

CORE CONCEPT TWO

THE THING ITSELF The Universal



THE WAY IT WORKS The Human

God is triune, or threefold, in nature, having three aspects or modes of Being within the One: Spirit, Soul, and Body. This is God as macrocosm.

This concept of the triune nature of the Spiritual Universe is illustrated in the metaphysical chart, pp. A-14 and 15. You will observe that this chart is the basis for the design of the Religious Science emblem.

God as Spirit is Universal Mind in the *conscious mode*. *God as Spirit* is Love, the Presence, Infinite Personhood: Self-knowing, spontaneous, originating, reasoning, directing, exercising will, volition, and choice. Strictly speaking, the term *Spirit* means God in the conscious mode, but it is frequently used as a synonym for the whole of God.

God as Soul is Universal Mind in the *subjective mode*. *God as Soul* is the Universal Subjective, sometimes called Universal Law or the Creative Medium. Without volition of Its own, It manifests impersonally the directives implanted by Spirit. In one sense, It is the unformed Substance or Energy from which all forms emerge. In another sense, It is the reservoir of all race memory, and is often called race consciousness.

God as Body is the physical universe and all the forms it contains—all the visible manifestations of Invisible Cause. These have been called "the thought of God held as form." Form is always an effect, never a cause.

Each human being is a projection of God in microcosm, thus is endowed with the triune nature of God, and expresses that nature in all three aspects or modes of his! her being-spirit, soul, and body.

My conscious mind is Universal Spirit individualized in me as my spirit. It is the source of my intellect, my spontaneity, my capacity to love, to reason, to originate, to choose, and to take charge of my life. It is my point of contact with the Divine..."the Mind of God within us forever proclaiming its own being."

My subjective mind performs within me all the roles of the Universal Subjective in the Cosmos. In reality, my subjective mind merges with the Universal Subjective. Thus, I am an individualized expression of God at the point of my conscious perception, but I am immersed in the Universal! in the subjective mode of my being.

My physical body is the vehicle through which I function in the physical universe. With my human senses and emotions, I experience the events and conditions of my world of affairs. All these experiences are *effects* and thus are subject to constant change.

REFERENCES:

SOMpp. 81-105.

LSOMpp. 75-82,151-153.

The manifest universe is the body of God; it is the logical and necessary outcome of the infinite self-knowingness of God.