
Manifestation



Book of Dzyan - 2

Dawn of differentiation

2. The first manifestation, the impersonal, and, in philosophy, unmanifested Logos, the precursor of the "manifested." This is the "First Cause," the "Unconscious" of European Pantheists.



The germ of the
Universe

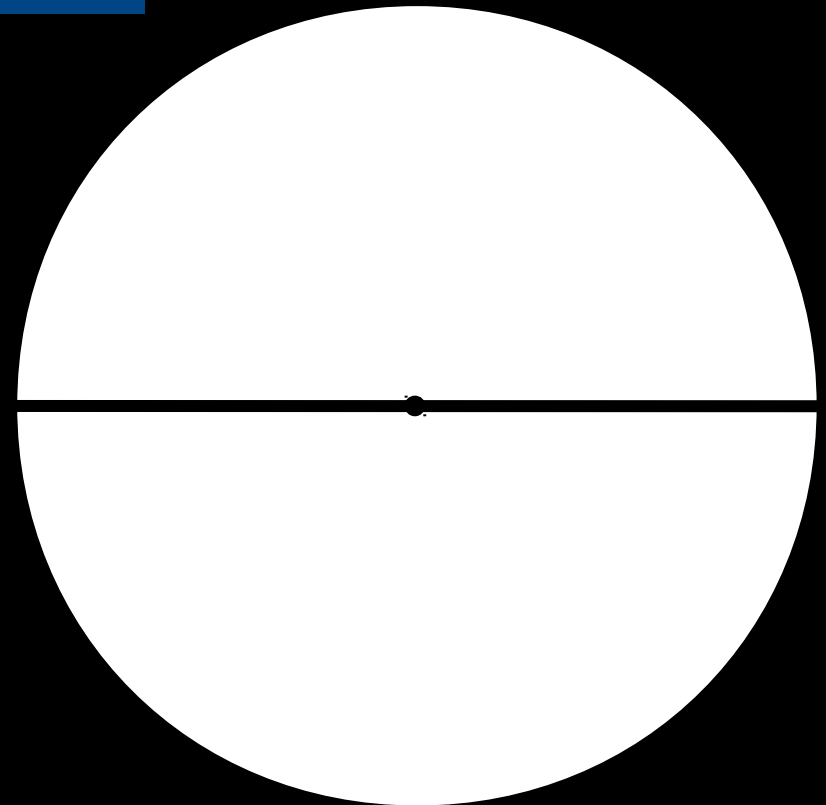
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The duality Spirit-Matter

3. Spirit-matter, LIFE; the
"Spirit of the Universe," the
Purusha and Prakriti, or the
second Logos.

Purusha: root of Spirit
Prakriti: root of Matter

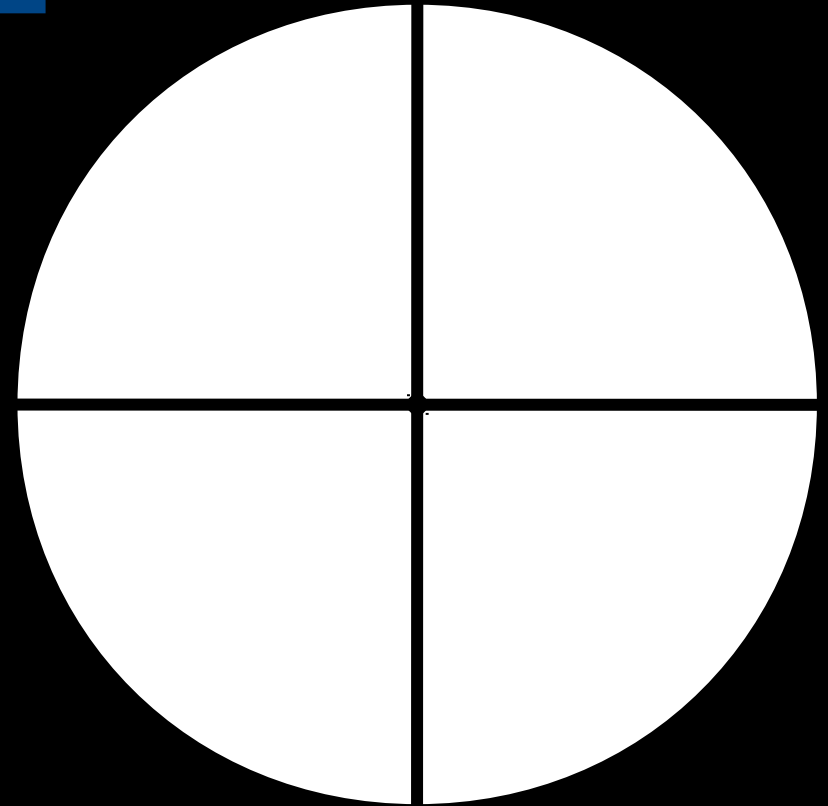
Yin and Yang,
symbol of
duality



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Cosmic Ideation

4. Cosmic Ideation, MAHAT or Intelligence, the Universal World-Soul; the Cosmic Noumenon of Matter, the basis of the intelligent operations in and of Nature, also called MAHA-BUDDHI.



Mahat: The Universal Intelligence

1, 2 ... 3: *The Trinity*

Example: Electricity

1 Neutral:
integrated
state



2 Duality: (+), (-)
Charges
separation



3 Trinity: (+), (-) and
the electric field



Spirit and matter (Purusha and Prakriti)
are the two differentiated aspects of
Unity in Manifestation.

When differentiating, the third element
appears: the interaction between the
two

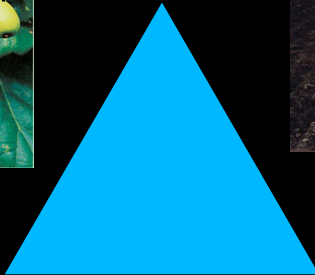


The Universe is triune

Seed



Ground



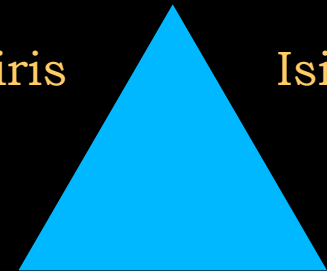
Tree



Osiris

Isis

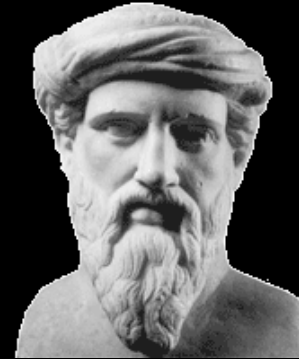
The trinity
symbolized in the
gods of ancient Egypt



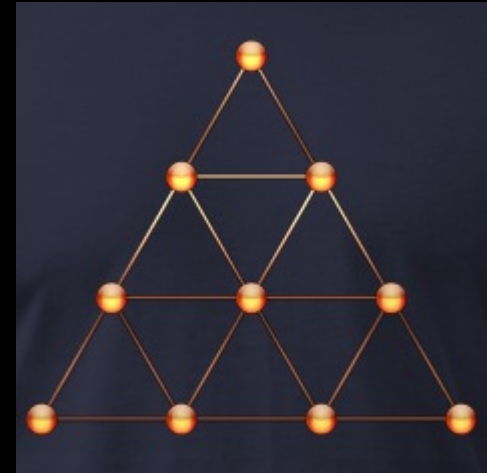
Horus

The Manifestation according to Pythagoras

- For Pythagoras the Manifestation is symbolized in the sequence of the first natural numbers.
- 1 The Unity.
- 2 The Dyad: the dualism of all things.
- 3 The Triad: the 3 levels of the world.
- 4 The Quaternary: The 4 elements, the multiplicity of the material universe.
- $10 = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 \rightarrow 1 + 0 = 1$
The Decade, the Whole, the perfect number.

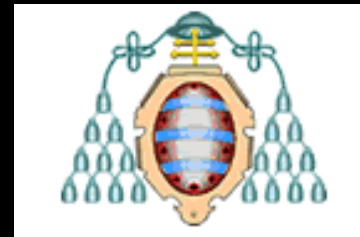


Pythagoras
(-570 a -495)



Pythagorean
Tetraktys

The Tetraktys in the emblems
of Universities of
Oviedo and Alcalá (Spain)



Transcendent and Immanent

- In Reality there are two essential aspects:
- The **Immanent**
 - Manifested
 - Transitory, periodical
 - Diversified
- The **Transcendent**
 - Unmanifested
 - Permanent



Krishna: "... I support this entire universal manifestation situated in but a fraction of Myself"

Bhagavad Gita, 10, 42

The One is more than the sum

- In **Pantheism** Reality is the sum of all beings, matter and energy of the Universe.
- The parts are similar but they are not necessarily united.
- In **Theosophy** the Universe is the manifestation of a transcendent Reality.
- The One is more than the sum of the parts.
- The parts are separated only in appearance.



The Transcendent Reality

- Modern thinkers also draw attention to the Transcendent Reality.
- Ken Wilber, one of the proponents of the holographic paradigm, clarifies that the whole world is not the same as the Absolute.



Ken Wilber
(1949 -)

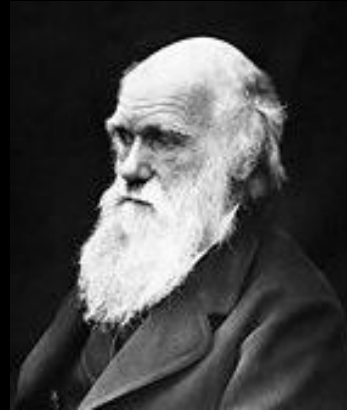


The Transcendent is the cause of the Manifestation

Ken Wilber

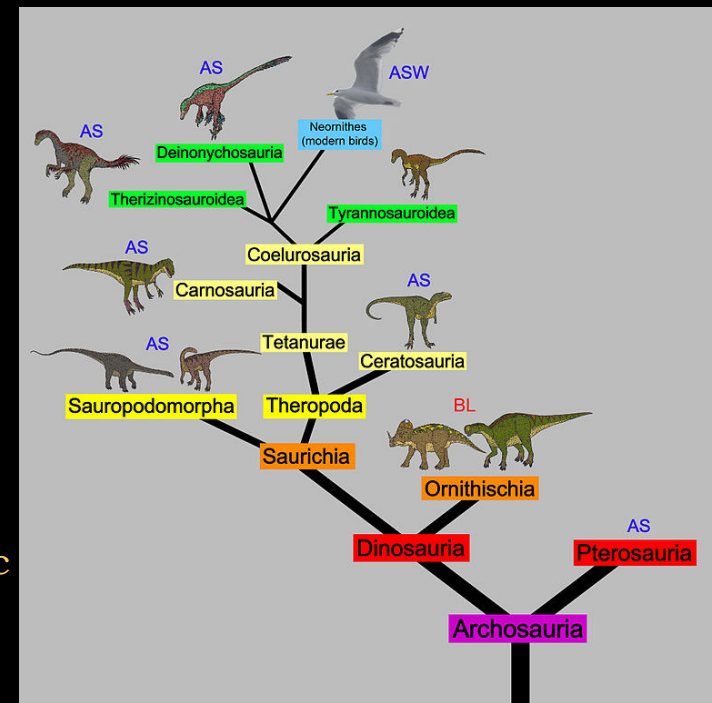
The Evolution

- Evolution in Biology explains the diversity of living beings through changes.
- Changes through successive generations in the inheritable characteristics of a population.
- It deals only with biological organisms, not with consciousness.
- The evolution is proven, but its mechanisms still have unknowns to discover.



Charles Darwin
(1809-1892)

Phylogenetic
tree



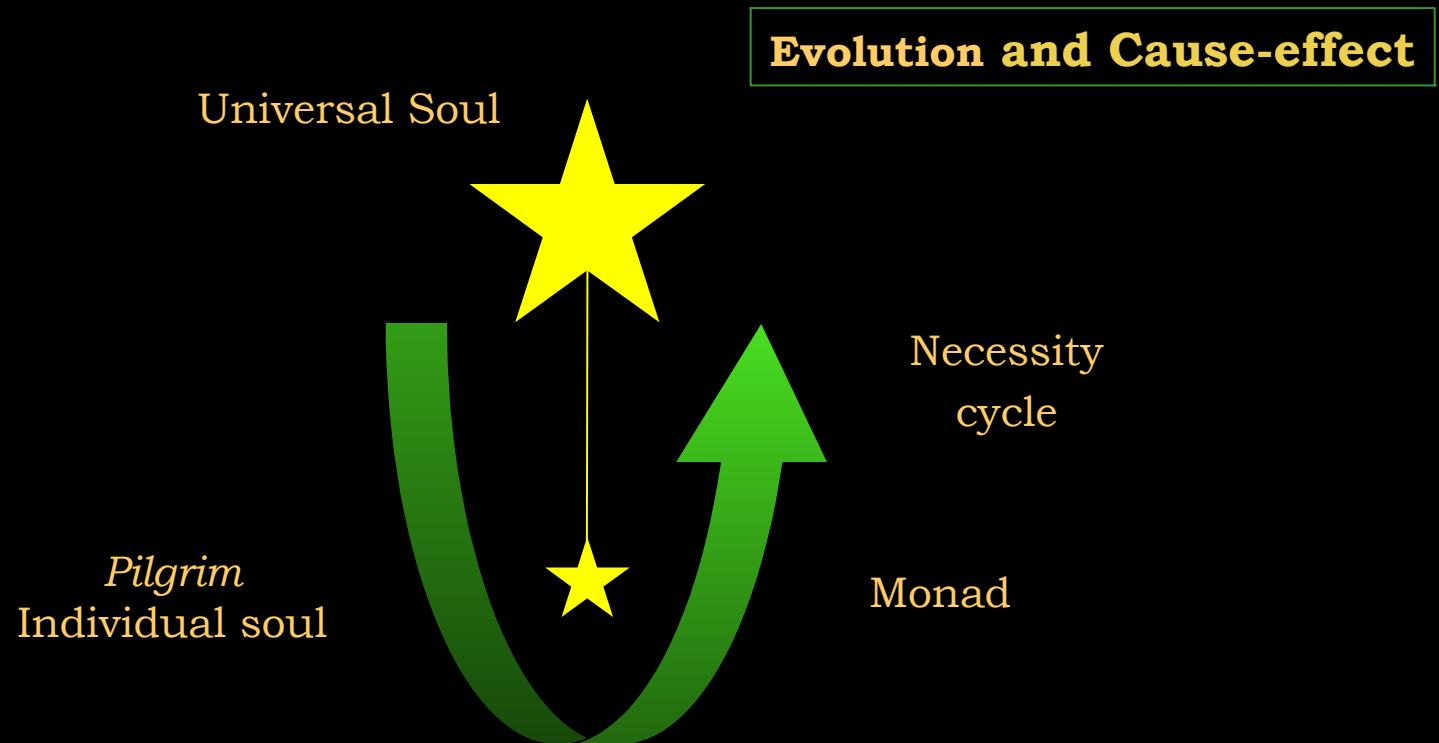
The total Evolution

- Theosophy offers a broader perspective of Evolution.
- Everything manifested evolves: life, form, mind, consciousness, the Universe.
- Evolution does not proceed blindly entirely, it takes place according to a strategy, a Plan of Evolution.
- The Plan of Evolution is not an external ideation but internal in the Universe and is embedded as law in each part.



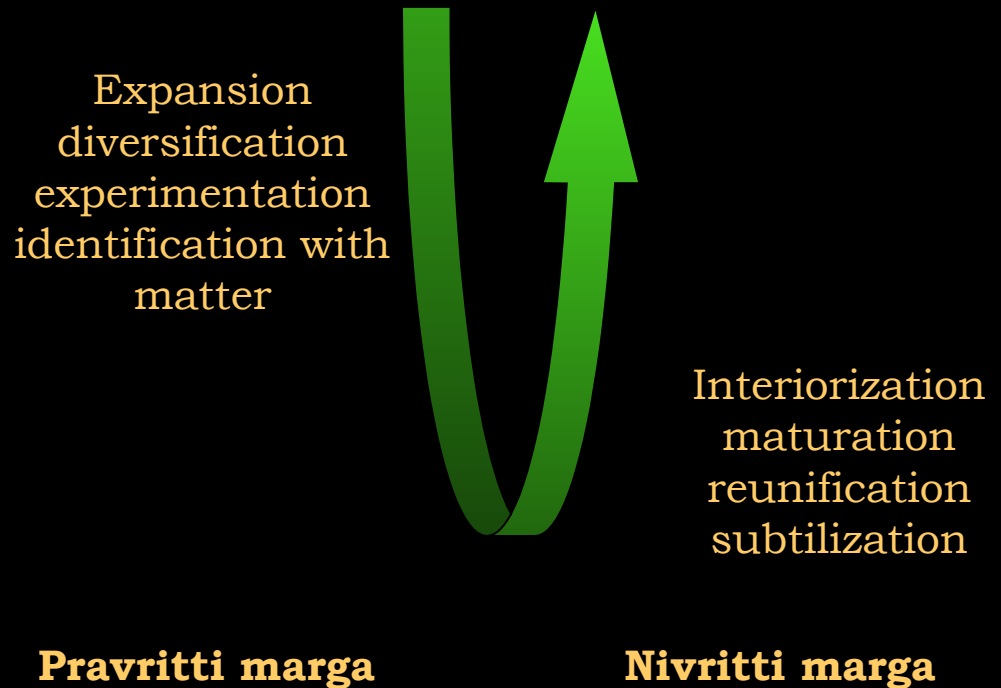
3rd Proposition

III. The fundamental identity of all Souls with the Universal Over-Soul, the latter being itself an aspect of the Unknown Root; and the obligatory pilgrimage for every Soul — a spark of the former — through the Cycle of Incarnation (or "Necessity") in accordance with Cyclic and Karmic law, during the whole term.



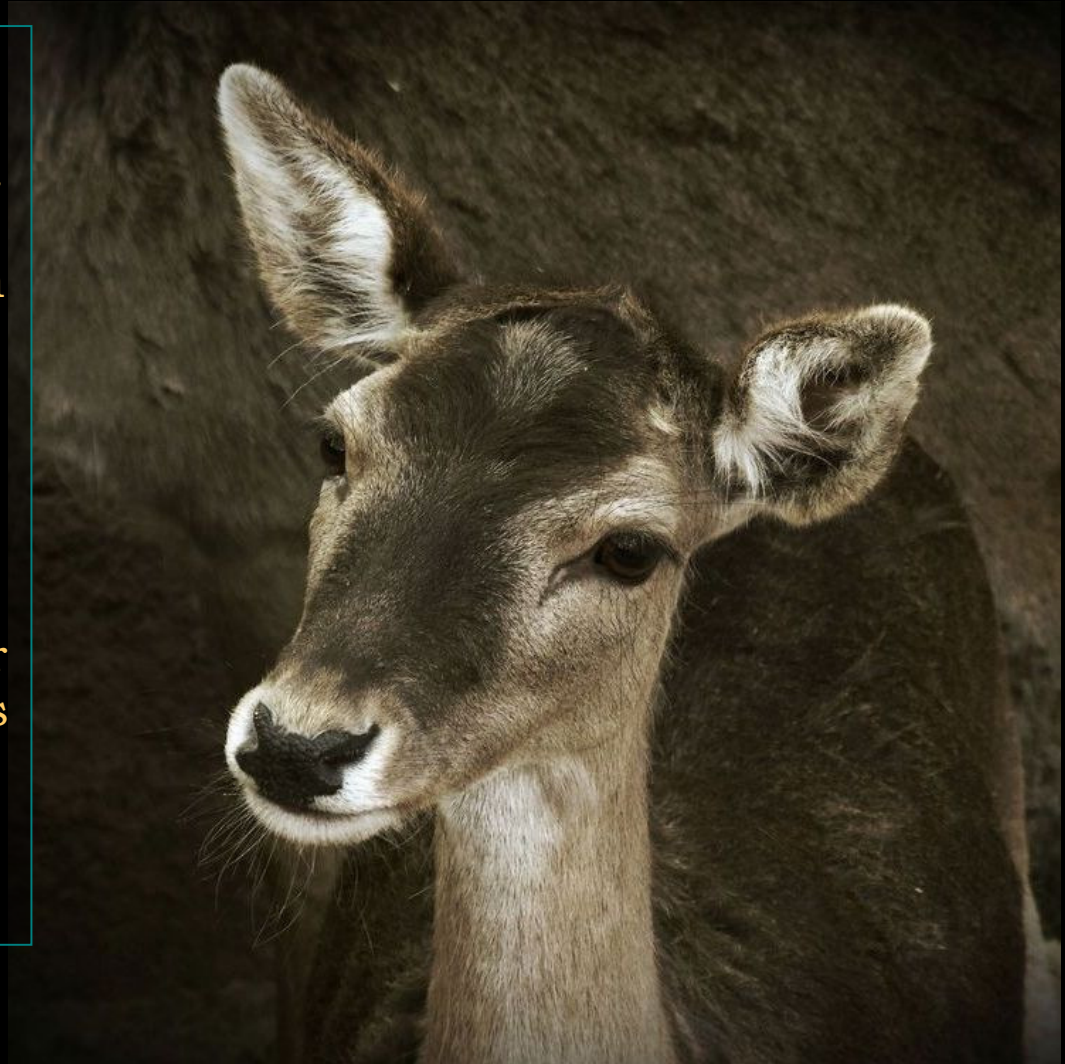
Necessity cycle

- The **Necessity cycle** has two phases that are symbolized by an arc that has a descending and an ascending part.
- Outgoing phase: consciousness is identified with matter to experiment.
- Return phase: mature consciousness turns to its roots.
- There is no up or down, no inside or outside.
- Cycles within cycles:
 - Days and nights, years
 - Cycle of a physical life



Consequences

- Being aware of the Unity of Life and Evolution has consequences in our daily lives.
- Every person is our brother in the school of life.
- Animals are our younger siblings. We owe them respect and help.
- Every form of life deserves our reverence, because the Whole is in it.



To think



Watch, think, investigate, inquire ...
Make the following questions or thoughts suggestions
But don't stay here, ask yourself and find out.