

THE DYNAMICS OF DIVINITY – CIRCULAR TALK AROUND THE INEFFABLE

– A PRACTICAL ESOTERIC APPRECIATION –

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

This essay presents the case that the popular and false notion of an extra-cosmic ‘god’ must be replaced by an intra-cosmic Deity as God Immanent and God Transcendent. Manifestation or the production of phenomenal worlds is shown to be an interplay between two ultimate polar principles against a background of pure consciousness. Therefore the manifested universe is pervaded by the universal consciousness, or divinity. This is slowly gaining acceptance with the findings of the latest particle physics.

INTRODUCTION

No description of Divinity could possibly do justice to a sublime topic that is in truth, ineffable. Nevertheless, like the proverbial finger pointing at the moon, what follows may provide insights into what is meant by that vexed term ‘God’. We can only attempt ‘circular talk around the ineffable.’¹

It is an absolutely fundamental tenet of the Esoteric Doctrine² that all existence is *One Thing*. But paradoxically, this ‘One Thing’, or *One Reality*—unknowable and inconceivable in its essential nature—is described by a whole variety of roughly synonymous terms depending upon our culture and religious affiliation, a small selection of which is given below.

The One Reality is variously termed, for example by:		
Vedantins	<i>as</i>	Parabrahman
Occultists	<i>as</i>	the Absolute
Religious people	<i>as</i>	‘God’, the Divine
Physicists	<i>as</i>	the Unmanifest state
Mathematicians	<i>as</i>	the fully Integrated state
Philosophers	<i>as</i>	the Real, the All, Deity, Mind

Accordingly, then, this essay has a clear-cut, twofold objective:

1. An ‘esoteric taster’ To gain some intuition, in simple terms, of the meaning behind words such as ‘Divinity’, ‘God’, etc.—the abundance of interpretations and misconceptions associated with which presents Western science with its greatest hurdle towards achieving a true religious understanding.
2. To remove, anthropomorphic, i.e. man-made concepts and images about ‘god’.
3. To initiate dialogue between religion and its current arch enemy, science, by presenting the essential message of the former through the medium and idiom of the latter, using practical analogies, and in plain language without obfuscating jargon.

METHOD

We emphasize the need for a practical method of introducing the esoteric wisdom on divinity, which must obviously necessitate removing the greatest obstacle that blocks its acceptance by mainstream (orthodox, or materialistic) science and conventional (popular, or exoteric) religion; namely their notion of ‘God’ as an external, anthropomorphic and personal Creator, who created the universe at the

¹ A term used by Professor Nicholas Goodrick-Clarke in his recent address to The Theosophical Society in London.

² Esoteric means that great body of sacred and mystical, religious and philosophical teachings for which a key is needed to *reveal* the truth to students of high and worthy character. (The opposite is exoteric which refers to the outward and popular form of such teachings, the inner secrets of which are concealed.) The esoteric doctrine has been held from time immemorial in the guardianship of seers and sages who from time to time promulgate portions of it to the world when the spiritual and intellectual need for so doing arises. The extent and form of what is revealed is adapted to the mental calibre and moral status of common humanity.

Big Bang, or Day of Creation, and then, according to the theorizing fancy of the individual scientist or religionist, either interferes with His creation, or abdicates His responsibilities. (Of course, scientific materialism does not subscribe to the notion of such a ‘god’, placing the whole burden of creation upon mechanical laws of nature, and evolution upon natural selection.) There is no hope of building the temple of Truth upon such a false foundation.

In fact, if we really consider it, it is impossible to say what God IS in words born of everyday thought. The First Proposition in the Proem of *The Secret Doctrine* makes this very clear. All we can do is to use words in one of two ways:

1. firstly as metaphors and similes to point towards the divine – this is the positive approach; and
2. secondly to strip out all anthropomorphic misconceptions and dogmatic theological accretions attaching to the popular concept of divinity. This is the negative approach which means stating what god is NOT.

WHAT THEN IS ‘GOD’?

The table above referred to what is commonly termed ‘God’ under a variety of coexisting names according to the culture, religious climate, mental atmosphere and individual temperament prevailing during any epoch. Of these terms, the *Unmanifest State* and the *Integrated State* are familiar to physicists and mathematicians, and so are best suited to the scientific nature of this exposition.³ We shall therefore use the phrase ‘United State’, as an acronym for the Unmanifest-Integrated State, and also to underline the primary message of the essential Unity of all existence (as implied by the term United).

United does not mean uniform and all the same. It means differently together – rather like different coloured beads on a common thread or different sounding orchestral instruments united by the conductor and music. Also this helps us to move away from tacky emotional accretions attaching to the word God.

ESSENTIAL QUALITY OF THE UNMANIFEST–INTEGRATED STATE

The United State is one of limitless potentiality, which includes within itself the potential for numberless expressions in infinite, differentiated states of Itself—such differentiated ex-pressions being the various *manifestations*, or *presentations* of the United state. The subject can conveniently be divided into two parts for further consideration:

1. The United State in itself; and
2. The expression of this United State (ex-press meaning ‘to press out’).

The Unmanifest–Integrated State in Itself

Insight into the nature of the United State is best gained through appreciation of two related phrases: (a) ‘changeless state’ and (b) ‘state without particulars or attributes, but containing all particulars and attributes in potential form,’ (*aparinama* and *nirveshesha*, respectively, in the Vedic scriptures).

The Changeless State – What is completely whole and integrated (or undifferentiated) must be changeless, for only differentiated states can be distinguished as one particular state from another. So the changeless state obviously transcends ordinary notions of space and time. For space is discerned by observing different spatial relationships between various objects that occupy different locations. If no spatial comparisons can be made, there is no sense of space, as a traveller in the desert experiences when faced with vast and uniform tracts of sand with no distinguishing features. Similarly, time is perceived by discerning the changes in parts (‘parts’ referring not only to objects, but also to moods and mental states). If nothing changes, there is no sense of time, as a person experiences when faced

³ The allusion to the calculus by use of the terms ‘integrated’ and later on, ‘differentiated’, is obviously not meant in the strict mathematical sense, but in order to use terms and overall concepts familiar to scientists.

with utter boredom (or intense joy) when time on both such occasions seems to stand still, but in different ways.

The State Without Particulars, but containing all Particulars in Potential Form – The United State is changeless, hence it must also be without any discrete particulars. But note that it also contains all particulars in potential form, which does not mean that all these particulars reside within the United State like an assortment of chocolates inside an enclosing box, but rather that they are *subsumed* within it.

Subsumed is not the same as dissolve, or intermingle or mixed together, for in all such cases there is something that can be isolated out from the surrounding parent substance. But anything that is subsumed cannot be isolated out. For example, all waves are subsumed in the ocean and cannot be isolated out from the parent ocean like you can extract salt from the water or filter out chalk from it.

The *changeless* quality of the United State, and its *subsumption of all differentiated particulars*, are such important points to grasp that they will be illustrated using two analogies which, like all analogies, lose their meaning when taken literally or driven out of context. Analogies, etc. are only the rungs of the mental ladder that we must climb until we finally succeed in kicking away the ladder itself.

Analogies to Illustrate Meaning of United State

Everyday Human Life A human being performs a wide variety of roles and displays a virtually infinite number of moods. Depending upon the circumstances, he can adopt the role of parent, spouse, worker and boss, for example, and his moods can vary widely with infinite nuances from, say, despondency to optimism. Yet when he is deeply asleep or serenely quiet, none of these characteristics shows overtly. It is not that they exist in discrete form stuffed within his being, but that they are fully subsumed into his consciousness as an integrated and changeless state when asleep, to manifest as particular forms of changing activity, when awake.

The Ocean The immense ocean (analogous to the United State) manifests an almost infinite number and variety of waves that are nothing but differentiated-manifested states of the ocean, each one of which could be characterized by a precise mathematical relation. But these turbulent waves are not contained separately within the ocean—rather are they fully subsumed within its still and changeless depths, arising out of the latter as circumstances dictate their uprising (birth), life span (period of manifestation) and dissolution (death). Strictly speaking, it would be wrong to declare that the ocean *created* the waves; but rather that the latter represent a differentiated state of the vast ‘wave-manifesting’ potential of the former. Furthermore, the waves are not separated from the ocean, but are one with it, the whole ‘consciousness’ and power of the ocean being potentially ‘reflected’ in each part of itself, i.e. each wave. The waves are in the visible foreground, the ocean is always in the invisible background. It would be philosophically absurd to think that having manifested the waves the ocean then played no part in their further existence. Thus the current debate in scientific circles as to the extent to which ‘God’ interferes with His creations is based upon a false premiss and an equally erroneous concept about ‘God’, as exemplified by Carl Sagan who states that the conclusion of present cosmological effort into understanding the ‘mind of God’ is that there is ‘nothing for a Creator to do’.⁴

A final point often neglected is that we cannot identify or ‘see’ the ocean itself acting to manifest its own waves. We are only aware of the outward form, behaviour or *results* of such manifestation. This is because the waves arise out of the integrated ocean acting *as a whole*, and so we cannot isolate out which ‘portion’ of the ocean is responsible for a certain class of waves. This point again has an important bearing on the vexed question that currently plagues mainstream science and traditional religion about the need for a personal God who creates His world (orthodox religious outlook); or the inability to recognize such a Creator (mainstream scientific viewpoint).

The above disclosure is sublimely expressed in the final verse of the Tenth Discourse of the *Bhagavad Gita* (The Lord’s Song) where the Lord Krishna says to his disciple Arjuna: ‘Having pervaded this

⁴ Carl Sagan, Introduction to Stephen W. Hawking, *A Brief History of Time* (Bantam Press, 1988) p. x.

whole universe with one fragment of Myself, I remain.’ In other words, the United State (the ocean) is quite unaffected by what it has manifested out of itself (the waves).

We will provide two further illustrations at the end.

The Expression of this Unmanifest–Integrated State

The changeless state without particulars is anything but a static state, or one of annihilation, because it contains within itself the potential for expression in ever lower and increasingly differentiated states of itself, otherwise known as manifestation. In the second analogy above, this limitless potential for differentiation is expressed by the ceaseless wave-making ability of the whole, integrated ocean, the latter quite unaffected by the numberless manifestations of its waves. We see this principle of ceaseless expression of limitless potential operating in all nature from the highest to the lowest levels. For example, how does a flower express itself? By its colour, perfume, etc. none of which depletes the flower-in-itself.

The occult teaching is that *ceaseless Motion* is the ultimate basis of all manifested-differentiated states. This is known as the Breath of the Absolute. (How, for example, could waves be formed without any movement of water?) This prompts us to inquire into the fundamental principles behind all manifestation.

From the Unmanifest–Integrated State to Manifest–Differentiated States

The United State and the Divine are equivalent terms, the former specifically chosen for the reasons mentioned earlier, although each has a shade of meaning best suited to the context of discussion.. Careful thought upon the United State itself, and the Expression of such State shows that in order for manifestation to occur, there has to be:

1. a bounding field in which such manifestation is to take place
2. by virtue of a dual, polar aspect in operation, namely, system and function:
 1. Divine *system*: what the Divine *is*, i.e. Divine Consciousness *in potentia*. This is the positive pole, corresponding to which there is, *pari passu*;
 2. Divine *function*: what the Divine *does*, i.e. Divine Power—that which enables such Consciousness to be harnessed and exercised as limitless self-expression. This is the negative pole.

System and *function* are inextricably bound—a system can only function, can only *do* something, by virtue of what it *is*. Using our example, the ocean can only manifest waves—what it *does*—because of its inherently restless, ‘wave-making’ nature—what it *is*. Deny the ocean its turbulent nature and it will become for ever an immense static, stagnant pond. Put rather differently, a ‘spiritual pregnancy’ (a state of potential and latency) is necessary to give birth to manifested universes (the outcome of that potential), which, just like human birth, is governed strictly by rhythms, cycles, periodicity and labour!

All this is clarified in Fig. 1 which shows how increasing differentiation of the United State results in infinite subdivisions or manifestations of *Itself*. The primary, or first level of differentiation results in two principal branches of equal and opposite polarity, corresponding to the *system* (State 0-1) and *functional* (State 0-i), aspects, respectively, of State 0. Further differentiation into innumerable branchlets follows, with equal, overall polarity between the two streams of descent always being maintained. But any manifested-differentiated state can never be regarded as a fully discrete entity, with neatly demarcated boundaries and therefore completely isolatable from the whole, of which it forms a part. In our example from nature, each ocean wave (differentiated state) has a clearly recognizable ‘core’, but its boundaries are blurred, for *precisely* where does each wave originate and where does it end, other than in the depths of the ocean as a whole? So there is always an uncertainty built into the certainty of natural phenomena—a seminal fact that was first propounded by Heisenberg.

Fig. 1 depicts essentially the subjective and objective aspects of the United State, namely:

1. the left side of the diagram shows the differentiated descent of Divine Consciousness as the various expressions of consciousness and mind; and
2. the right side shows the differentiated descent of Divine Power as the expressions of the various powers and laws in nature, culminating with physical nature—the province of Western science.

Thus at any level from the rarest super-physical down to the gross material, the *objective* aspect (as Matter⁵) of the United State provides for the ex-pression of the *subjective* aspect (as Spirit, or Consciousness) of this One State. In other words, every differentiation of Divine Consciousness has its corresponding differentiation of Divine Power as its appropriated vehicle or channel that enables such Consciousness to be realized, or function to be exercised.⁶ *The vehicle is not independent or separated from Consciousness, but an aspect of it.* Hence the two streams of descent are not independent tributaries from the United State, but co-exist in a polar relation at each and every level, as indicated by the horizontal, dashed lines in Fig. 1. It will be realized that any state of differentiated manifestation, logically, cannot possibly express the full potential of the United State; but yet the latter is wholly reflected, or mirrored in each and every single particle of its minutest differentiations (fractals), rather as each fragment of a hologram contains the whole picture.

Furthermore, we can perceive that Divine Power at its lowest level presents as the various laws and powers in physical nature. Being objectively manifested on the physical plane, they are therefore amenable to mathematical formulation and investigation by physical science. However Divine Consciousness at any level is totally beyond the scope of formal mathematics, or any other scientific empiricism.⁷

The United State being whole and undifferentiated, integrates all potentially separated states; in other words, all separated states are subsumed in the United State, as are the waves in the Ocean. It is very important to appreciate that just as the Ocean without its coexisting waves would be a mere abstraction, the United State co-exists with its differentiated states, i.e. God exists alongside his creatures, in common parlance.

The proliferation and variety of innumerable, seemingly disconnected and unrelated states that appear in the physical world are realized as being rooted, and subsumed in the United State (State 0). Moreover, because all manifestation is ultimately derived from the Supreme Divine Consciousness (see again Fig. 1), manifestation is apprehended as being essentially a series of mental phenomena in constant interplay at different levels, corresponding to different degrees of differentiation. The physical world, characterized in its large-scale behaviour by precise and determinate, mathematically-formulated natural laws, is subsumed in Consciousness and Mind, which is free and non-quantifiable. There is an urgent need therefore for Western science to strain to look beyond the veil of physical matter. Quantum physics is pointing in this direction.

The physical world is thus mental in essence. There is no question of mind OVER matter⁸—just Mind alongside its effects, or appearances.

So how does Deity Manifest the Universe?

In simple terms it does this by an outward movement from within. Symbolically, this is movement from the centre of a circle to the circumference. Manifested universes are therefore increasingly explicated states of the one implicate reality (i.e. United State) itself. Since existence is ‘One Thing’, the myriad products of the universe are not different ‘things’, but rather changes in the state of the One

⁵ ‘Matter’ is meant here in the metaphysical sense, and not in the scientific sense of physical substance.

⁶ This provides a clue to the factual existence of supernormal powers that materialistic science finds so hard to come to terms with, or apprehend.

⁷ The physical *effects* of consciousness in the brain are of course amenable to scientific scrutiny. Consciousness *per se* is, however, completely beyond the scope of physical science.

⁸ The word matter is now used in the conventional scientific sense of that substance of which physical bodies are composed and which endows the latter with their tangible realism.

Thing, *the One Divine Substance-Principle* —just as water, steam and ice are all different phase states of the self-same H₂O.

But what is the Relationship of Deity to the Cosmos and to Man?

The Oriental Sanskrit verses express this relationship beautifully as the ‘creative source of the Divine Mind, Hidden in a veil of thick darkness, formed mirrors of the atoms of the world, and cast reflection from his own face on every atom.’⁹ What is the philosophical basis of such an assertion? Since, again, Existence is One Thing (or One Being), we are projected manifestations of It, hence the totality must be mirrored in every one of its parts. In other words, Divine Consciousness is projected into, and pervades Its own manifestations of Cosmos and Man, in the same sort of way that a fragment of a hologram embodies the whole picture, or a fractal is generated by repeated subdivision of a basic pattern. It is for this reason that the (manifested) Deity is sometimes referred to in Eastern esoteric philosophy as Brahma-Vishnu—compounded of the two chief deities, derived from the Sanskrit root *bri*, to expand, and *vish*, to pervade; hence Brahma-Vishnu is ‘That which expands and pervades’—a lofty tenet faintly echoed by modern big bang cosmology.

⁹ H. P. Blavatsky, *The Secret Doctrine* (The Theosophical Publishing House, 1993) Volume I, p. 623.

Recapitulation

Three Axioms Especially for Orthodox Scientists and Religionists

No. 1: There never was a personal God who created the universe at one moment in time (i.e. the so-called origin of time). Think instead in terms of an intelligent principle of limitless potential with a never-ending capacity for infinite *self-expression*. Nothing is, or ever was ‘created’—and nobody ever created ‘God’.

No. 2: The universe is not *separated* from ‘God’, or Deity. It is the organic, or bodily expression of the Deity Itself.

No. 3: There is no ‘God’ acting as a Divine Judge to reward or punish us for our actions according to His fancy. What appears to us as reward and retribution are the consequences of the universal harmonizing principle in Nature.

One frequently hears in scientific circles, when the conversation turns to the origin of the universe, questions such as ‘If God created the universe, then who created God?’¹⁰ with further remarks about scientists now attempting to interrogate the ‘mind of God’. The exposition so far has been at pains to point out the fallacy of such remarks, by way of reasoned arguments to explain that no ‘God’ ever created the universe, and then, either completely abdicated His responsibilities, or had limits placed upon His involvement.¹¹ The cardinal error springs from the belief that ‘God’ is a personal, anthropomorphic creature who creates, and then stands outside his creation, which leads to the logical, but absurd question of whether He can influence, or play dice with the universe, His creation. The esoteric account corroborated by generations of seers across aeons of time is the only sane and self-consistent doctrine. The key consists in understanding that the recurrent appearances of manifested-differentiated states are the various projections, or expressions of the United State under which all manifested states are *subsumed*. The wholeness and implicate order¹² unfolds from within itself to produce the outward explicate states. Nothing is ever ‘created’ in a literal sense; everything is manifested by unfolding or unrolling outwards from within; the manifest-differentiated (objective) worlds emerging¹³ periodically and cyclically from the Unmanifest-Integrated (subjective) State. This is the key to an understanding of maya. Popularly translated as illusion, it means in essence that things are not what they appear to be.

The world is not unreal, but its appearance to our limited senses is unreal as the great Heisenberg realized towards the end of his life. Relativity is central to the notion of maya. For example, if your tooth hurts, it is not at all unreal, but very real to you. But to your dentist, your hurting toothache is a maya. Similarly from the standpoint of the Absolute, all Its manifestations are a maya as sooner or later, however vast the expanse of time may be, these manifestations will change according to the inexorable law of periodicity.

So there is no question of a ‘God’ moving universes and men around a celestial board according to the throw of a die (for if He did, He would have to be playing with Himself, the universe being the outward expression—the substance, fabric and clothing, so to speak, of His being). The Divine handiwork never had a birth in time and will never end, for it constantly *Is*, manifesting as the production, preservation and dissolution (so-called destruction) of worlds. It is amazing how many ludicrous statements have been, and still are, prolifically begotten of this central erroneous assumption of a finite, external God creating a universe in the same way as a carpenter fashions a chair.

In declaring that there is no God, scientific atheism should now understand that there is no identifiable, personal, finite God. By contrast, religious dogmatism has invented a personal God who created the universe instead of realizing that there is a Deity (rather, a Deific, or Divine Principle), impersonal and absolute, behind the universe drawn from Its own essence. But we must carefully distinguish between the scientific atheism of the ultra-materialistic, positivist school (which is now reappearing under the guise of the naturalistic movement using the egregiously rhetorical name of ‘the Brights’), and the

¹⁰ Furthermore, ‘who created the Creator of God?’ and so on to an infinite regress. This is an example of how a false premiss leads to a logical, but false series of corollaries.

¹¹ Hawking, *op. cit.*

¹² The term ‘implicate order’ is borrowed from the title of the book *Wholeness and the Implicate Order* by David Bohm, as great a quantum physicist as he was deeply philosophical and spiritual—a fine example of how science and spirituality can be harmonized.

¹³ Emerge from the Latin as *e-* and *mergere*, meaning ‘to dip out of’.

religious revelations of some of the most eminent and enlightened men of science of this century, for example:

Science cannot solve the ultimate mystery of nature; for science demands also the believing spirit. Over the entrance to the gates of the temple of science are written the words: *Ye must have faith.* It is a quality which scientists cannot dispense with.

Max Planck (Nobel laureate)

The very study of the external world led to the conclusion that the content of the consciousness is the ultimate reality.

Eugene Wigner (Nobel laureate)

God is a mathematician, and the universe begins to look more like a great thought than a great machine.

Sir James Jeans

The wise man regulates his conduct by the theories of both religion and science.

J. B. S. Haldane

These affirmations show how the best of modern science is slowly, but inexorably approaching the true religious idea of divinity—the ‘energetic vacuum seething with virtual particles’ is for the quantum physicists similar to the ‘fullness of the void (sunyata)’ of the Buddhist.

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The esoteric wisdom is the royal road to a true marriage of religion and science. Let us recall the words of Sir Isaac Newton, a man as acutely scientific as he was profoundly religious.

The Supreme God is a Being eternal, infinite, absolutely perfect ... And from his true dominion it follows that the true God is a living, intelligent, and powerful Being ... He is eternal and infinite, omnipotent and omniscient; that is, his duration reaches from eternity to eternity; his presence from infinity to infinity ... He is not eternity and infinity, but eternal and infinite; he is not duration or space, but endures and is always present. He endures forever, and is everywhere present; and by existing always and everywhere, he constitutes duration and space. In him are all things contained and moved; yet neither affects the other: God suffers nothing from the motion of bodies ... He is utterly void of all body and bodily figure, and can therefore neither be seen, nor heard, nor touched; nor ought he to be worshipped under the representation of any corporeal thing.

This passage from the General Scholium of undoubtedly the greatest scientific work ever to be written—the *Principia*, shows Newton’s unerring insights into God as non-anthropomorphic and non-personal; all-potential, transcendent and immanent, unaffected by manifestations, and the futility of conceptualizing deity using the ordinary human mind.

See how closely Newton’s thoughts are mirrored in the First Fundamental Proposition in the Proem of *The Secret Doctrine*

An Omnipresent, Eternal, Boundless, and Immutable PRINCIPLE on which all speculation is impossible, since it transcends the power of human conception and could only be dwarfed by any human expression or similitude.

and also in the *Key to Theosophy*

Our Deity is neither in a paradise, nor in a particular tree, building or mountain; it is everywhere, in every atom of the visible as of the invisible Cosmos, in, over and around every indivisible atom and divisible molecule; for IT is the mysterious power of evolution and involution, the omnipresent, omnipotent, and every omniscient creative potentiality.

Having sketched a truer outline of the meaning of Deity, Divinity, etc., by stripping away some popular misconceptions and prejudices attaching to it, we hope to have secured some harmony between science and religion because in Einstein’s words:

Religion without science is blind. Science without religion is lame.

To this may be added, 'Science without religion is also ruthless and heartless.'

SUMMARY

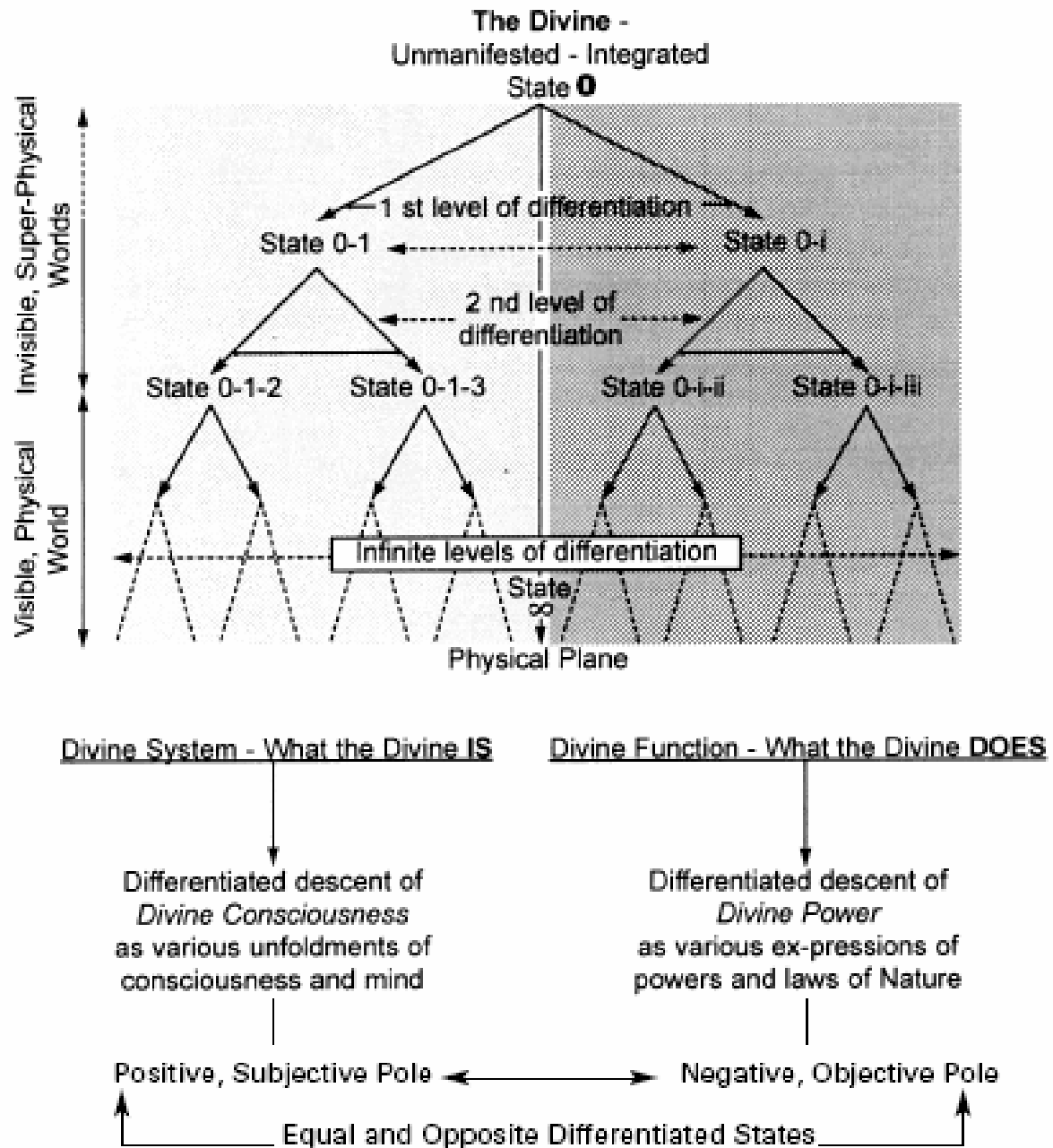
Fig 2 presents a summary of the flow of ideas in this paper along with key concepts.

Fig 3 attempts to elucidate the meaning of Deity by way of two analogies drawn from everyday experience:

- A qualitative analogy of white light refracted through a prism to produce manifold colours;
- A quantitative analogy of the circle and any number of its diameters obtained by the mathematical operator.

Have you ever wondered why virtually every formula in science that deals with natural phenomena – i.e. not algorithms – involves pi. (Pi looks like Stonehenge!)

Now what is Pi? It is the ratio of the circumference to the diameter of a circle. What are the implications of this?



Like the Ashvattha, or Tree of Life hanging downwards from the Divine, all life is inter-related and rooted in the fundamental doctrine of the ONE Reality

Fig. 1 The Divine Fractal – Unity in Diversity

THE DYNAMICS OF DIVINITY

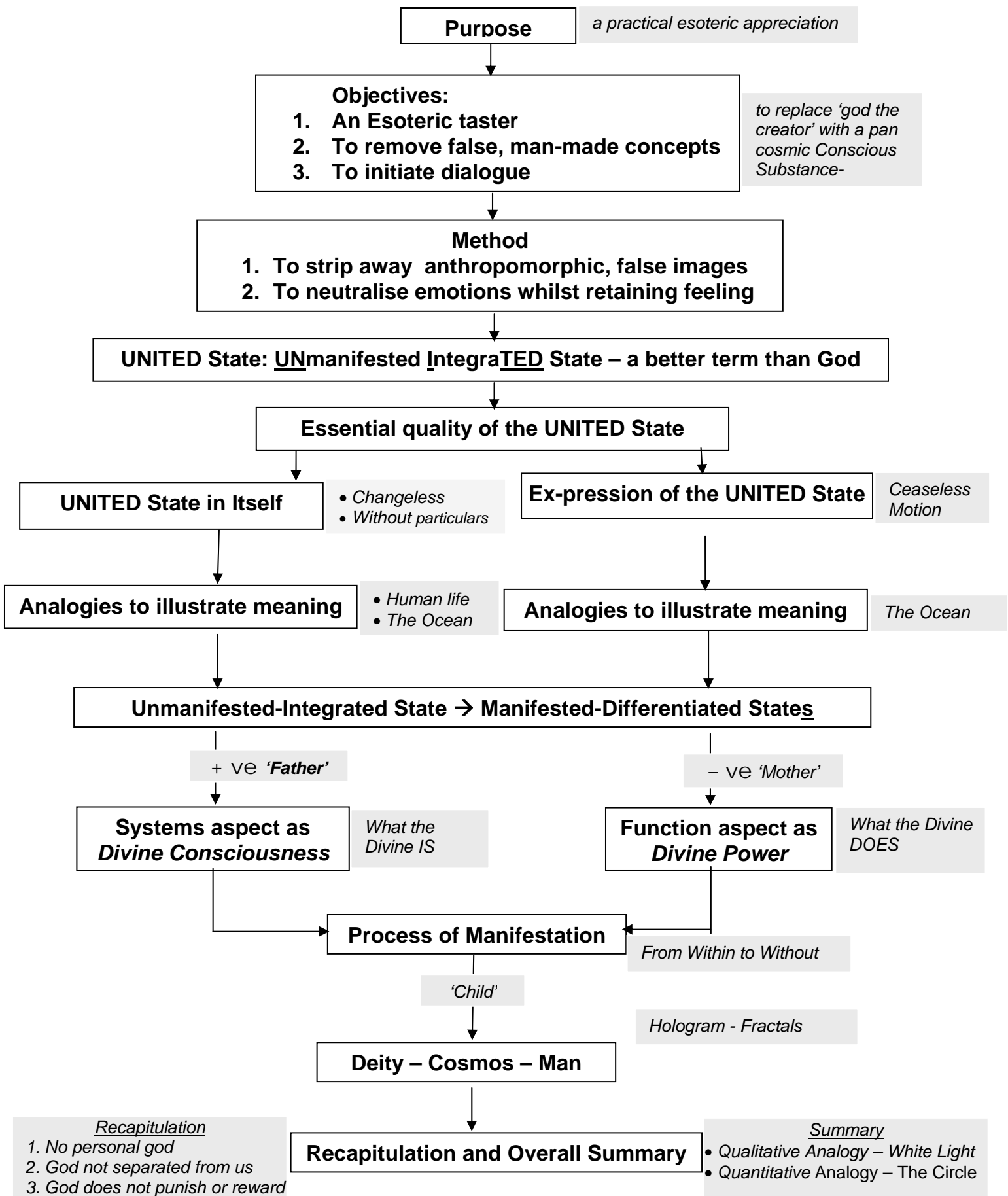


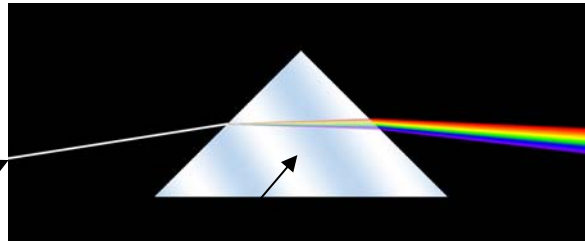
Fig. 2 Flowchart Summary of Paper and Key Concepts

‘GOD’, THE DIVINE, OR THE UNMANIFESTED-INTEGRATED (UNITED) STATE – AN UNDERSTANDING BY WAY OF QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE PHYSICAL ANALOGIES

Blavatsky to her pupils: “Reduce everything to terms of consciousness. Use your key of analogy and correspondences. Everything in the Universe follows analogy. As above, so below.”

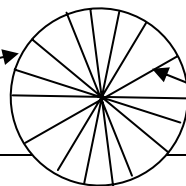
Edi: “Think with the Heart – Feel with the Head.”

QUALITATIVE ANALOGY – WHITE LIGHT REFRACTED THROUGH A PRISM



Origin/Cause – GOD in Itself	Means/the Interface – the innumerable Gods	Derivative/Consequence – Ex-pression of GOD
White Light	Prism as means of refraction of white light	Coloured lights infinite in colour spectrum
Invisible/Unmanifest		Visible/manifest
Integrated		Differentiated
No colour, but the potential for infinite colours that in no way depletes the source-light		Individual colours all derived from, and a partial ex-pression of the source White Light

QUANTITATIVE ANALOGY – CIRCLE AND DIAMETER



Diameter = Circumference / π

Circle – Has no diameter but has the potential for an infinite number of diameters	Mathematical operator as circumference / π	Diameters – infinite in number
The Whole		Its Infinite Parts
Unity		Diversity
Eternity		Infinity
Unmanifest		Manifest
Radiation – in the sense that radiation never depletes its source		Emanation – in the sense that emanation gradually exhausts its source
God	through Periodicity as cyclic and karmic law	causing worlds to appear and disappear; i.e. His manifestations all as ‘rays’ from Him
FIRST PROPOSITION: ‘An Omnipresent, Eternal, Boundless, and Immutable PRINCIPLE on which all speculation is impossible, since it transcends the power of human conception and could only be dwarfed by any human expression or similitude. It is symbolised under two aspects: Abstract Space and Abstract Motion.’	SECOND PROPOSITION: ‘The Eternity of the Universe <i>in toto</i> as a boundless plane; periodically the playground of numberless Universes incessantly manifesting and disappearing, called the Manifesting Stars, and the Sparks of Eternity. The appearance and disappearance of Worlds is like a regular tidal ebb of flux and reflux.’	THIRD PROPOSITION: ‘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.’

Fig. 3 DIVINITY: Qualitative and Quantitative Analogies