

WISDOM'S GOLDENROD, ALAN BERKOWITZ CLASS NOTES
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PB BOOKS; WISDOM OF THE OVERSELF

TOPIC: PB Books

SUBJECT: Wisdom of the Overself

SUBSUBJECTS: Epistemology, Mentalism, Buddhism, Vedanta

BOOKS READ FROM OR REFERENCED:

- Paul Brunton, *The Wisdom of the Overself*
- F. Th. Stcherbatsky, *Buddhist Logic*, Vol. 1
- Swami Satprakashananda, *Methods of Knowledge, Perceptual, Non-perceptual, and Transcendental according to Advaita Vedanta*

DIAGRAMS embedded in these notes:

- FIGURE 1979 1019-1-AB. Finite Mind, Overself, and World-Image.
- FIGURE 1979 1019-2-AB. Vedanta-Paribhasa: Mind Goes Out.

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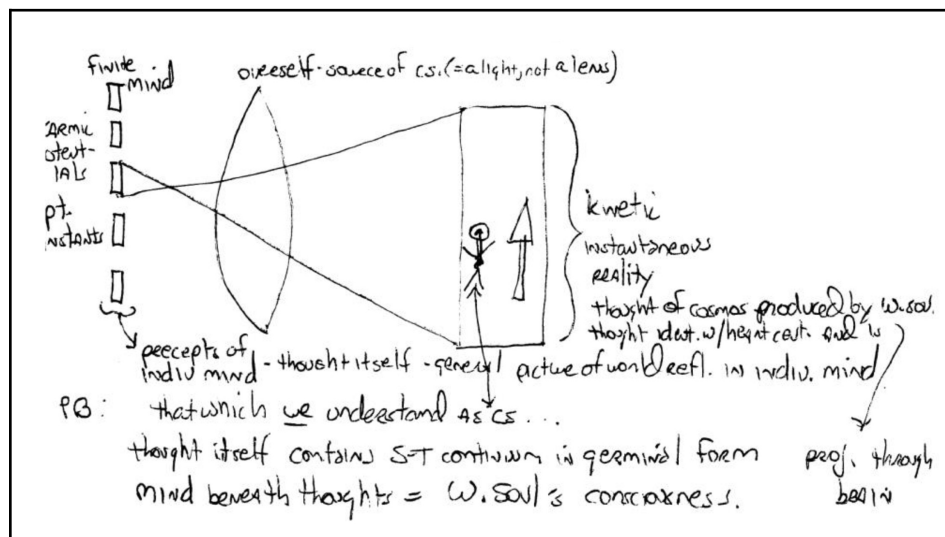
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10/19/79 Comparative Epistemology

Buddhism, Vedanta, PB Comparison



[FIGURE 1979 1019-1-AB. Finite Mind, Overself, and World-Image. Cs. = Consciousness; S-T = Space-Time; W. Soul = World-Soul. Left reads: Karmic potentials, point-instants. Right reads: Kinetic, Instantaneous Reality, Thought of cosmos produced by World-Soul, Thought identified with heart center and is projected through brain. Facsimile scan from AB class notes.]

Buddhist -- totality of seed-like thought-forms = individual mind, which is not other than the expressed thoughts.

For PB, finite mind is different from and magnifies thought-forms. [Note: See PB, *The Wisdom of the Overself*.]

In diagram, vast thought of cosmic soul and individual vaishvanara world-image are simultaneous and represented by the box.

Buddhist version [F. Th. Stcherbatsky, *Buddhist Logic*, Vol. 1, Part II, Chapter 1, "The Theory of Instantaneous Being"]

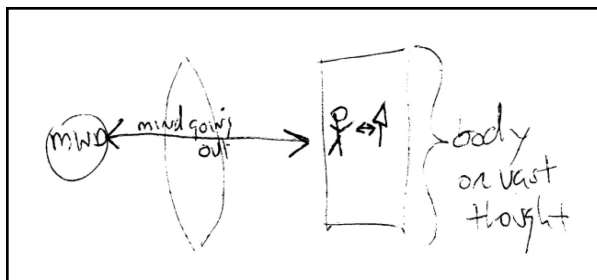
Four views of time (Plotinus -- motion of sensible universe), p. 120 and prior.

Time or succession is a product of the soul's activity.

PB and Buddhist epistemology is similar to Plotinus from the viewpoint of soul.

Vedanta -- Satprakashananda [Note: See Swami Satprakashananda, *Methods of Knowledge, Perceptual, Non-perceptual, and Transcendental according to Advaita Vedanta*.]

(Individual) mind grasping object (World-Mind's vast thought or your body) -- Sun's consciousness underlying it is revealed with that contact.



[FIGURE 1979 1019-2-AB. Vedanta-Paribhasa: Mind Goes Out. Facsimile scan from AB class notes.]

Analysis is *not* within the vast thought (empirical “I” sees empirical tree).

Step 4 -- knower or Overself consciousness reveals thought in individual mind -- factor of attention.

Individual mind can grasp thought but there is no knowledge until Overself consciousness illuminates it.

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