The Science of Mind

Phenomena and Noumena within Gnostic Psychology

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- *There are two types of science. The first is nothing more than a compost heap of subjective theories that abound out there; the second is the pure science of the great illuminati: the objective science of the Being.*

  —Samael Aun Weor, *The Great Rebellion*

- Phenomenon
  - *An occurrence, circumstance, or fact that is perceptible by the senses.*
  - *In the philosophy of Kant, an object as it is perceived by the senses, as opposed to a noumenon.*
- Noumenon
  - *In the philosophy of Kant, an object as it is in itself independent of the mind, as opposed to a phenomenon. Also called thing-in-itself.*

- *Never can the formulating power of logical concepts imply the authentic experience of what is real.*

  —Samael Aun Weor, *The Great Rebellion*

- Antinomy: *A contradiction between two beliefs or conclusions that are in themselves reasonable; a paradox.*

- Immanuel Kant's Antinomies: *Space and Time, Atomism, Freedom, and God.*

- *"Any psychological process that is correctly structured using precise logic is opposed by a different one, strongly developed with similar or superior logic. Then what?"*

  –Samael Aun Weor, *The Great Rebellion*

- The Sensual Mind – *Materialistic Sadducees*
- The Intermediate Mind – *Hypocritical Pharisees*
- The Inner Mind – *The Intimate Christ*

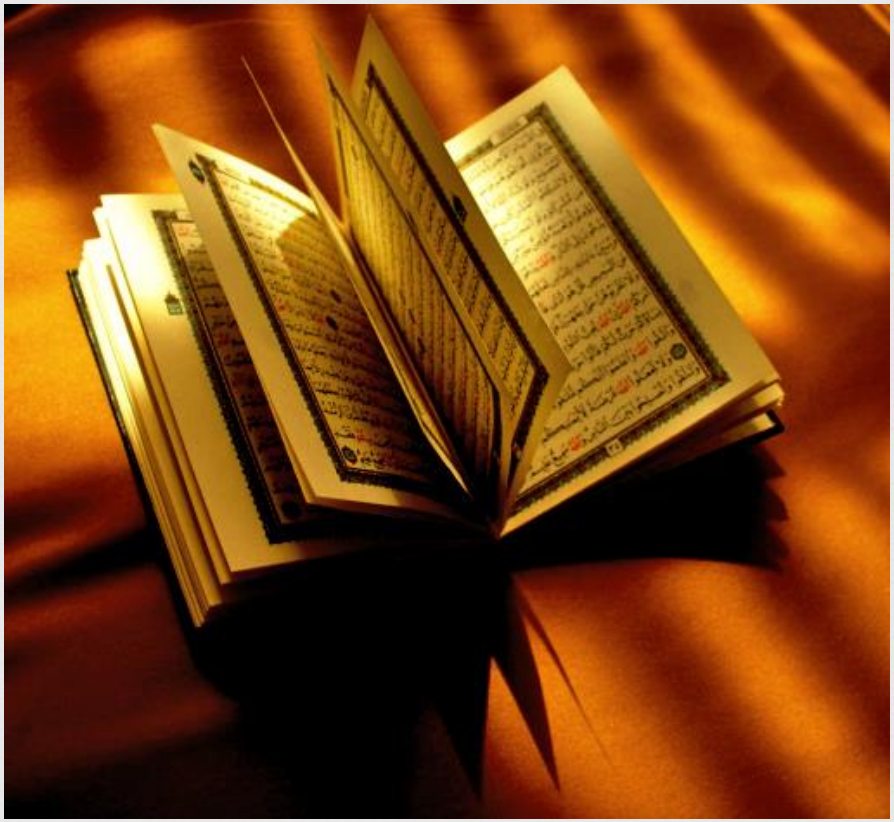
- *Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees. –Matthew 16:6*

- *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within are full of extortion and excess. [Thou] blind Pharisee, cleanse first that [which is] within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead [men's] bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. —Matthew 23:25-28*

- *All spiritualist schools, orders, and lodges are delectable gardens within which are nests of dangerous vipers and poisonous flowers filled with perfume. Ineffable enchantments that lead us to the abyss as well as sublime theories that can lead us to the precipice, and sweet smiles that carry us to disgrace exist within those schools where the devotees are filled with hypocrisy and fanaticism. Indeed, the opium of theories is more dangerous than death. Spiritualist devotees hug with one hand and with the other they stab the back with the sharp dagger of treason.*

—*Samael Aun Weor, The Major Mysteries: Initiatic Preparation*

The Qur'an



- *And they say, "None but Jews or Christians (who follow the dogmas of the Intermediate Mind) shall enter Paradise.' This is their wish. SAY: Give your proofs (from the consciousness) if ye speak the truth.*

- *But they who set their face with resignation Godward, and do what is right (by awakening the Inner Mind),— their reward is with their Lord; no fear shall come on them, neither shall they be grieved.*

- *Moreover, the Jews say, "The Christians lean on nought:" "On nought lean the Jews," say the Christians: Yet both are readers of the Book. So with like words say they who have no knowledge (Gnosis: direct experience). But on the resurrection day, Allah shall judge between them as to that in which they differ.*

  –Qur'an 2:5-7

The Prodigal Son

The Heart Doctrine

- *Learn above all to separate Head-learning from Soul-Wisdom, the "Eye" from the "Heart" doctrine... False learning is rejected by the Wise, and scattered to the Winds by the good Law. Its wheel revolves for all, the humble and the proud. The "Doctrine of the Eye" is for the crowd, the "Doctrine of the Heart," for the elect. The first repeat in pride: "Behold, I know," the last, they who in humbleness have garnered, low confess, "thus have I heard." "Great Sifter" is the name of the "Heart Doctrine," O disciple. –The Voice of the Silence*

- *Faith is pure knowledge, direct experiential wisdom. Faith has always been confused with vain beliefs; Gnostics must never make such a serious mistake. Faith is direct experience of the real, the magnificent vivification of the Inner Human Being, authentic divine cognition... Faith is the direct perception of what is real, it is fundamental wisdom; it is the experience of that which is beyond the body, the affections and the mind.*

—Samael Aun Weor,

The Gnostic Bible: The Pistis Sophia Unveiled

- *Here we think a note upon faith should be of interest. Initiates say that its meaning has been misunderstood. Faith, as the world uses it, possesses no spiritual nature; though in the secondary system it means power and energy applied to action. All success in Yoga comes from this application; for the true quality of faith is a Solar force that illumines the mind and attracts to it atoms of power and energy. More human wrecks have resulted from the misconception of this quality than man realises.*

—M. The Dayspring of Youth

- *If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.*

  —Matthew 17:20

- *When Jesus used this word in the sentence, "If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed," He meant that one could work miracles if one possessed the atomic energy contained within a mustard seed. But in this world of illusion this is reversed, and the weak man sits still and believes that all will be applied to him if he has faith. It is not a force that should only be applied to religious belief. It is the power of the Innermost working through the densities of our bodies, and the more we respond to it the greater will be our powers.*

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Psyche and Death

- *The Angel of Death has the key to nature's laboratory in his right hand. We can learn very little from the phenomenon of birth, but from death we can learn everything. The unprofaned temple of pure science is found in the depths of the dark sepulcher. If the seed does not die, the plant is not born. Only with death comes forth what is new. When the ego dies, the consciousness awakens to see the reality of all of Nature's phenomena in and of themselves.*

  —Samael Aun Weor, *The Great Rebellion*

- *Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain. –Isaiah 40:4*

- *Be humble, if thou would'st attain to Wisdom. Be humbler still, when Wisdom thou hast mastered.*

  –The Voice of the Silence, H. P. Blavatsky