



Gnostic Psychology

SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE
& THE AWAKENING OF
THE SOUL

Psychology: Science of Consciousness

ψυχή psyche: “breath, spirit, soul”

λόγος logos: “explanation”

Alternate
Names

Gnostic Psychology

Spiritual Psychology

Revolutionary Psychology

Psychology In Religion

1. Hindu

1. Elimination of Kleshas
2. Realization that Atman is Brahman

2. Buddhist

1. Elimination of Skandhas
2. Development of Bodhichitta

3. Sufism (Muslim Mystic)

1. Striving Against Vice (mujahadah)
2. Knowledge of the Divine (ma'rifa)

4. Christian Mystic

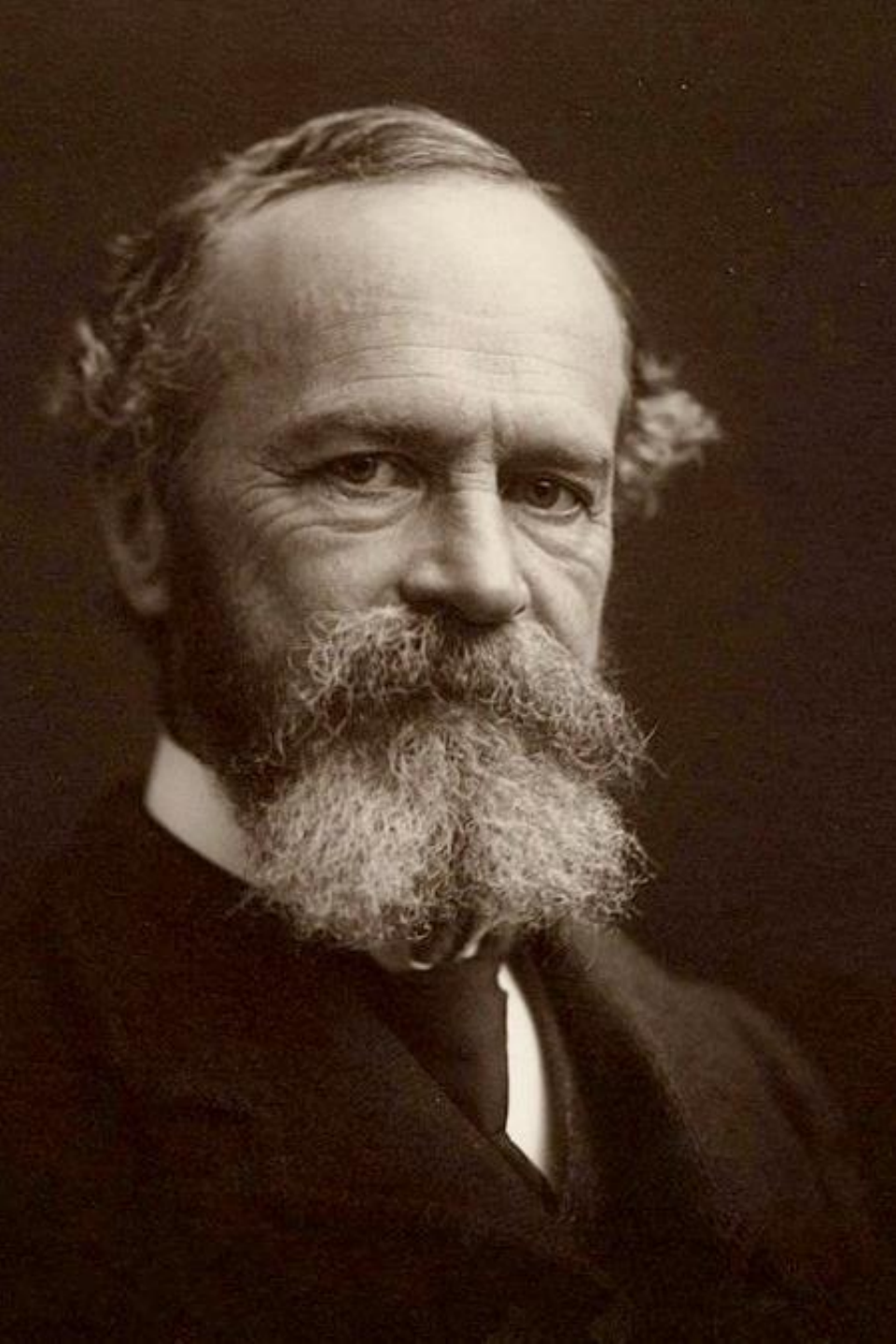
1. Elimination of the Passions or Appendages
2. Surrender and Resurrection in Christ

5. Kabbalistic

1. Elimination of Klipoth
2. Development of Five Souls

6. Myth of Perseus (Greek)

1. Killing Medusa
2. Marriage to Andromeda; Ruling as King



William James

“Introspective Observation is what we have to rely on first and foremost and always... Every one agrees that we there discover states of consciousness.”

The Principles of Psychology (1890)

Three Factors
of
Revolutionary
Psychology

Birth

Awakening Consciousness

Death

Elimination of the Ego

Sacrifice

Benefit Others

Modern Psychology & Reductionism

1. Consciousness is reducible to complex neuronal activity of the brain. Consciousness is a product of the brain.
2. Neuronal activity is explainable through the laws of physics.
3. Physics is described through equations which are deterministic and lifeless.
4. There is only an illusion of free will.

Revolutionary Psychology

1. Consciousness at the root of existence itself.
2. Brain activity can be correlated with states of consciousness, but it is not the cause of consciousness.
3. The manifold states and conditions of consciousness account for all qualities of experience.
4. Our present state of consciousness is asleep and lacking gnosis.

Three Aspects

Spirit
Soul
Body

Soul

The soul is that which changes.

It can develop knowledge or fall into ignorance.

The soul can be a hero, or a devil.

The soul triumphs or fails.

The soul is fundamentally consciousness.

The beginner soul is called the Essence.

Spirit

The Spirit is your star in Heaven.

The Spirit always shines in Heaven even when the soul fails.

The Spirit is beyond creation but is experienced through creation.

The soul must develop so it can shine in the light of the Spirit.

The Spirit is your God, your Inner Being.

Five Aspects

The Absolute
Universal Divinity
Individual Divinity
Soul
Body

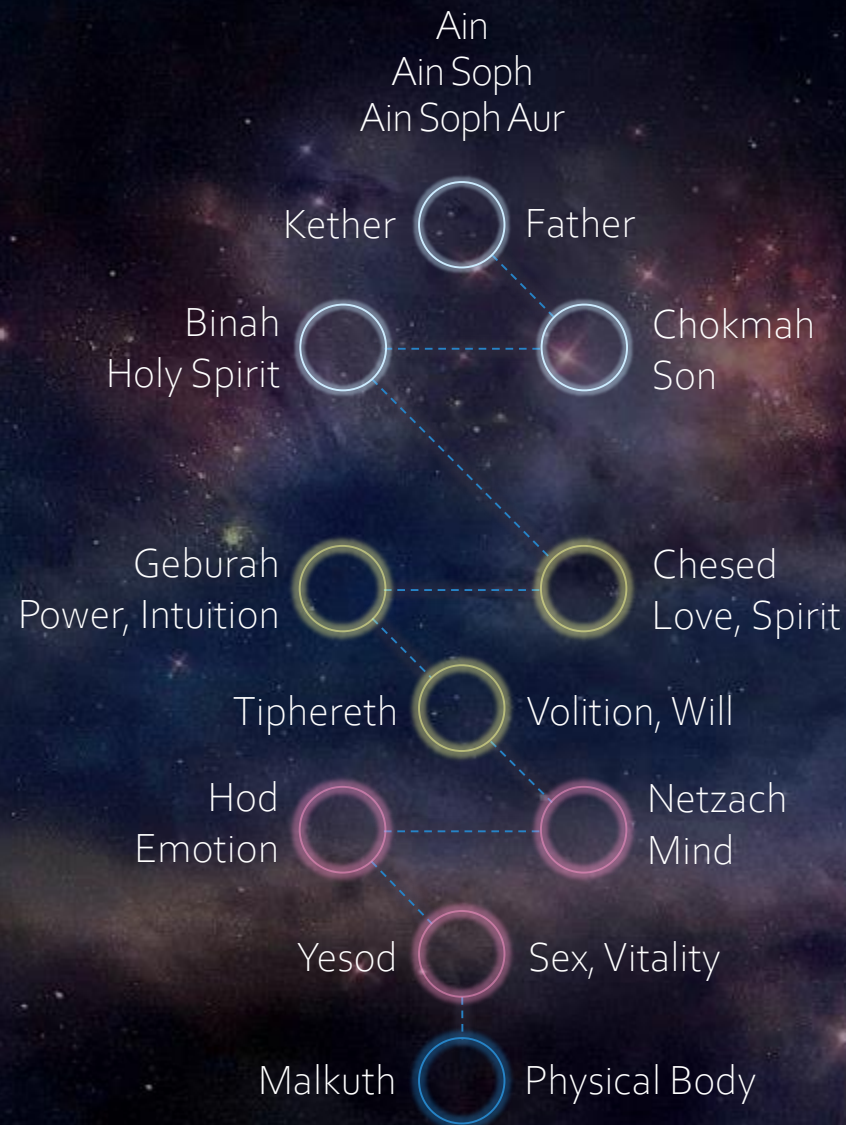
Uncreated Light

Universal Divinity

Spirit

Soul

Body



The Absolute

*Universal Forces &
Laws*

That Which Already Is

*That Which Must Be
Acquired*

Body

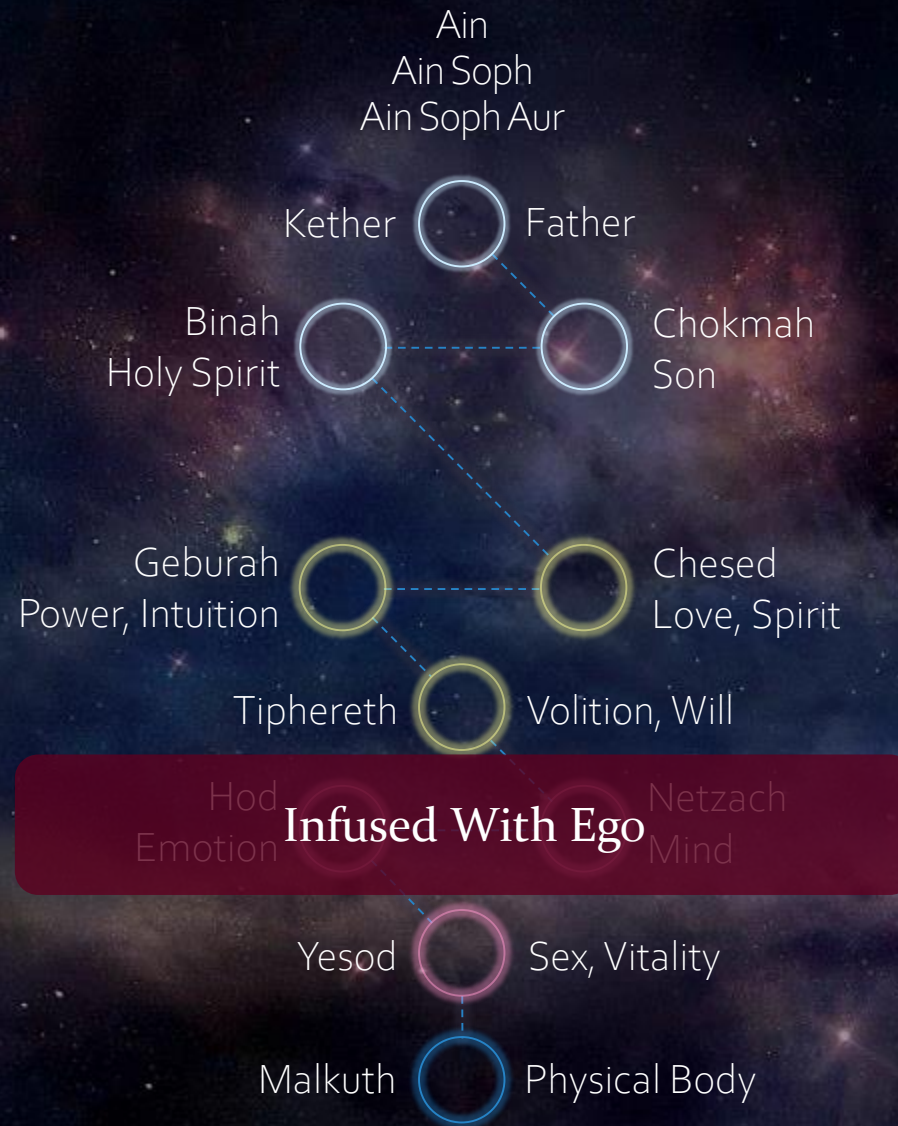
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Four States of Consciousness

Dream, Delusion: *Eikasia*

“Vigil,” Irrational Belief: *Pistis*

Self-cognizance, Dialectic: *Dianoia*

Objective cognizance, Intuition: *Nous*

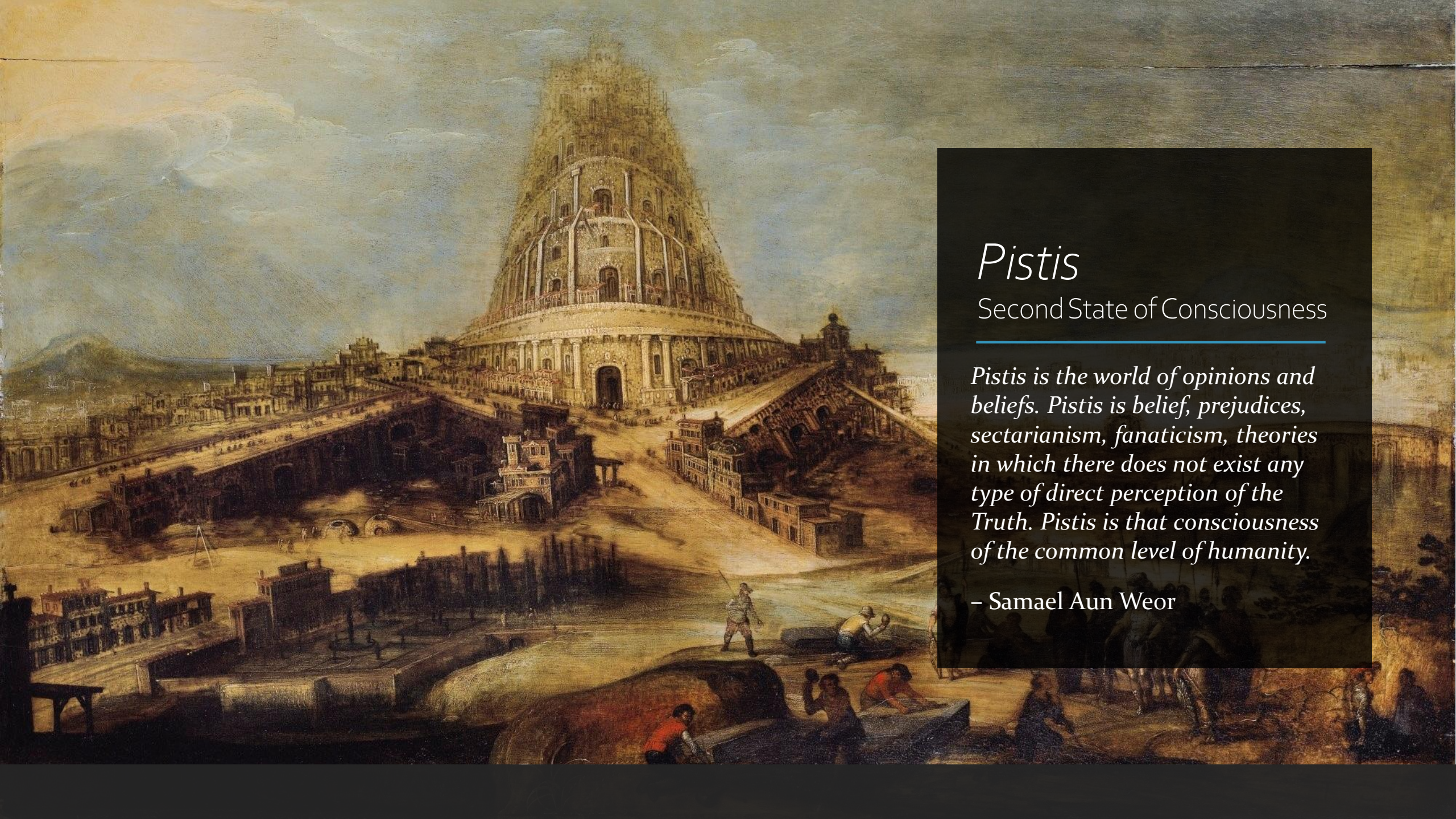
Eikasia

First State of Consciousness

Eikasia is ignorance, human cruelty, barbarism, exceedingly profound sleep, a brutal and instinctive world, an infra-human state.

– Samael Aun Weor





Pistis

Second State of Consciousness

Pistis is the world of opinions and beliefs. Pistis is belief, prejudices, sectarianism, fanaticism, theories in which there does not exist any type of direct perception of the Truth. Pistis is that consciousness of the common level of humanity.

– Samael Aun Weor

Dianoia

Third State of Consciousness

Dianoia is the intellectual revision of beliefs, analysis, conceptual synthesis, cultural-intellectual consciousness, scientific thought, etc.

– Samael Aun Weor



Nous

Fourth State of Consciousness

Nous is perfect awakened consciousness. Nous is the state of Turiya, profound perfect interior illumination. Nous is legitimate objective clairvoyance. Nous is intuition.

– Samael Aun Weor



Gnostic Maxims

“The unexamined life is not worth living” Socrates

“Know thyself”: *gnōthi seauton* (γνῶθι σεαυτόν) or *nosce te ipsum*.



Gnostic Psychology

Goals

Reduction of Suffering

Development of Gnosis

Union with the Divine

Methods

Self-observation &
Self-Remembering

Transformation of Impressions

Meditation

Gospel of Philip

As for ourselves, let each one of us dig down after the root of evil which is within one, and let one pluck it out of one's heart from the root. It will be plucked out if we recognize it. But if we are ignorant of it, it takes root in us and produces its fruit in our heart. It masters us. We are its slaves. It takes us captive, to make us do what we do not want; and what we do want, we do not do. It is powerful because we have not recognized it. While it exists it is active. Ignorance is the mother of all evil. Ignorance will result in death, because those who come from ignorance neither were, nor are, nor shall be.