

A UNIVERSAL SYMBOL

A symbol stands for what is true. It is not the truth itself, but verifies and confirms it, acting as a true compass. The basic enneagram we are looking at is said to represent the truth of the Absolute's relationship with every embodied cosmos, from universes to individual human beings. Unless we do already know and feel the truth of our unity with the Absolute it will remain a mystery, but nevertheless, as Dr Roles insisted, it is one vital way to set our course in the right direction.

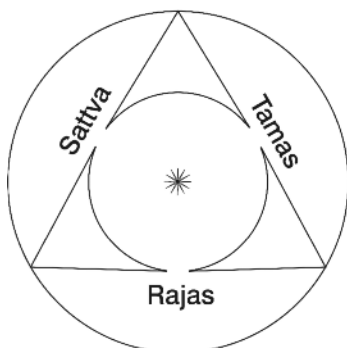
The knowledge of the System, and the Vedas, is said to come from 'higher mind'. It is said not to have arisen as a construct of an ordinary mind, like our own, which can only conceive of higher dimensions in the terms of the lower worlds of whose reality we remain convinced. But if we do begin to become aware of the truth within ourselves, then the enneagram will become increasingly alive.

It begins with the centre. The centre itself is elusive and mysterious. A point of no dimension yet containing and controlling everything. What can we find within ourselves which manifests this quality? In simple geometry the centre is a point equidistant from the extremes of a line, a plane or a solid. i.e. equally remote from all lower dimensions and yet the focus of the forces of them all. Or more poetically, "There is an inmost centre in us all where abides truth in fulness."

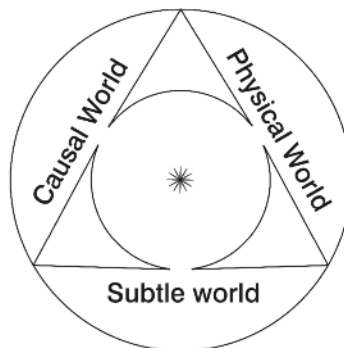
Higher mind tells us the creation begins with the creator manifesting as three aspects of itself. The Holy Trinity, three in one and one in three. The three are not yet separate, but still exist in unity. It is only after this point that duality begins, each aspect of the triformal creator dividing into two, producing world 6, in terms of the System, where are added what can be described as time, space and mechanicalness. Then this process of doubling, the process of ever increasing duality and separation continues to unfold, eventually producing the world we sense and experience, the labyrinth from which we may wish to escape. The eternal Trinity lives beyond any duality, which exists only within time, and so co-exists with duality, allowing it to be redeemed or resolved; in this way the struggle of opposites, good and evil for instance, cannot be eternal.

How does this essential trinity manifest in the cosmos we know, the individual human being?

Three forces



Three Worlds



Three States



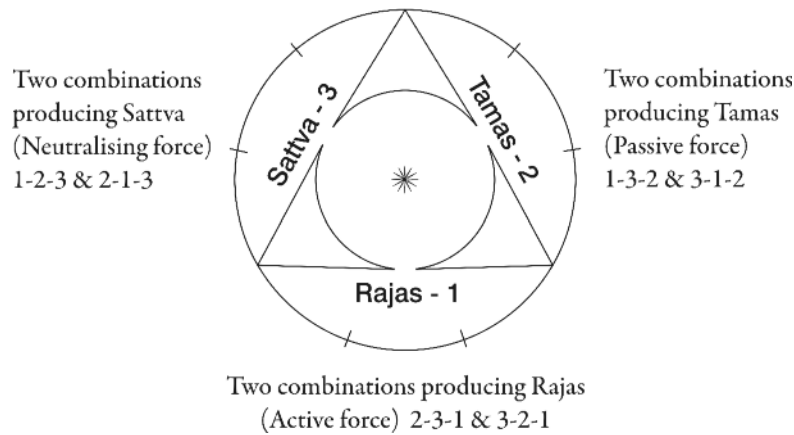
In all these figures the circumference of the circle can represent passing time, where our ordinary individual consciousness exists, repeating its cycles of energy, the daily cycles of time and and the different states these entail. By penetrating more deeply into the moment of now, a

direction at right angles to the line of time—a radius line in this context, connecting the circumference to the centre—all three worlds, all three states, become illuminated with more and more of the light of consciousness.

Contrary to our usual view, the physical world, the body, is shown to be passive, tamasic, animated only by the activity, rajas, of the subtle world. What the Causal world actually is we do not know.

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The diagram on the left shows the three basic forces still united as the trinity. But at the next stage of creation duality enters and each force becomes doubled, or rather there are now two combinations of each of the basic forces. At our level of the universe, one way of thinking about this is to say that Sattva can be produced by two different means, and the same happens for the other two forces. The six combinations that result are said in the System to produce the universe we see, and they also control human activities of all different kinds. Thus it can be said that there are only six different basic activities available to human beings, though each, of course, having a multitude of different variations.



The New Testament parables are full of examples of different human activities, for example the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan, the parable of the Talents, the Wise and Foolish Virgins. . .

FCR. Our Western System has a Universal Symbol through which all questions can ultimately be answered, if correctly put. A symbol expresses in a nutshell what would take volumes to explain in words; just as the letters “U.N.” contain all we know of the United Nations organization – its aims and how it works. If you receive it in the spirit of enquiry, it will become emotional and so clear away the self elements and be recalled in memory at any time. (78/34)

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