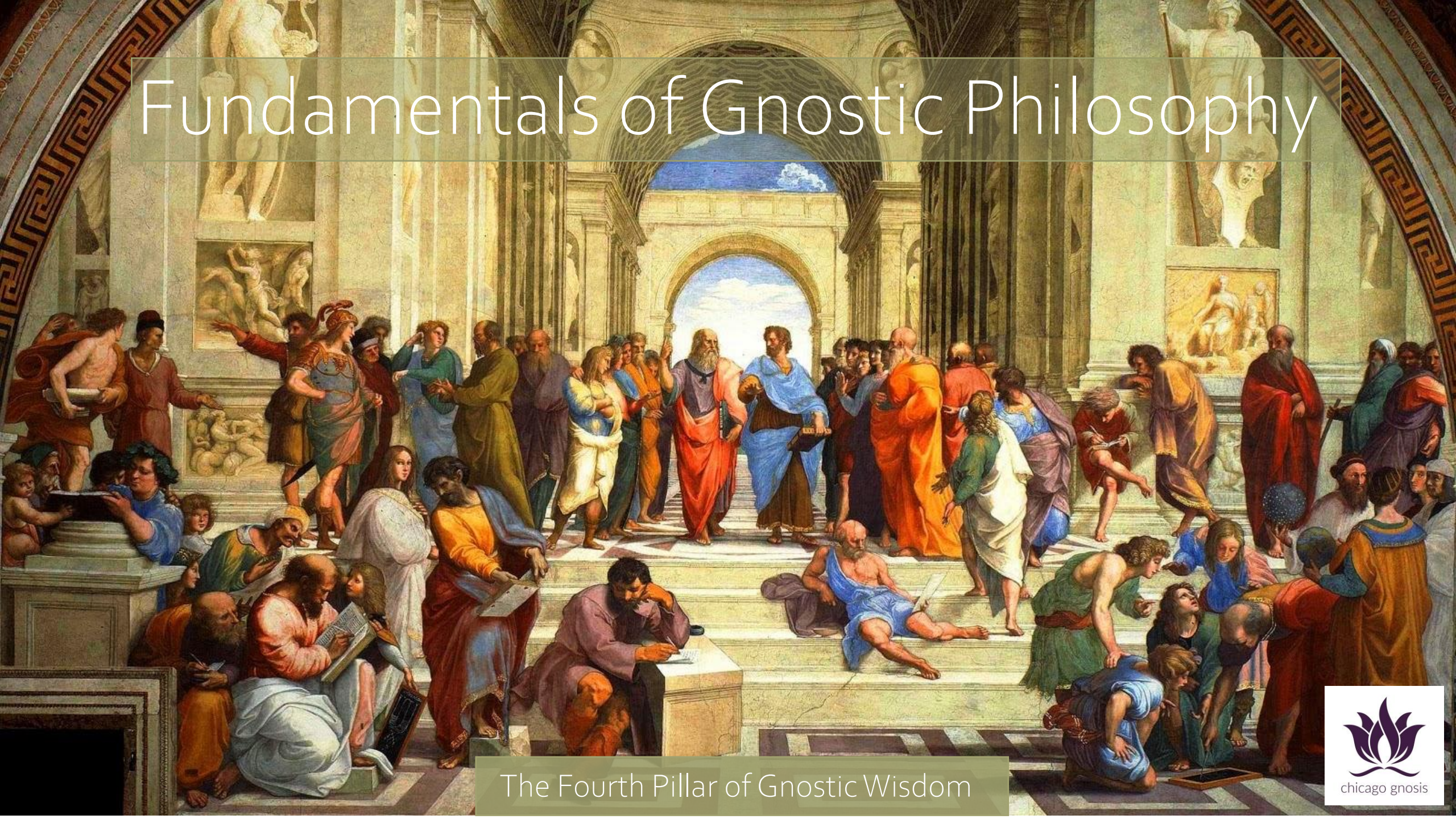
Fundamentals of Gnostic Philosophy



The Fourth Pillar of Gnostic Wisdom

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Oracle of the Temple of Deplhi

"Man, know thyself, and you will know the universe and the gods!"

Philosophy

- φίλος Philos (love)
- Σοφία Sophia (wisdom)

Darshan दर्शन

- auspicious sight
  - *dṛś* "to see"

1. **Sleep** – the darkness of the cave.

2. **Sleep with dreams** – the shadows on the wall.

3. **Awakened consciousness** – perceiving the fire in the cave, where objects pass to and fro, the source of the projecting shadows.

4. **Objective consciousness** – leaving the cave in order to see stars of Urania, the heavenly realms, and the Sun, the Platonic Logos, for the first time.

So, notwithstanding all the divisions and subdivisions of philosophy—such as logic, the theory of knowledge, ethics, aesthetics, etc.—nonetheless, psychology is undoubtedly in itself: evident self-reflection, mystical cognition of the Being, a fundamental cognition of an awakened consciousness. The error of many philosophical schools consists in having considered psychology as something inferior to philosophy, as something related only to the lowest and even trivial aspects of the human nature.

–Samael Aun Weor, *Fundamentals of Gnostic Education*

The concept of Descartes, "I think, therefore I am," is completely false, because the true Man is the Innermost, and the Innermost does not think, because He knows.

The mind thinks, not the Innermost.

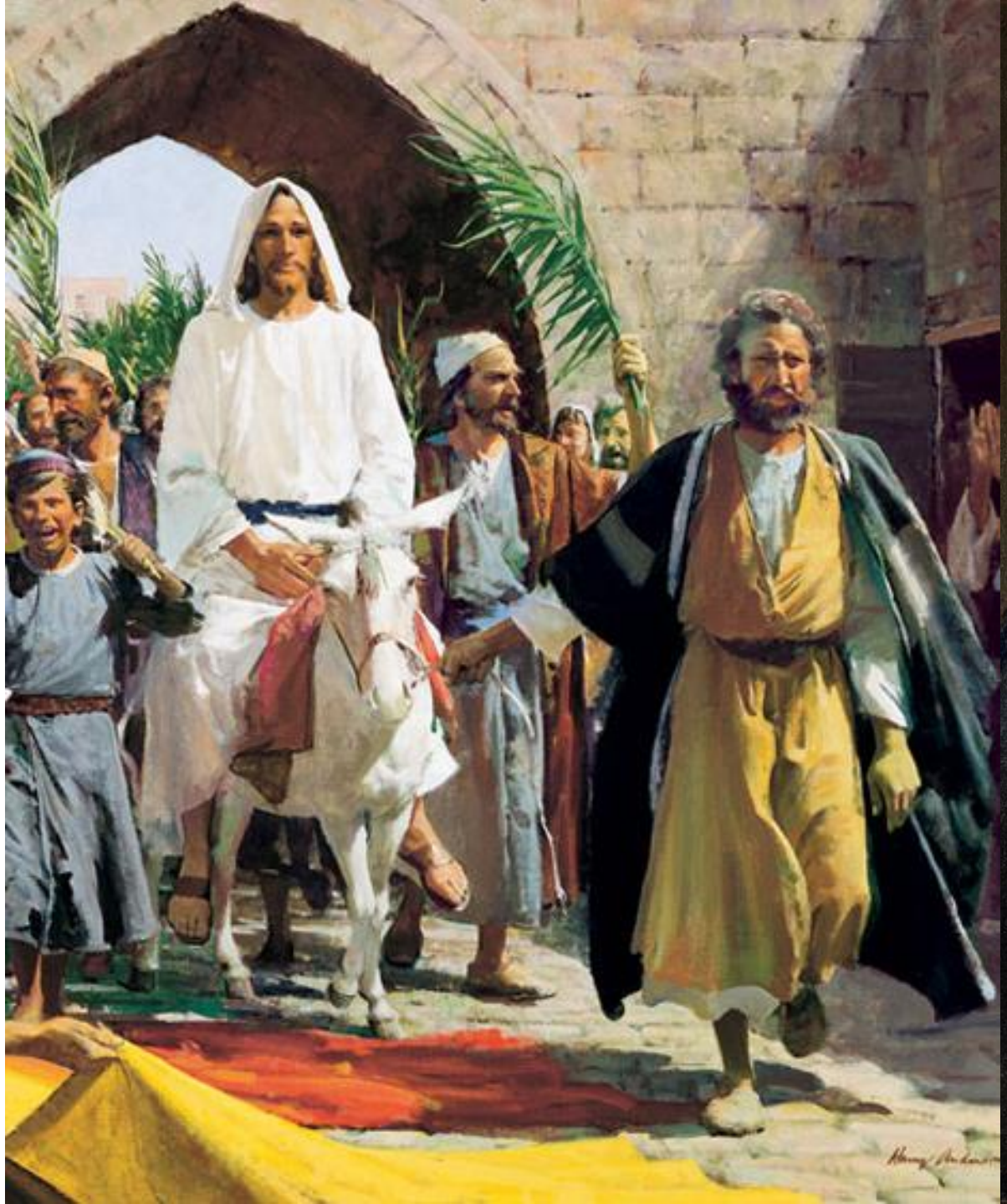
In its current state of evolution, the human mind is the animal that we carry within.

The Innermost does not need to think because He is omniscient.

—Samael Aun Weor, *Igneous Rose*

"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

—John 14:6



The Gnostic Gospel of Thomas

And he said, Whoever discovers what these sayings mean will not taste death.

Yeshua said, Seek and do not stop seeking until you find. When you find, you will be troubled. When you are troubled, you will marvel and rule over all.

Yeshua said, Know what is in front of your face and what is hidden from you will be disclosed. There is nothing hidden that will not be revealed.

The Age of Reason was initiated by Aristotle. It reached its culmination with Emmanuel Kant and ends now with the birth of the new Era of Aquarius.

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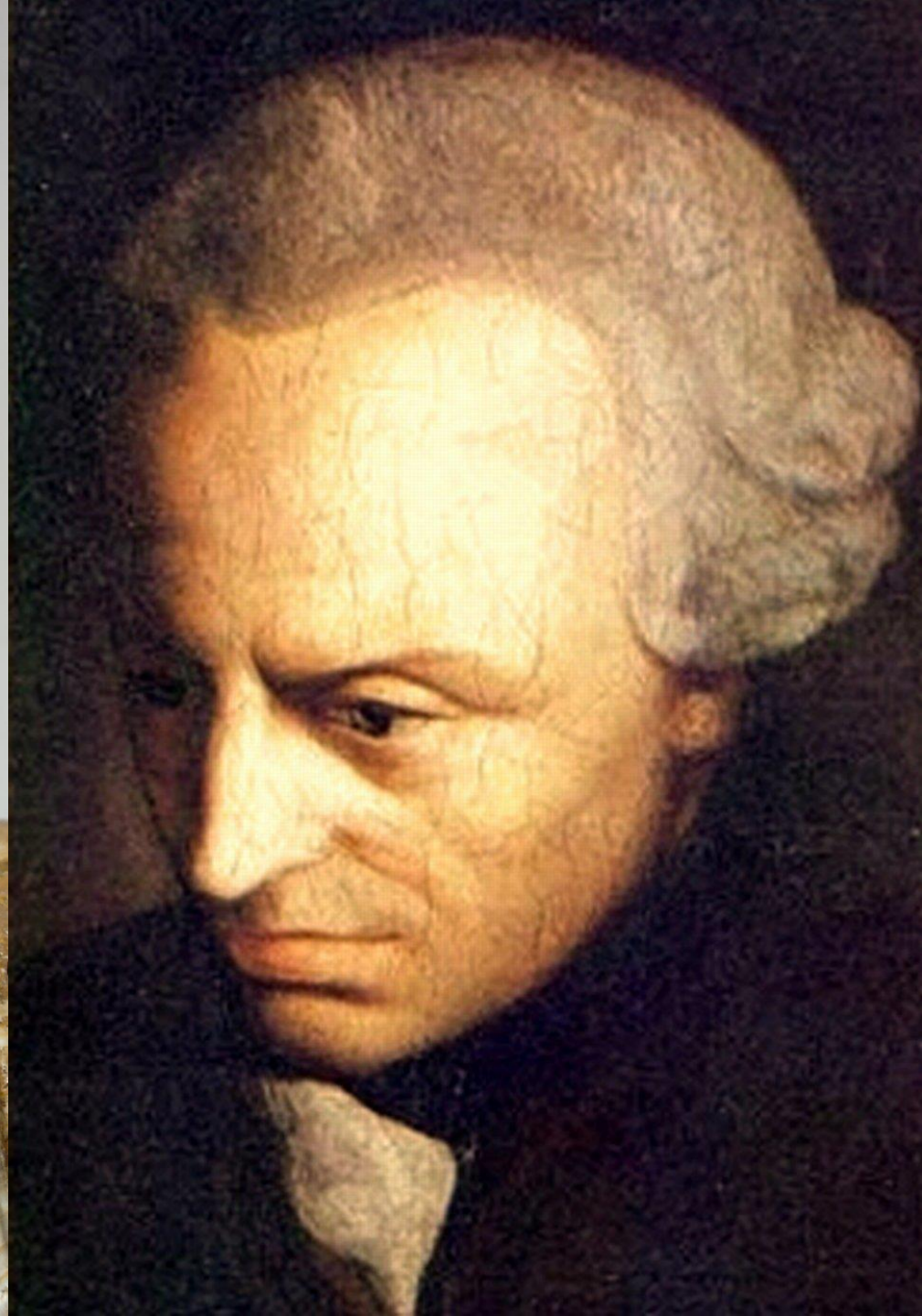

The Antinomies of Reason

From *The Critique of Pure Reason* by Immanuel Kant, are contradictions that arise in the attempt to explain the nature of reality based on the intellect.

Mathematical Antinomies

- Space and Time
- Atomism

Dynamical Antinomies

- Spontaneity and Causal Determinism
- Necessary Being or Not

Discussions and polemics have ruined many spiritual schools. When two individuals argue, what they have is pride and arrogance in their mind; both want to demonstrate their boasted superiority to one another, both have Satan enthroned in their mind. We must always respectfully express our concept and allow our listener the freedom to accept or reject our concept. Everybody is free to think as they please and we cannot exercise power over our neighbor's mind, because that would be black magic. Intellectual discussion is luciferic and demonic.

—Samael Aun Weor, *The Major Mysteries*

The Three Minds

Inner Mind

Intermediate / Mystical Mind

Sensual Mind

For the mind which follows in the wake of the wandering senses, carries away his discrimination as the wind (carries away) a boat on the waters.

—Bhagavad-Gita 2:67

Our disciples must change the process of reasoning for the beauty of comprehension…

…To reason is a crime of great magnitude against the Innermost.

—Samael Aun Weor, *Igneous Rose*