

Thinking positively of a colleague, whoever it may be, is different from thinking positively of others. The substance of good thought changes according to the person I think about. In every case, the white light of my higher self is projected over the bonds of cooperation and friendship whose foundation is a common pursuit of ethics and wisdom. Leaving aside naiveté, I focus on what is good and essential in my brothers and sisters.

Thinking about good qualities makes them expand in others as well as in myself. This does not mean there is no need for mutual severity, since firmness is an indispensable tool at all times.

A pilgrim's colleagues are not there just to help him through inspiring encouragement and optimistic thoughts. They also help him by testing his strength and perhaps by committing injustices against him. Their presence is useful even when they are not in harmony with him on this or that point.

Life teaches the student through everything that occurs to him. There are no personal friends or enemies along the spiritual path, according to "Light on the Path": all beings are teachers to the pilgrim.

He who has self-respect has also respect for the others, because he knows first-hand that they are, in part, his psychological mirrors.

The practice of unconditional goodwill is part of my loyalty and commitment to the Sources of the teaching. I must preserve and expand my relationship with these Sources, if I am serious about experiencing true learning. My higher self, my spiritual soul, is a witness to everything I do.

I cast the light of goodwill on all beings with whom I relate, whether they are near or far. There are no physical distances for sincere thinking. And thoughts must be constructive. Whatever goes around, comes around; whatever you plant, you reap, the entire universe is telepathic.

Peace to all beings, according to the merit of each one. Om, Shanti. Om.

The Practical Philosophy of the Amish

Amish communities follow the Anabaptist ideals of primitive Christianity.

Having as their source of inspiration the teachings of the New Testament and the Acts of the Apostles, the Amish adopted the principle of voluntary simplicity. They are radical in the non-violence, reject the use of cars, leave aside advanced technology and keep away from blind consumerism. Most forms of attachment to personal comfort are shunned by them. They live away from materialistic cities and practice solidary forms of economy.

A clean life and a pure heart are priorities for the Amish. Without losing the focus of their central goals, they have an open mind. There are no professional priests among them. No theological bureaucracy. They prefer the original teaching. They are the most traditional among the Mennonite groups, and try to preserve the spirit of the best elements in Christian teachings, while cultivating humbleness. It is easy to see that their way of life deserves a respectful study from the theosophical point of view.

[Click to read an article on the modern Amish Utopia of primitive Christianity](#)

Helena Blavatsky on **The Christians Whose Faith is Pure**



An image of the Prophet of Nazareth

..... **W**e allude to those [Christians] whose faith in their respective churches is pure and sincere, and those whose sinless lives reflect the glorious example of that Prophet of Nazareth, by whose mouth the spirit of truth spoke loudly to humanity. Such there have been at all times.

History preserves the names of many as heroes, philosophers, philanthropists, martyrs, and holy men and women; but how many more have lived and died, unknown but to their intimate acquaintance, unblessed but by their humble beneficiaries!

These have ennobled Christianity, but would have shed the same luster upon any other faith they might have professed - for they were higher than their creed. The benevolence of Peter Cooper and Elizabeth Thompson, of America, who are not orthodox Christians, is no less Christ-like than that of the Baroness Angela Burdett-Coutts, of England, who is one. And yet, in comparison with the millions who have been accounted Christians, such have always formed a small minority.

They are to be found at this day, in pulpit and pew, in palace and cottage; but the increasing materialism, worldliness and hypocrisy are fast diminishing their proportionate number. Their charity, and simple, child-like faith in the infallibility of their Bible, their dogmas, and their clergy, bring into full activity all the virtues that are implanted in our common nature. We have personally known such God-fearing priests and clergymen, and we have always avoided debate with them, lest we might be guilty of the cruelty of hurting their feelings; nor would

we rob a single layman of his blind confidence, if it alone made possible for him holy living and serene dying.

(Helena P. Blavatsky)

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Christianity According to the Eastern Masters

A Message From the Maha-Chohan



The Church of St. Francis of Assisi, in the city of Ouro Preto, Brazil

Once unfettered and delivered from their dead-weight of dogmatic interpretations, personal names, anthropomorphic conceptions and salaried priests, the fundamental doctrines of all religions will be proved identical in their esoteric meaning.

Osiris, Chrishna, Buddha, Christ, will be shown as different names for one and the same royal highway to final bliss Nirvana.

Mystical Christianity, that is to say that Christianity which teaches self-redemption through our own seventh principle - this liberated Para-Atma (Augoeides) called by some Christ, by others Buddha, and equivalent to regeneration or rebirth in spirit - will be found just the same truth as the Nirvana of Buddhism.

..... If we would not be selfish, we must strive to make other people see that truth, to recognise the reality of the transcendental self, the Buddha, the Christ or God of every preacher.

(From the Maha-Chohan, the master of the masters of Helena Blavatsky)

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Star Angel Worship In the Roman Catholic Church

The Christian Adoration Of Star and Planetary Spirits



Michelangelo (1475-1564) and Amadeus of Portugal (1420-1482)

Click and see Helena Blavatsky’s article “[Star Angel Worship in the Roman Catholic Church](#)”.

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Live for a Century, Learn for a Century

The Theosophy of a Russian Proverb



A popular Russian proverb says: “**Live for a century, learn for a century**” (**Век живи – век учись!**). [1]

Which means, from a theosophical point of view: “Live long and learn about life, for the purpose of life is learning. Physical life is but an instrument for the learning of the soul. Little by little one obtains that wisdom which never dies.”

There will be renewed opportunities and other incarnations in the future. Yet the pilgrim is invited to take advantage of the time available to him during the present life. It is the privilege of every good-willing individual to make his material existence become as beneficent as possible.

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[1] This is one of the versions of the proverb.

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See also the article “[Eight Russian Proverbs](#)”.

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A Subtle Prophecy
by Helena P. Blavatsky
‘Not a Few Accounts Will Be Settled’, in **Global Human Karma**



H. P.B. (1831-1891)

Helena P. Blavatsky wrote in “The Secret Doctrine”:

“In about nine years hence [1], the first cycle of the first five millenniums, that began with the great cycle of the Kali-Yuga, will end. And then the last prophecy contained in that book (the first volume of the prophetic record for the Black Age) will be accomplished. We have not long to wait, and many of us will witness the Dawn of the New Cycle, at the end of which not a few accounts will be settled and squared between the races.” [2]

The words “at the end of which” refer to the *end of the transition to the new cycle*.

The descendants of the older races and ancient cultures of mankind - which are more experienced than the West in spiritual knowledge - live in Asia. A few questions may emerge:

* There will be, then, according to Blavatsky, “a settling of accounts” between countries of Asia or half-Asiatic nations and some Western countries?

* Or - has this “settling” started already?

* Why does HPB use the words “a few accounts will be settled and squared”?

* Has the West despised and disrespected its older brothers of Asia? If so, during how many centuries has the colonial and neocolonial abuse taken place? Has it started with the beginning of colonialism?

* How will the “few karmic accounts” be settled according to the Law of Justice and Equilibrium?

* Is the West now morally rotten? Has it started to promote aberrations and absurdities against the laws of nature, alongside with the destruction of natural environment and the proliferation of atomic weapons? Is the Western civilization now imploding?

The words from HPB we reproduced above offer us an interesting point of view, from which we can look at the challenges that the Western civilization is creating even now for itself, including through a ceaseless fabrication of wars, one after the other, since the years 1940.

Taking into consideration the facts of the 2020s, the citizens of goodwill can dedicate their efforts to the building of a better future, and to promoting the study of that eternal wisdom which belongs to all nations, rich and poor, Eastern and Western, Northern and Southern.

However, the main sources of such a living universal wisdom are in the East. This is one of the reasons why the East deserves sincere respect from all.

NOTES:

[1] This part of “The Secret Doctrine” was written in 1887. Therefore, the words “in about nine years hence” refer to 1896-1897. (CCA)

[2] “The Secret Doctrine”, [volume I](#), p. xlv.

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Read also the article “[The Battle of Truth](#)”.

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A Lesson from the Anabaptists

If One Adopts a Noble Ideal, One Must Also Live Up to It

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The Meaning of the Shift of Poles Toward Russia

Both Humanity and the Continents Of Our Planet Evolve Side by Side



The magnetic North pole of our planet was discovered in 1831. That is the year when Helena Blavatsky was born, in Ukraine, a part of Russia. And the pole has been moving from Canada to Russia for quite some time. [Fox News reports](#):

“Ever since it was discovered in northern Canada in 1831, the North Magnetic Pole has been moving north-northwest across the Canadian Arctic toward Russia. According to NOAA, a survey conducted in 2007 determined that it was moving at about 34 miles per year, but a recent survey showed that it has slowed down to about [28 miles per year](#).”

The present moment of human history is certainly connected to the succession of sub-races and root-races as long-term factors, since short-term time is never severed or separated from long-term evolution.

There is also a spiritual geography of our planetary life. From a civilizational point of view, the North Magnetic Pole is shifting from the geographical area of Western civilization to the area of a civilization - the Russian one - that makes the synthesis between East and West.

We can infer that the North Magnetic Pole is not just a physical fact, but also a spiritual, moral and Occult one. According to Theosophy, everything is alive and intelligent in the Universe.

Moreover, Helena Blavatsky clearly states that the North Pole represents the higher levels of consciousness in the Earth. This may explain the fact that some disciples of the Masters of the Wisdom meditate in connection with the North Pole. See for instance the item “[One, Human Magnetism and the North Pole](#)”, on page 3 of the article [Change in the Poles of Our Planet](#).

The birth of HPB and her astrological chart are profoundly connected to Vega, which is a previous Polar Star of our Earth, and also our future polar star. The day Blavatsky was born, 12 of August, is the day of the yearly cycle when Vega has its culmination in the Earth’s sky.[1] Besides, one of the ancient titles of Vega is “The Messenger”. Due to some coincidence, Blavatsky has also received this title. And on page 768 of [volume II](#) in [The Secret Doctrine](#), HPB writes:

“The occult sciences show that the founders (the respective groups of the seven Prajapatis) of the Root Races have all been connected with the Pole Star. In the Commentary we find: ‘*He who understands the age of Dhruva [2] (the equivalent of this name is given in the original) who measures 9090 mortal years, will understand the times of the pralayas, the final destiny of nations, O Lanoo’.*”

True, Helena Blavatsky was only a humble disciple. Yet she did not work alone. Her *real work* did not belong to her, but was developed by the combined effort of various immortal sages. HPB’s mission, which did not end in her century, is connected to long term events which are difficult for us to foresee. However, studying it helps us understand the challenges we are confronting now, and the tasks we will face further on during the 21st and 22th centuries.

NOTES:

[1] “Star Names, Their Lore and Meaning”, by Richard Hinckley Allen, Dover Publications, Inc, New York, 564 pp., see the lower half of p. 286. (CCA)

[2] Dhruva - Polar Star. (CCA)

What Is Science Used For?

Ethics, Theosophy and Modern Science

Theosophy is a Philosophy of love for life, and everything lives in the universe, although not every form of life is organic. The universe is guided by moral law, the law of equilibrium and justice. Modern science is yet to accept these basic facts.

Helena Blavatsky wrote:

“So far as Science remains what in the words of Prof. Huxley it is, viz., ‘organized common sense’; so far as its inferences are drawn from accurate premises - its generalizations resting on a purely inductive basis - every Theosophist and Occultist welcomes respectfully and with due admiration its contributions to the domain of cosmological law.”

And she went on:

“There can be no possible conflict between the teachings of occult and so-called exact Science, where the conclusions of the latter are grounded on a substratum of unassailable fact. It is only when its more ardent exponents, over-stepping the limits of observed phenomena in order to penetrate into the arcana of Being, attempt to wrench the formation of Kosmos and its *living* Forces from Spirit, and attribute all to blind matter, that the Occultists claim the right to dispute and call in question their theories.” [1]

At this point, perhaps we will add the following footnote, in the Portuguese Brazilian edition of “The Secret Doctrine”:

“Let us see some practical implications of thinking that universal evolution obeys to the blind impulses of a material world which sees nothing, in other words, to spiritless matter. If the universe is in fact ruled by forces merely material, then the ‘exact’ science needs no ethics, and can freely be used for the pursuit of money and power, without losing its efficiency. However, if the truth about the Universe is inseparable from Spirit, and if it is a real fact that Truth never separates itself from Ethics and Spiritual Soul, then any science that has no ethics, no soul, and no spirit, the science that runs away from moral truth, also loses its contact with Reality, in every sense of the word, and leads human society to indescribable disasters.”

“Among the examples of such a phenomenon we have the production of nuclear weapons; the expensive US search for new biological weapons; the pursuit of sophisticated weapons in general, and other developments of the problem of the moral prostitution of modern science. Along the same line, unfortunately, there are profoundly misinformed pseudo-theosophists who think that the spiritual path does not need to be based upon Ethics and Altruism.”

It is the right time now to adopt once more the basic universal principle according to which Truth (as well as true science) is inseparable from honesty and sincere good will.

NOTE:

[1] From p. 477, [volume I](#), in “The Secret Doctrine”.

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The Kindle Edition of “The Fire and Light”, at Amazon

The book “**The Fire and Light**” is now easy to buy in a [Kindle edition](#) at [Amazon](#). However, if you prefer to buy it in paper direct from Raja Yoga Books-The Aquarian, click [here](https://www.rajayogabooks.com/products/the-fire-and-light-of-theosophical-literature): <https://www.rajayogabooks.com/products/the-fire-and-light-of-theosophical-literature> .

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Thoughts Along the Road

The Stability of Eternal Knowledge



* **T**wo indispensable factors, among others, must be combined along the way.

* One of them is the need to have a clear goal, a goal that takes into consideration the importance of the physical plane but goes beyond it. This sense of direction, onward and upward, must be constantly reviewed, reassessed and improved. However, if it has been correctly chosen, it will be fundamentally stable.

* The second factor to combine is the greatest possible open-mindedness, so as to perceive as many things we can in the various aspects of life, especially the illusion of attachment to impermanent factors on the lower planes of consciousness, and the need to pay attention to enduring truths, on the higher levels.

* The combination of these factors allows the pilgrim to have a degree of firmness and flexibility, of knowledge and an ability to learn; of stability with transcendence.

Right Action, and an Unpredictable Timing

* At any time and circumstance, one must abstain from silly and wrong actions, as far as this is possible. Silly actions are actions in which one's soul is not present. From the results of wrong actions, on the other hand, we learn valuable lessons.

* Ask yourself every day whether your soul is present in whatever you do. Regardless of place, one has to actively engage in the search of valuable goals. It is our duty to try and discern right from wrong, and act accordingly.

* It is a blessing to learn from one's own mistakes. By self-purification, the pilgrim qualifies himself to have a better discernment. Purification results from having elevated objects and sincere intentions.

* However, one must remember three points: 1) Right action includes silence. 2) Correct contemplation is a form of action. 3) If persistent, a silent, noble intent effectively changes the world for the better, and it does so in invisible ways, according to an unpredictable timing.

* Are we surrounded by miraculous potentialities? Mikhail N. Katkov wrote: "If one looks at the Universe and has to choose between one of two extreme attitudes, it is easier to become a mystic than a nihilist. We are everywhere surrounded by miracles." [1] M.N. Katkov was a famous Russian editor of the 19th century. He edited, influenced the contents of, and published novels by Dostoevsky, Tolstoy and Turgenev. He also published most of the articles written by Helena P. Blavatsky in Russian language.

The Secret Doctrine in the Andes

* A note to students. There are a number of correspondences and common points between "The Secret Doctrine", by H.P. Blavatsky, and some passages of "The Huarochiri Manuscript" of the ancient Andean tradition.[2] The Huarochiri Manuscript was written in Peru around the year of 1598, to record traditional knowledge of the Andean people. Chapters 3 and 4 describe the process of Pralaya, "the death of the Sun". Chapter 29 has at least one passage similar to the "Secret Doctrine". The whole work deserves close examination on the part of theosophical students who are acquainted with the SD.

NOTES:

[1] From the book "Mikhail N. Katkov, a political biography", by Martin Katz, Mouton & Co., The Hague, Paris, 1966, 195 pp., see p. 15.

[2] "The Huarochiri Manuscript", University of Texas Press, first edition, 1991, 273 pages of larger size, pp. 132-133. In Spanish, see the three versions of the text produced by Gerald Taylor, José Maria Arguedas, from Peru, and Jesus Lara, from Bolivia.

Four Excerpts from Swami Sivananda

1. Develop Slowly Your Will-Power

The man who can see his own faults as he sees those of others, will soon become a great soul. Have ceaseless devotion to truth and be ready to sacrifice your all for it.

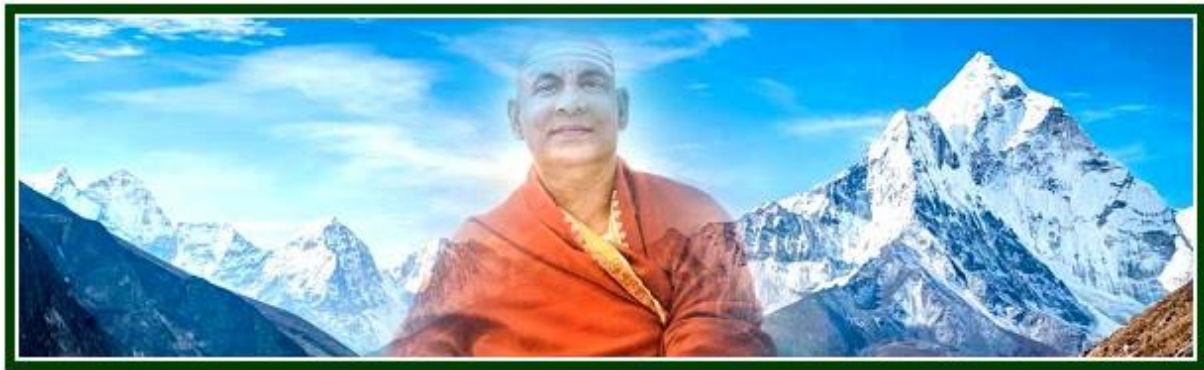
Do not brood over your past mistakes and failures as this will only fill your mind with grief, regret and depression. Do not repeat them in future. Be cautious. Just think of the causes which led to your failures and try to remove them in the future. Be vigilant and circumspect. Strengthen yourself with new vigour and virtues. Develop slowly your will-power.

[From the book "Sadhana" (Spiritual Practice), by Swami Sivananda, published by the Divine Life Society, India, 11th edition, 2019, 702 pages. See p. 129]

2. The Narrow Road to the Supreme

The Atman is not born, nor does it die. It has not come from anywhere and It has not become anything. Unborn, constant, eternal, primeval, this One is not slain when the body is slain. This Atman is hidden in the deep core of the heart of beings. It cannot be attained by any amount of reasoning, study or instruction. It comes only through the Supreme Grace. A man of bad conduct, who has not ceased from crookedness, cannot hope to attain the Atman.

The road to the Supreme is clothed with pricking thorns. It is sharp like the edge of a razor, hard to tread, a very difficult path! It can be trodden only with the help of knowledge obtained from men of wisdom. [From “Sadhana”, p. 140.]



Swami Sivananda (1887-1963) with the Himalayas on the background

3. The Whole World is Based on Consciousness

The world has Consciousness for its guidance. Consciousness is Brahman. I am Brahman. That thou art. This Self is Brahman. These are the metaphysical explanations of Brahman. “All this is Brahman” is the ultimate realisation. One who knows this is not reborn on earth. He becomes Immortal. [1]

Just as by one piece of clay, everything made of clay is known; just as by one nugget of gold everything made of gold is known; just as by a single pair of nail-scissors everything made of iron is known - all modification is merely a distinction of words, a mere name, the reality is just only clay, gold, or iron, so is this Supreme Teaching; the world is only Brahman, by knowing Brahman everything else is known. [From “Sadhana”, p. 143.]

4. The Finest Universal Essence, in One’s Soul

One who is guided by a preceptor knows the Truth easily. Otherwise he may miss the path in spiritual blindness. The preceptor teaches: *‘That which is the finest Essence - this whole world has That as its Soul. That is Atman. That thou art.’*

The Infinite Fullness (Plenum) alone is Bliss. There is no Bliss in the small finite things. [2] Only the Infinite is Bliss. Where one sees nothing else, hears nothing else, understands nothing else - that is the Infinite Fullness. Where one sees something else, hears something else, understands something else - that is the small finite. The Infinite Fullness is the

Immortal, and the small finite is mortal. That Infinite Fullness alone is everywhere. It is all this. [From “Sadhana”, pp. 143-144.]

NOTES:

[1] An Adept, a Mahatma, a Master of the Wisdom. (CCA)

[2] As long as they are seen as isolated from the Universe. (CCA)

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The New Items In Our Websites



On 10 March we had 3164 items in the associated websites, including texts, books, poems, audios and videos.

Of these, 02 items were in [Italian](#), 20 items were in [Russian](#), 22 items in [French](#), 289 in [Spanish](#), 1412 in [English](#) and 1419 in [Portuguese](#).^[1]

The following items were published in English, Spanish and Russian between 10 February and 10 March 2023. The more recent titles are above:

1. **An Address on World Peace** - John F. Kennedy
2. **El Teósofo Acuariano 016, Marzo de 2023**
3. **Los Ovnis y la Teosofía** - Carlos Cardoso Aveline
4. **Los Estados Unidos y Blavatsky** - Carlos Cardoso Aveline
5. **La Batalla de la Verdad** - Carlos Cardoso Aveline (Ed.)
6. **The United States and Blavatsky** - Carlos Cardoso Aveline
7. **Теософ эпохи Водолея, февраль 2023** [*The Aquarian* in Russian language]
8. **Las Decisiones Que Elevan el Alma** - Carlos Cardoso Aveline

9. The Aquarian Theosophist, February 2023

NOTE:

[1] These are some of our associated websites: www.TheosophyOnline.com, www.HelenaBlavatsky.net, www.HelenaBlavatsky.org, www.FilosofiaEsoterica.com, www.CarlosCardosoAveline.com, www.TheAquarianTheosophist.com, and www.RussianTheosophist.com.

Isis Unveiled: Pythagoras, Socrates, Plato And the Wisdom of the East

Helena P. Blavatsky



Partial reproduction of an image published in the book *“The Pythagorean Sourcebook and Library”*, Compiled and Translated by Kenneth Guthrie, Phanes Press, Michigan, USA, 1987, 361 pp.

It is recognized by modern science that all the higher laws of nature assume the form of quantitative statement. This is perhaps a fuller elaboration or more explicit affirmation of the Pythagorean doctrine. Numbers were regarded as the best representations of the laws of harmony which pervade the cosmos. We know too that in chemistry the doctrine of atoms and the laws of combination are actually and, as it were, arbitrarily defined by numbers. As Mr. W. Archer Butler has expressed it: “The world is, then, through all its departments, a living arithmetic in its development, a realized geometry in its repose.”

The key to the Pythagorean dogmas is the general formula of unity in multiplicity, the one evolving the many and pervading the many. This is the ancient doctrine of emanation in few words. Even the apostle Paul accepted it as true. “*Ἐξ αὐτοῦ, καὶ δι’ αὐτοῦ, καὶ εἰς αὐτὸν τὰ πάντα*” - Out of him and through him and in him all things are. This, as we can see by the following quotation, is purely Hindu and Brahmanical:

“When the dissolution - Pralaya - had arrived at its term, the great Being - Para-Atma or Para-Purusha - the Lord existing through himself, out of whom and through whom all things were, and are and will be resolved to emanate from his own substance the various creatures” (*Manava-Dharma-Sastra*, book i., slokas 6 and 7).

The mystic Decad $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 = 10$ is a way of expressing this idea. The One is God, the Two, matter; the Three, combining Monad and Duad, and partaking of the nature of both, is the phenomenal world; the Tetrad, or form of perfection, expresses the emptiness of all; and the Decad, or sum of all, involves the entire cosmos. The universe is the combination of a thousand elements, and yet the expression of a single spirit - a chaos to the sense, a cosmos to the reason.

The whole of this combination of the progression of numbers in the idea of creation is Hindu. The Being existing through himself, Swayambhu or Swayambhuva, as he is called by some, is one. He emanates from himself the *creative faculty*, Brahma or Purusha (the divine male), and the one becomes *Two*; out of this Duad, union of the purely intellectual principle with the principle of matter, evolves a third, which is Viradj, the phenomenal world. It is out of this invisible and incomprehensible trinity, the Brahmanic Trimurti, that evolves the second triad which represents the three faculties - the creative, the conservative, and the transforming. These are typified by Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva, but are again and ever blended into one. *Unity*, Brahma, or as the *Vedas* called him, Tridandi, is the god triply manifested, which gave rise to the symbolical *Aum* or the abbreviated Trimurti. It is but under this trinity, ever active and tangible to all our senses, that the invisible and unknown Monas can manifest itself to the world of mortals. When he becomes *Sharira*, or he who puts on a visible form, he typifies all the principles of matter, all the germs of life, he is Purusha, the god of the three visages, or triple power, the essence of the Vedic triad. “Let the Brahmas know the sacred Syllable (*Aum*), the three words of the Savitri, and read the *Vedas* daily” (*Manu*, book iv, sloka 125).

“After having produced the universe, He whose power is incomprehensible vanished again, absorbed in the Supreme Soul Having retired into the primitive darkness, the great Soul remains within the unknown, and is void of all form”

“When having again reunited the subtle elementary principles, it introduces itself into either a vegetable or animal seed, it assumes at each a new form.”

“It is thus that, by an alternative waking and rest, the Immutable Being causes to revive and die eternally all the existing creatures, active and inert” (*Manu*, book i., sloka 50, and others).

He who has studied Pythagoras and his speculations on the Monad, which, after having emanated the Duad retires into silence and darkness, and thus creates the Triad can realize whence came the philosophy of the great Samian Sage, and after him that of Socrates and Plato.

(Reproduced from “[Isis Unveiled](#)”, H.P. Blavatsky, [volume I, pp. xvi-xvii.](#))

