

Ohio 3/84 Transcript from section 9.

Simultaneity and Hierarchy (Anthony comments on this PB para 28.1.45)

Mind is the essence of all conscious beings. Their consciousness is derivative, borrowed from it; they could know nothing of their own power; whereas Mind alone knows all things and itself. When it knows them in time, it is World-Mind; **when it knows itself alone, it is the unknown to man and unknowable Godhead.** *Notebooks of PB 28.1.45*

AD: We spoke about that before, that can't be known. Because by definition, if that Infinite Mind is infinite, then there can't be anything outside to know it. If there was anything outside of it, it wouldn't be infinite. So nothing (other) could know Infinite Mind. By definition.

RW: What about when he limits the word "infinite" to the Infinite Mind of the Earth though?

AD: Well, there is a truth in what you're saying. Like Plato usually speaks about the Mind of the Earth. Plotinus goes beyond that, he speaks about a greater Mind than that of the Earth. But you have to remember that from our point of view, the spontaneous wisdom which is constantly functioning and which we refer to as the Undivided Mind of the Earth, and we refer to that as infinite, it's infinite as far as we're concerned.

No individual mind, yours or mine, can encompass that. Now, in turn, the Undivided Mind of the Earth is not equal to, let's say, the powers of the soul of the Sun. That's greater. But then, that too is not as great as, let's say, the Ideas of the inerratic sphere in their totality. So, what you have is like one idea reaches a certain level where it touches upon the next idea. That next idea is greater than this one, but smaller than the one above. In other words, they have wholes enclosing wholes, getting bigger and bigger. And from our point of view, we could certainly with justification speak about the Infinite Mind of *our* Earth as infinite, as far as we're concerned. Because it operates with a wisdom that is infinite.

RW: But it does become part of, as you say, the larger, because it blends into the undivided powers-- or the Undivided Mind of the Sun.

AD Soul, yes.

RW: So there is a hierarchy there.

AD: Yes. You see in the whole Platonic tradition there is a hierarchy of cause, a hierarchy of knowledge, a hierarchy of value. In other words, you have the One, have the Intellectual-Principle, have Soul, you have the Universal Soul, star soul, there's a definite hierarchy of values all the way down, and all the way up. And these are of an eternal order.

Ok. Now that's one view. There's another view, if you use the analogy of water, then everything is reducible to Mind. So you have to work with the two analogies to get a proper understanding. You have to work with two points of view. You have the point of view of emanation, and you have the point of view of simultaneity--where everything is Mind. Then, you have no need for explanations or anything like that. From the point of view of universal relativity

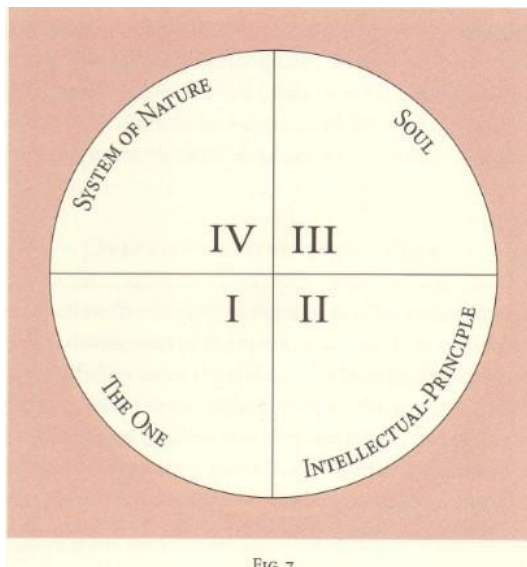
you have a fixed hierarchy. So that I will not make the mistake of saying, for instance, that everything is equal--everything is *not* equal.

AD: That's very important. You remember the analogy of the ocean. You have the ocean, you have waves, you have spray, you have foam. Then someone comes along and says *it's all water*. Everything's wiped out because it's all water. That's one analogy. The Vedantists use that analogy, and they will say "Well it's all Mind, therefore this is an illusion." You follow that? You've come across that reasoning. If everything is all Mind, then what appears is an illusion.

In that kind of reasoning they're ignoring the fact that within Mind there is a fixed hierarchy. In other words, if we say that Intelligence differentiates itself, and insofar that it differentiates itself it does so according to certain principles, then these principles have an eternal validity. So if you say you have the One, you have Intellectual-Principle, Absolute Soul, these are absolutes. In other words, Soul never becomes the One. The One never becomes the Intellectual-Principle, Intellectual-Principle doesn't become Soul. Ok? Now from that point of view you *can't say* this is an illusion.

You keep the two of them in mind and it'll prevent you from going into some of these absurd notions that come around where they try to tell you the world is an illusion. Well you just try getting away with your rent, you'll find out. It's an illusion from one point of view, it's a reality from another point of view, and the paradoxical nature of reality has to always be kept open. You always have these two points of view. Just like when Plotinus speaks about the Double Act. It's the very nature of the One to have this Double Act -- passive stillness, absolute stillness (passive perfection). On the other hand, absolute power to create everything that'll be (active perfection). And the two points of view have to be held always simultaneously.

[149] The diagram will aptly illustrate our two-fold viewpoint. We may look upon the circle as a symbol of the One itself--all and everything is included. Again, we can look at the divisions within as those principles that emanate from the One. These two points of view are simultaneous in the chart.



from section 98: Water Analogy

S: But alright, in-in my concept now it-- just in the-- in what you had just told us about the Absolute Soul in answer to Barbara's question and then you-- we-we came to the same point. And now we have the individual soul or now we can speak of the individual soul. Now does that individual soul not arise or appear, even though it is eternal, until there are certain events that happen that make it possible for--

AD Let me, let me try this way. I have a glass of water here. I could drink it, right? Now, let's say I'm a chemist. I analyze this water and I come down to the fact that it's composed of H₂O, etc. Now, suppose I'm a physicist. The same glass of water, now instead of H₂O I start breaking it down and understanding it in terms of let's say sub-atomic particles, ok?] Still the same glass of water. Now, suppose I go deeper into that and I'm a metaphysician. I try to understand that this basic quanta energy arises from this energy which is invisible, intangible, has no form, shape, color, etc.. Now look, within that one glass of water, there's these positions that I can understand. I can see, so to speak, the gross aspect, a subtler aspect, even a subtler and deeper and deeper.

Now in the same way, in analyzing my experience I come to the realization of this level of understanding. The planetary Mind provides, so to speak, the material nutrients and the life in these matters, to provide me with a body. Then I can go deeper and understand that the ideas are organizing this. Then I can go further and recognize that the Infinite and Undivided Mind of the world is organizing the ideas which in turn organizing the elements into a body.

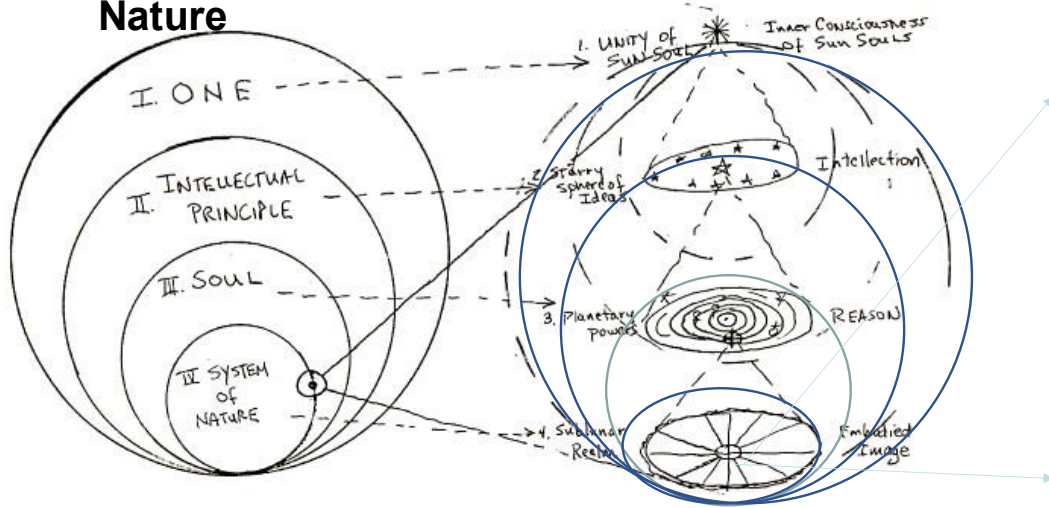
Isn't it an analogy like this glass of water? The deeper I get into myself I begin to traverse --in other words I begin to see that there is a planetary soul as I examine, then deeper than that there is a solar logos, then deeper than that there is the universal Demiurge, then deeper than that is the absolute Mind ... which is located... and you see this hierarchy which is of different degrees which are all simultaneously present in that glass of water.

Well this is part of the marvel of existence. Didn't PB say somewhere very beautifully, that existence itself is the miracle? When a Zen master says "I chop wood, and I carry water. How marvelous!" Isn't this what he is referring to? He's not referring to the wood per-se, but all that is implied in just being.

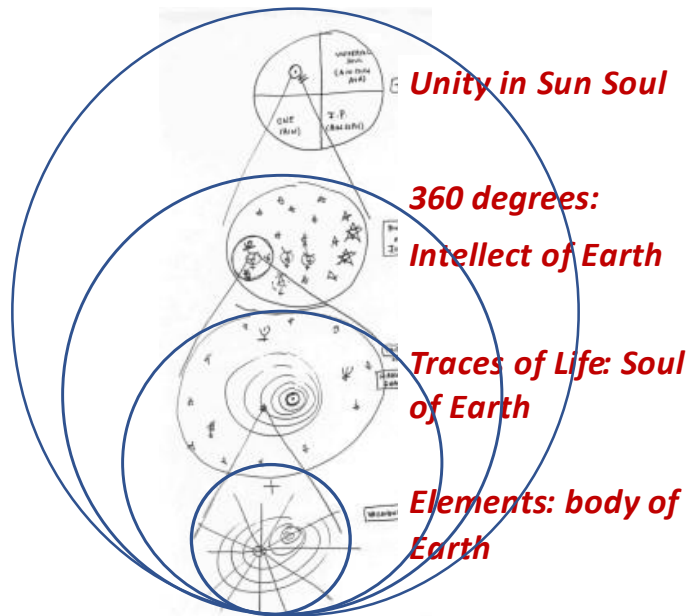
I happened to see this picture a few years ago, called "Being There". I rolled over the seat, people couldn't see what was humorous, but I thought it was the greatest presentation of this whole teaching: Just *being* is a miracle! These people want all kinds of explanations about it! (AD laughing) So of course I had to keep quiet, stop laughing, mind my business. And that's why even to answer one question, you know, is like opening a can of worms.

**Metaphysical
Primals and
Nature**

**Cosmological
Four-fold of Solar Logos**

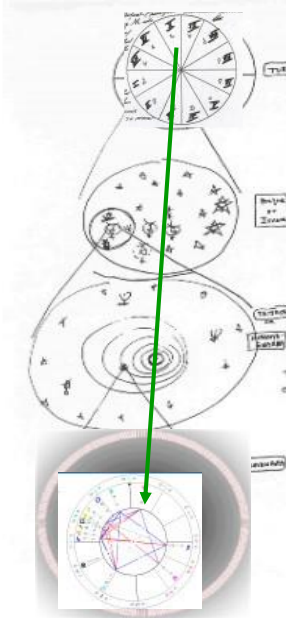


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Ideas come to Valois: Sacred spectrum of Consciousness



Nous: each idea is a unique form of the Nous--seed of God

Stars are a theophany of radiating Intelligences

[Each Sun/Star Soul comprehends the nature of these and proceeds to unfold these Intelligences.]

360 reason principles or Gods and tropes of Earth Mind:

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