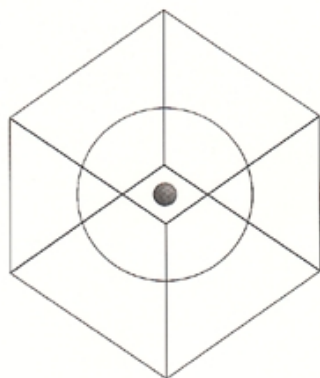


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Introduction

Welcome to the *Cross Reference Guide & Index*. This volume is intended as a companion to the trilogy; *You & I Together - Have a Purpose in Reality, In the Image of God*, and *Stepping Up To The Creator*.

This fourth volume has been included in order to assist the reader in exploring the trilogy. It contains five distinct sections; Flowcharts, Questions Addressed, Thematic Index, Index, and Glossary of Terms. These allow the reader to locate, through different means, particular points of interest within the trilogy.

The subject of the trilogy is the development of a universal philosophy. Particular emphasis is placed on symbiotic panentheism as one such philosophy, and how it could provide a perceptual shift for humankind. This perceptual shift could have enormous benefits for us as individuals, as members of society, and as an entity within the universe.

Social dilemmas, both present and future, are addressed and the consequences of not resolving these dilemmas are explored. Many fields of enquiry are included within the discussion, including; religion, science, philosophy, and prophecy. The merits of each are examined and their historical conflicts with each other are addressed. Using the *Cross Reference Guide & Index*, the reader is able to explore the benefits and disadvantages of these various belief systems. Consideration is given to a unification of these diverse beliefs in order to attain a particular goal - that of achieving a universal and constructive philosophy for humankind.

Because the trilogy covers such a broad range of topics, the *Cross Reference Guide & Index* should be an invaluable tool in gaining the most from the series.

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How could a new species undermine our values and cause dissent among particular social, racial, and religious groups within our society?

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In which ways would our present theistic beliefs put us at a disadvantage in dealing with other intelligent, but not benevolent, species in the Universe?

How does our present understanding of reality affect our self-esteem and value?

Why do we continue to endorse a belief system that weakens our ability to attain our purpose in reality? Are there more constructive alternatives available?

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How would symbiotic panentheism approach the issue of other intelligent life forms in the Universe?

In which ways would symbiotic panentheism allow Humankind to attain its purpose in reality, and to maintain its self-esteem and dignity as a species?

What does symbiotic panentheism tell us about Humankind and its relationship to God? How do our beliefs affect the future of both Humankind and God?

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Does a self-destructive Universe imply that Humankind's existence lacks value?

Does Humankind have a finite or infinite future? In which ways do we have both? What does the question tell us about Humankind's relationship with God?

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Is it possible to find meaning in a finite Universe? How is our self-esteem undermined by limited perceptions?

How is Humankind, and ultimately God, affected by our limited self-perception?

Why do our present concepts of theism and pantheism limit our ability to reach our full potential?

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How would symbiotic panentheism free us from our limited self-perception?

If symbiotic panentheism were adopted by Humankind, what would be the immediate benefits? What are the long-term benefits for both Humankind and God?

How would other species in the Universe be affected by Humankind's adoption of symbiotic panentheism?

What are the immediate and long-term dangers of continuing to choose theism, rather than symbiotic panentheism, as the foundation for our beliefs?

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Is Humankind at a stage in its development whereby it could adapt its self-perception in response to new scientific knowledge concerning the structure of the Universe? Could Humankind retain its dignity as a consequence of such knowledge?

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If the structure of the Universe was different than was previously assumed, would Humankind's present theistic beliefs help to maintain its dignity or would it undermine it?

What are the dangers for Humankind of continuing theistic beliefs? Is there a better belief system that would enable Humankind to retain its dignity unconditionally?

What are the dangers for other species if we continue to maintain, and spread, our theistic beliefs?

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How would Humankind benefit from changing its perception from theism to symbiotic panentheism? How would Humankind grow as a species?

How would symbiotic panentheism help to maintain Humankind's dignity and purpose in reality?

What would be the universal benefits of Humankind's adoption of symbiotic panentheism? How would alien species also benefit?

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What are the dangers, for both Humankind and alien species, of spreading our present beliefs and values into the Universe?

How could Humankind become enslaved by another species as a consequence of our present perceptions?

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In which ways does theism force Humankind into lowering its self-perception and value? What are the alternatives?

How would our present theistic beliefs put us at a disadvantage in our dealings with other species in the Universe?

How is God affected by our negative belief systems? What are the consequences for the soul?

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How would symbiotic panentheism approach the question of contact with other species in the Universe?

In which ways does symbiotic panentheism allow Humankind to retain its dignity within a self-destructive Universe?

What is Humankind's purpose? How does it relate to God's growth and exploration of reality?

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If the Universe will finally self-destruct, do we still have purpose and meaning within it?

If the Universe will finally end, does this mean that our lives, and our worship of God, has had no value? Has God betrayed Humankind?

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What will be the negative consequences for society in maintaining our belief in theism?

In which ways does theism trap Humankind into continuing to perpetuate hierarchy and status within society?

What will be the cost, to Humankind, God, and the soul, of continuing to adhere to theistic beliefs?

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What does symbiotic panentheism tell us about finding meaning within a self-destructive Universe? Is it possible to have a meaningful existence? What is our purpose?

What does symbiotic panentheism tell us about Humankind's relationship with God? How are they both interconnected in reality?

Do God and Humankind share an equal status with each other? What is the purpose of Humankind and the soul?

How can Humankind find purpose and significance in a self-destructive Universe?

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What is our purpose in reality?

Could we be surpassed, and enslaved, one day?

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How does our self-perception affect our future?

Why is all life of equal importance?

Should we allow ourselves to be dominated by another species?

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How would symbiotic panentheism address the issue of justice and equality?

Why is all life in the Universe worthy of respect?

Why should we be treated with respect and dignity?

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What are the consequences for Humankind of continuing its linear perception of reality?

How could an alien species enslave Humankind? Why would our present beliefs allow this to happen?

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Why does theism allow Humankind to perceive itself as inferior to God, and inferior to other species?

How would quadratic thinking allow Humankind to break free of its present and limited self-perception?

What is Humankind's future if it continues to adhere to its present perception of reality?

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What does symbiotic panentheism tell us about existing within a bounded Universe?

What is the nature and purpose of the soul?

How can Humankind attain its full potential and purpose in reality?

Why is Humankind important and vital to God's existence?

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How will our self-perception affect Humankind's future? How will it affect the soul? How will it affect God?

What are the three philosophical perceptions of reality that have been so influential in Humankind's history? Why are their similarities and differences so important and consequential?

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How does theism define Humankind's place in reality? How does pantheism?

In which way does theistic beliefs lead to a self-perception of inferiority and subjugation to God?

What is pantheism, and how does it differ from theism and symbiotic pantheism?

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What are the subtle, but extremely important, differences between theism and symbiotic pantheism?

In which way is our reality only temporary? How is it separate from eternity?

How does our negative behavior damage us? How does it affect the soul; how does it affect God?

What is Humankind's purpose in reality? How would a universal philosophy help achieve it?

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In which ways could mathematics and geometry lead to the formulation of a universal philosophy, and a universal morality?

How are logic and morality interconnected?

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Why are our current perceptions of 'right' and 'wrong' inadequate?

How do our present theistic beliefs limit our perception of the value and importance of Humankind, and the soul, to God?

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How would symbiotic panentheism provide a foundation for making moral decisions?

What is Humankind's purpose in reality? How would a universal philosophy help attain this purpose?

What are the limits of symbiotic panentheism? Is it a comprehensive philosophy or a foundation for more growth?

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Why is it necessary for us to change our behavior and take responsibility for our lives and our destiny?

Why is the future important? What can we do, in the present, to ensure that the future will be good and fruitful?

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Why does theism hinder our purpose and journey in reality?

In which ways do status and hierarchy hinder our ability to grow and achieve our purpose in reality?

How is the soul, and ultimately God, affected by our theistic beliefs?

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What does symbiotic panentheism tell us about our actions, and the effect they have on the future?

Why is it vital that we participate fully in the journey of life?

Why is it important that we reject passivity and submission?

Why should we all be visionaries?

What does symbiotic panentheism tell us about the significance of every life and soul?

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What is meant by 'free will'? Do we have a choice in our actions and behavior?

How can we use our free will to choose constructive, rather than destructive, actions and behavior?

How does our self-perception influence our actions, both towards ourselves and towards others?

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How do our present theistic beliefs, with their emphasis on Humankind's inferiority to God, limit both Humankind and God?

Why is violence and abuse a direct result of our belief in hierarchy and status?

How is the soul diminished by theistic beliefs and perceptions?

What is social morality? How is it influenced by our present self-perception?

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What does symbiotic panentheism tell us about Humankind's status with God?

Why is the soul so important to Humankind and to God?

How would status, hierarchy, and abuse be eliminated by the adoption of symbiotic panentheism?

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What is meant by 'logic and faith'? Are logic and faith compatible with religion? How would symbiotic panentheism address the issue?

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Why do present theistic beliefs reject the concept of a companion in reality? Why would symbiotic panentheism be a good companion?

In which ways are religion and symbiotic panentheism different? In which ways are they similar?

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How would symbiotic panentheism elevate the importance of the Creator?

Why should we strive to maintain our religious beliefs?

In which way is religion our first mentor?

Why is a universal philosophy for Humankind important? How would symbiotic panentheism facilitate it?

In which ways does symbiotic panentheism add to, rather than diminish, present religions?

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Why do our present beliefs set the foundation for conflict and abuse within society?

In which ways do our beliefs give rise to an acceptance of hierarchy and status? What is the alternative?

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Why is theism resistant to embracing symbiotic panentheism?

Why is it difficult to change our perceptions and the actions that follow them?

What will be the consequences of resisting symbiotic panentheism and continuing our theistic beliefs?

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How would symbiotic panentheism address the issue of status, hierarchy, and power within society?

How could embracing symbiotic panentheism create a universal philosophy - one of equality and tolerance for all Humankind, and all species?

What will be the consequences, for Humankind and for God, of resisting symbiotic panentheism?

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Why is it vital that we now develop a universal philosophy? How would the adoption of symbiotic panentheism achieve this universal philosophy?

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Why was our Universe created? How does it relate to God's omniscience and growth?

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What is the Ripple Effect? Why is it so important to Humankind's purpose in reality?

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How are Humankind, the soul, and God interdependent?

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Do we need to change our perception of our value?

Why is every life, and every soul, significant?

How are Humankind and God interdependent? Why are they important to each other?

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Why are our present theistic beliefs so limited by comparison to what they could be?

How does our limited self-perception influence our actions?
What are the consequences for society?

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How would symbiotic panentheism set the foundation for resolving our social problems and dilemmas?

Why is Humankind of phenomenal value and significance to God?

What does symbiotic panentheism tell us about our present actions and behavior? What is the significance of the Ripple Effect?

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Who is truly exploited within society? Who are the real victims?

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In which ways does our present perception of reality hinder our ability to resolve society's most pressing dilemmas?

Why is there so much intolerance and injustice within society?

Are there any groups within society who cannot contribute to life's journey? Is everyone unique and valuable?

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What does symbiotic panentheism tell us about the importance of every life and soul? Why are we all unique and valuable?

How would a universal philosophy address the issue of social injustice?

Why do we need to resist, both for our own sake and for God, intolerance and bigotry? In which way is the individual, and their soul, so important to God?

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What is meant by the "significance of reality"?

How can our limited perceptions lead to self-violence?

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Why are we often tempted to accept a limited and restrictive view of life's importance?

How can our principles be compromised by a limited perception of reality?

How does theism limit our ability to see the importance of each life and soul?

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What does symbiotic panentheism tell us about the importance of attaining a universal philosophy?

Why is it vital that we accept responsibility for our life's journey?

What does symbiotic panentheism say about the importance of every soul?

How are the soul and God interrelated?

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Is there such a thing as 'exploitative' research?

Why is it always necessary to question our status within society? How are we all equal, irrespective of race, class or gender?

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How does theism limit our ability to achieve our full potential?

Why is Humankind often intolerant with respect to differences among different racial, economic, and social groups?

In which ways does Humankind limit its own potential and purpose in reality? How does it limit the soul? How does it, ultimately, limit God?

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Why is it necessary for Humankind to move beyond intolerance and instead embrace the importance of every individual and soul? In which ways are we all important?

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What are the consequences, both for Humankind and the soul, of accepting subservience within society? How is God affected?

Why is it necessary for Humankind to have a universal philosophy? How would it help resolve social dilemmas?

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Why do our social institutions allow problems within society to continue? Is their role to alleviate problems temporarily, or instead to solve them completely?

Are social institutions a reflection of society?

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What does symbiotic panentheism tell us about subservience within society? Does it endorse or reject it?

Why is it important that we understand who we are and what our purpose is in reality?

Why are we all responsible for improving society?

How can we aid the soul's journey?

Why is it necessary for Humankind to change its perception regarding status and hierarchy? If it does not, how will the soul, and God, be affected?

How would symbiotic panentheism help to revolutionize society and its institutions?

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Why does our flawed and limited perception of reality hinder our ability to attain our purpose in reality?

What does the Ripple Effect tell us about our actions?

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In which ways does theism allow us to continue our negative behavior?

Why does theism see Humankind as subservient to God?

How will maintaining our theistic beliefs allow crime, poverty, and abuse to continue? Is there a better alternative?

How do our theistic beliefs limit God?

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What does symbiotic panentheism tell us about a universal philosophy? What benefits would that philosophy have for Humankind?

What does symbiotic panentheism say about Humankind's relationship to God?

In which way would symbiotic panentheism allow all of Humankind to share a common goal and purpose in reality?

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What mistakes have been made regarding this issue?

Why is it difficult to find the truth within society?

If partial-birth abortion continues, what will be the consequences for the soul, and ultimately, God?

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Why do our theistic beliefs hinder our ability to attain a new perception of reality?

How and why do social institutions resist changing their destructive behavior?

In which ways do our present theistic beliefs limit the soul and God?

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How would symbiotic panentheism address the issue of partial-birth abortion?

Why is it necessary for Humankind to redefine its purpose in reality? What will be the benefits if it does? What will be the consequences if it does not?

Why is Humankind, and the soul, important to God?

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Why is the Hindu concept of monotheism so important for Humankind?

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How does Humankind's negative behavior affect the Causative Force? In which way does Hinduism address the problem?

What does Hinduism tell us about our existence both within and outside of the Universe? In which way do we all possess significance in eternity?

Why is it necessary that we treat all life forms in the Universe with equal respect?

What does Hinduism tell us about the soul, and our awareness, after our death?

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What are the differences between Judaism and panentheism?
What have they both in common?

What does Judaism tell us about the immortality of the soul?

Why is humanitarian behavior a natural outcome of Judaic and panentheistic beliefs?

What does Judaism tell us about the nature of the Universe and our perception of reality?

Why is Humankind, and the soul, so important to the Causative Force?

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Why is Judaism so important to the concept of symbiotic panentheism?

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Why is it so important that we as a species eliminate suffering within society?

How can our actions, both good and bad, have such a significant effect on the future? What do we mean by 'the Ripple Effect'?

What is the significance of all life? How is the soul and eternity interconnected?

How will our experiences affect the Causative Force?

Why should Humankind respect all other life forms in the Universe? Why should they, in turn, respect us?

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What will happen to our soul after our death? How will it affect the Causative Force?

Why is our understanding of our relationship to the Causative Force so important? How will it influence the way we treat each other?

In which way are we all a part of the Causative Force?

How will our acceptance of universal love affect our perception of, and actions towards, other life forms in the Universe?

How is our soul, and its significance, tied to eternity?

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Why are we all finally responsible for our behavior and actions?

Why is the Ripple Effect so important in how we perceive our actions towards each other?

What is the nature and destiny of the soul in eternity?

How will our perception of each other affect our treatment of other life forms in the Universe?

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Why would the Causative Force have created the Universe?

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Why does Humankind possess significance within the Universe?

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What is the nature and function of the soul?

How is Humankind, and other life forms within the Universe, interconnected and interdependent?

Why is it so important that we eliminate suffering?

What is the Ripple Effect? How does it affect our future?

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What does atheism imply about Humankind's significance in eternity?

What relationship is there between atheism and the Causative Force?

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Why is Humankind, as well as other life within the Universe, so important to the Causative Force?

What relationship does life have to eternity?

What roles do religion, philosophy, and science play in our understanding of ourselves and our destiny?

Why are our actions, both positive and negative, important?

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How is Humankind capable of filling an ecological niche, one which is unaffected by time?

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Why is it so vital that Humankind prepare for the future?

Why do we now need a perceptual shift in our understanding?

How could a universal philosophy help us to reach our full potential?

What is Humankind's purpose? Do we still have meaning and value, even within a Universe that will eventually be destroyed?

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Is life eternal?

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Where does our significance, both as individuals and as a species, lie?

Why is it vital that we accept responsibility for our actions?

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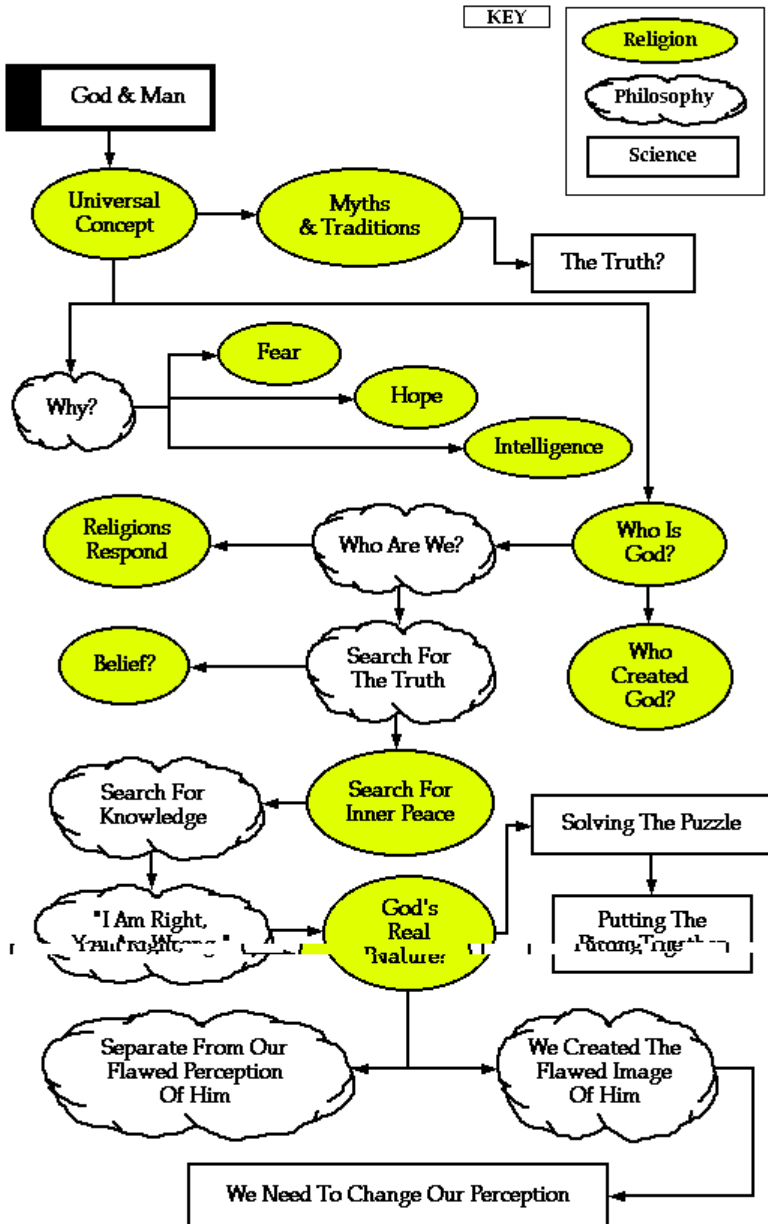
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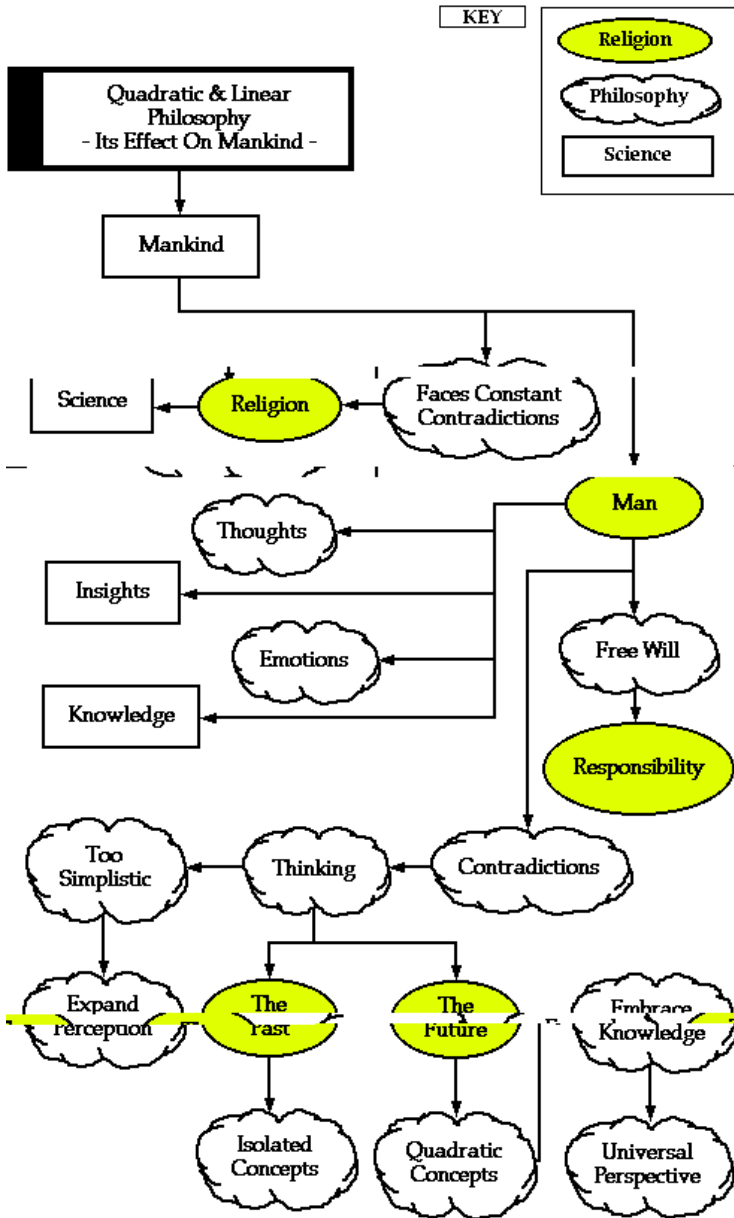
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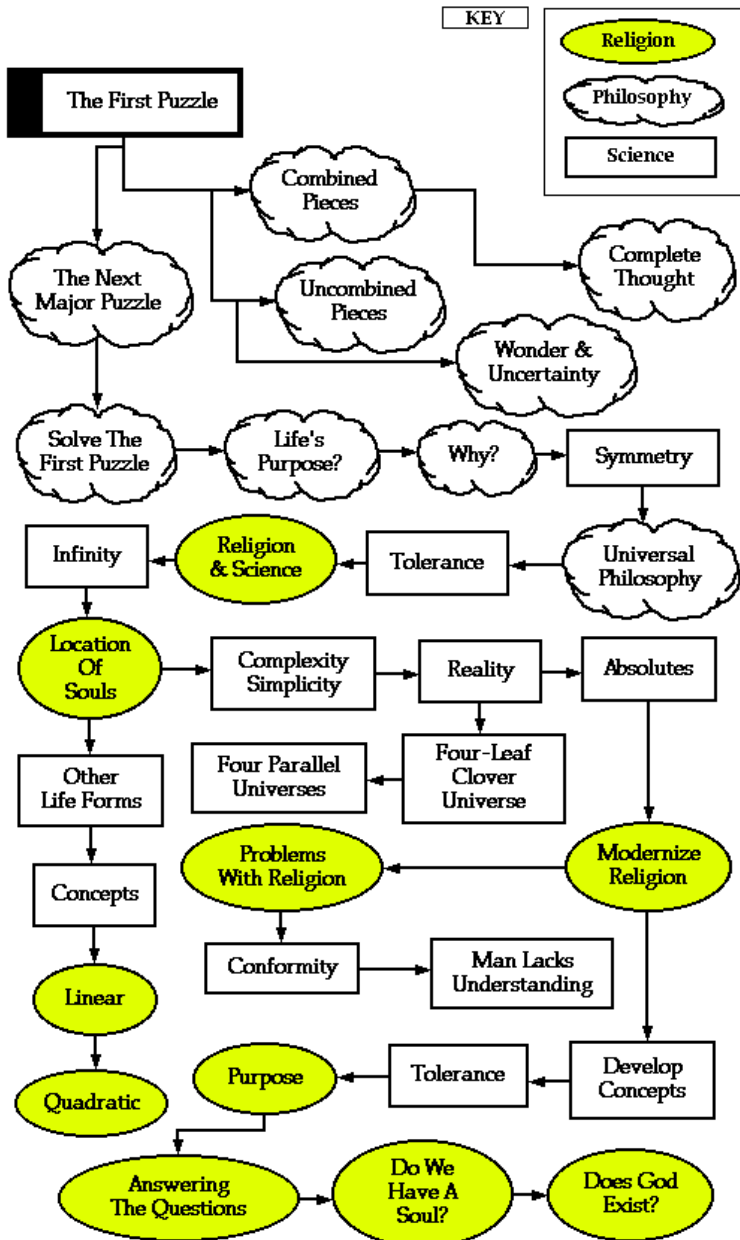
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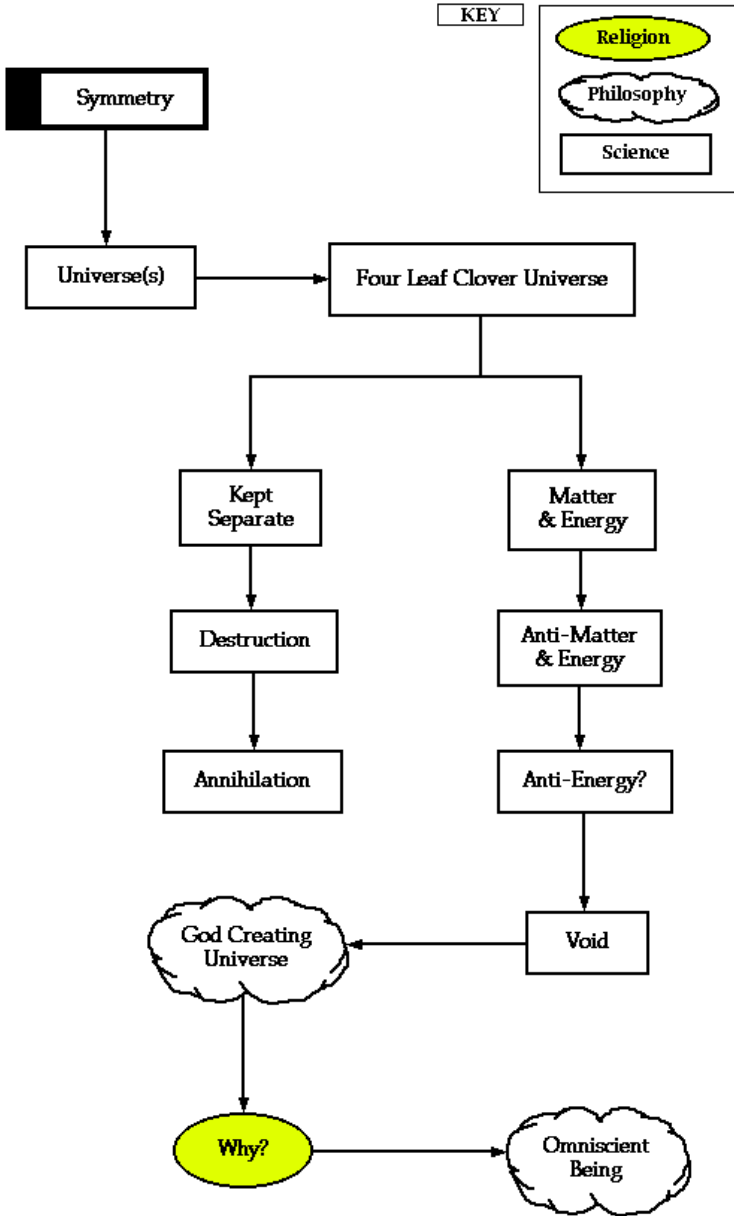
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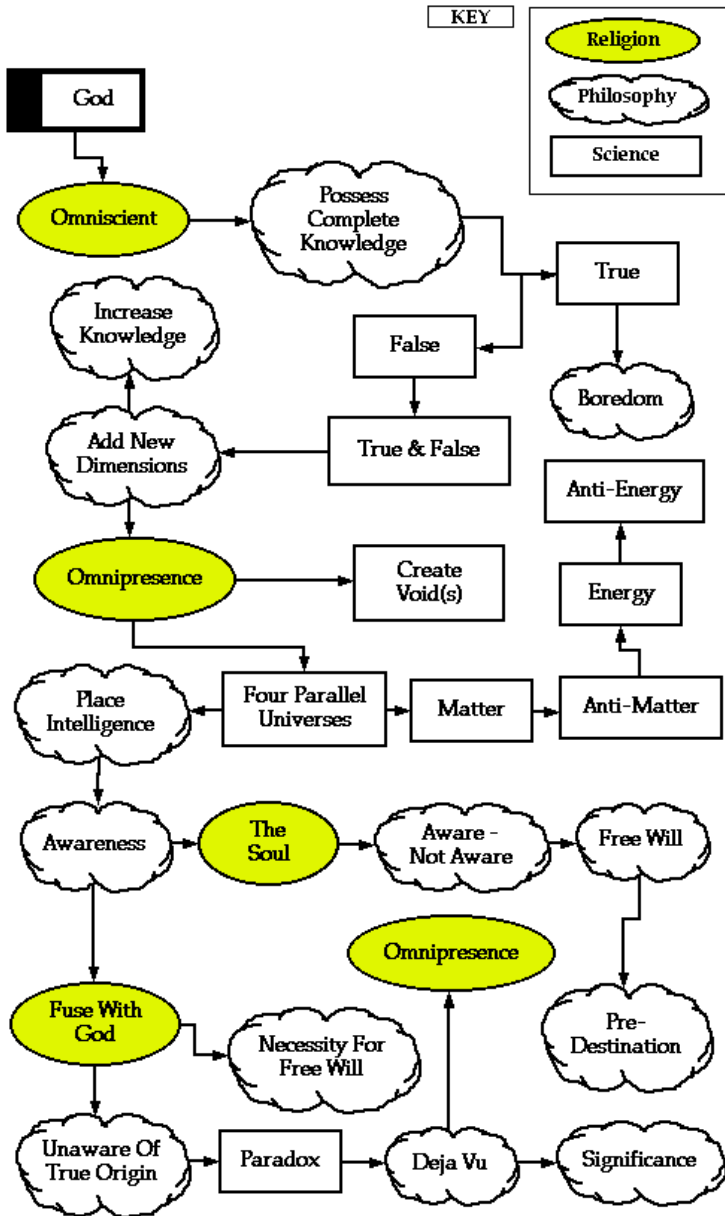
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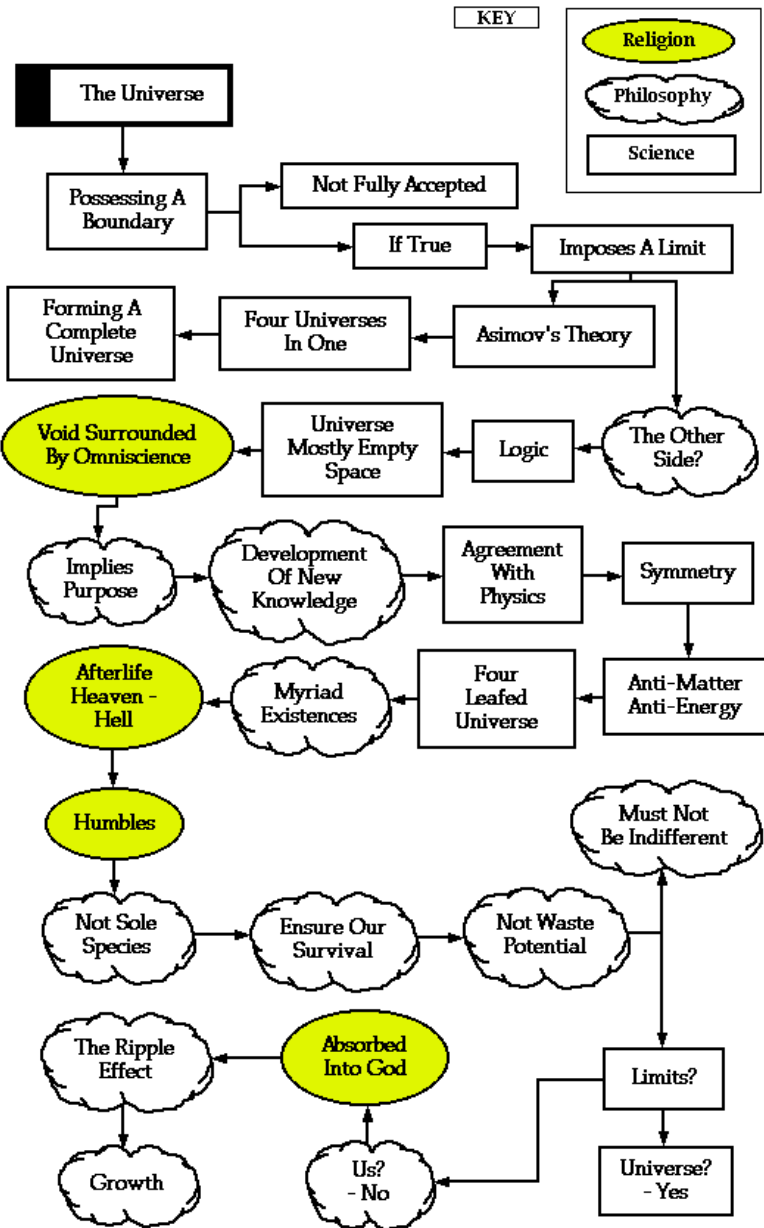
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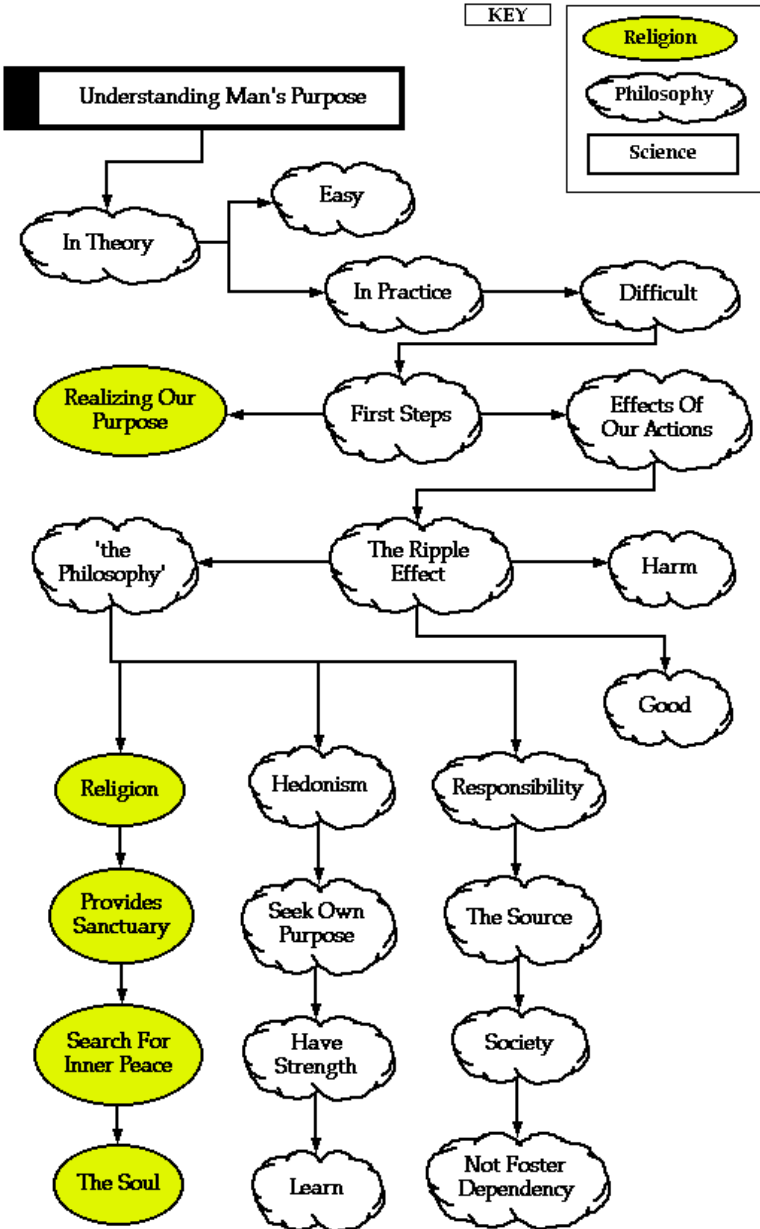
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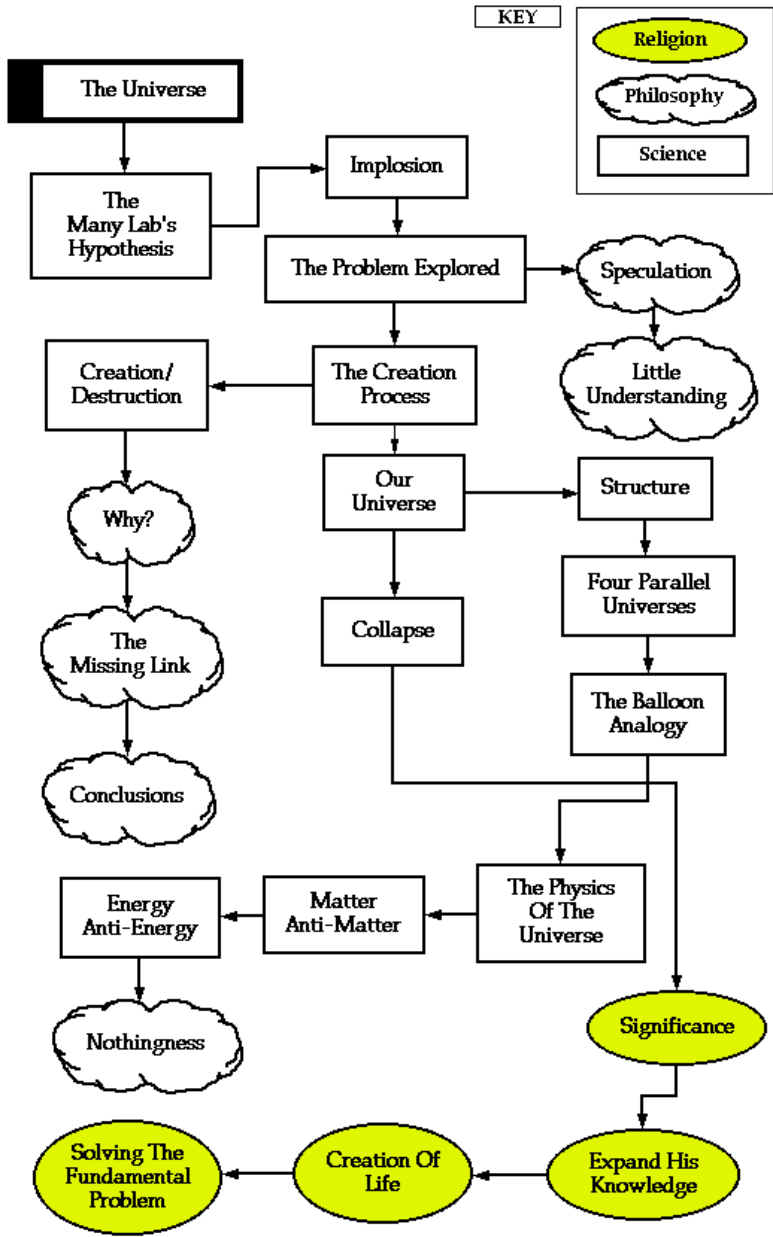
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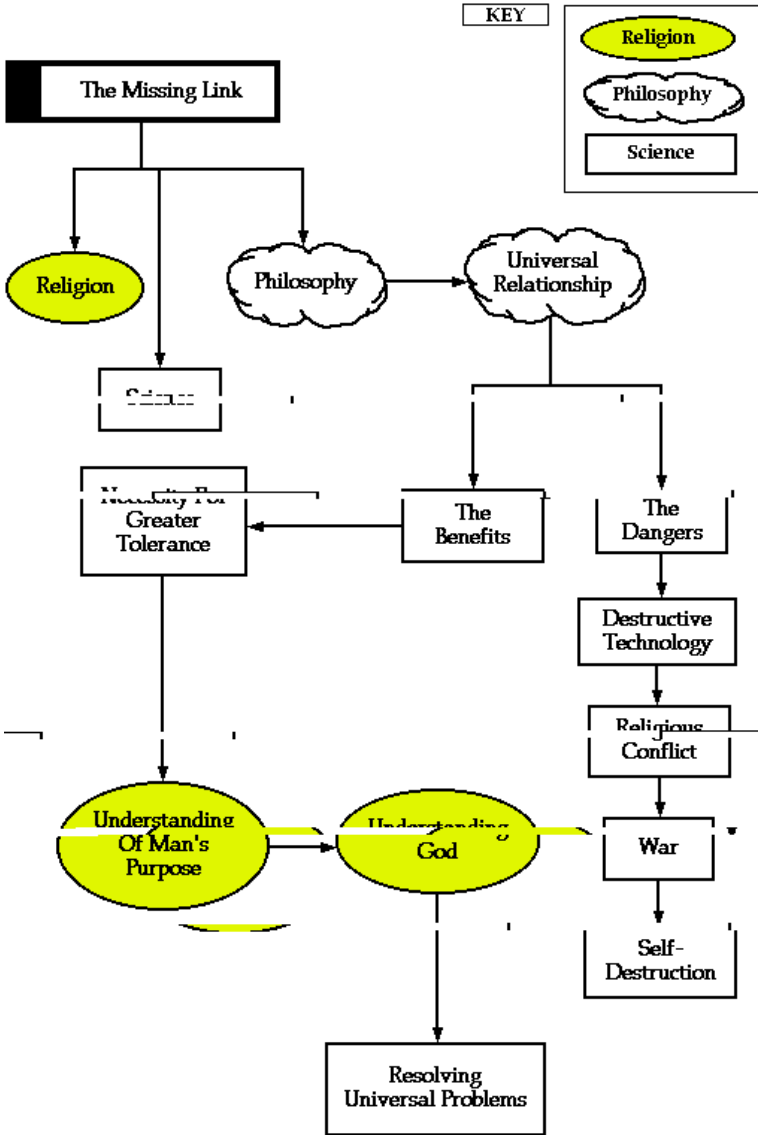
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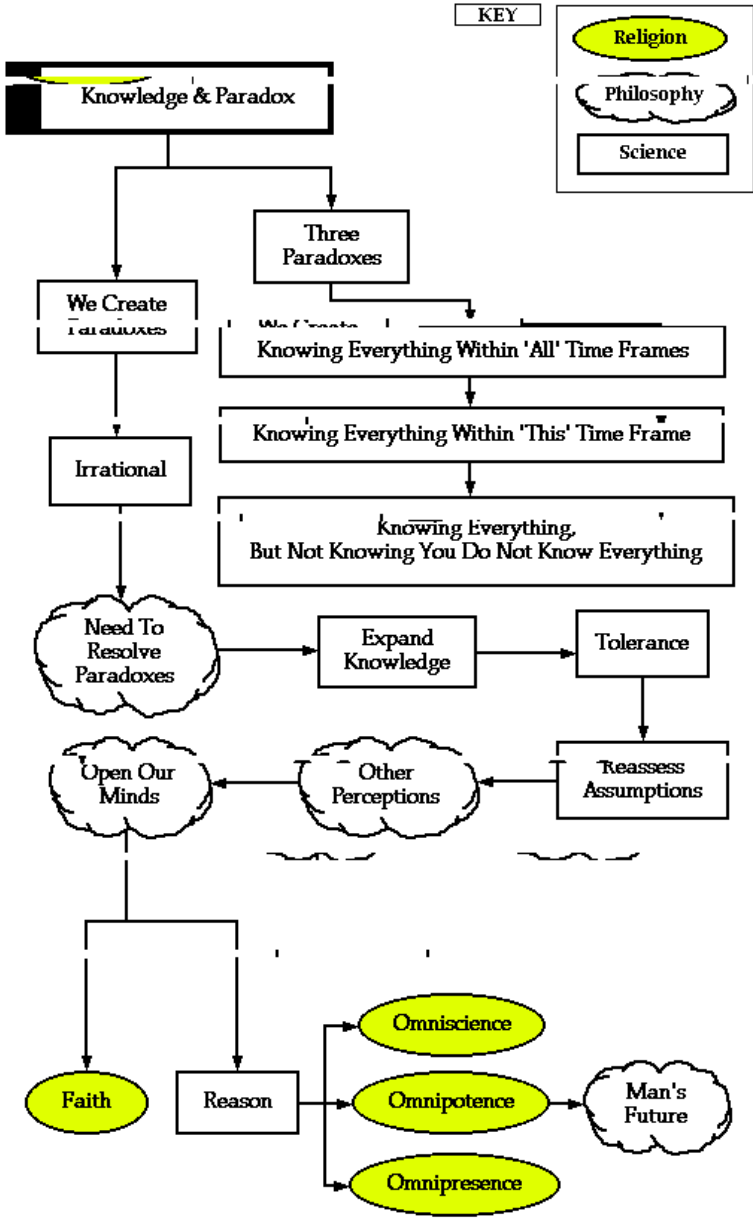
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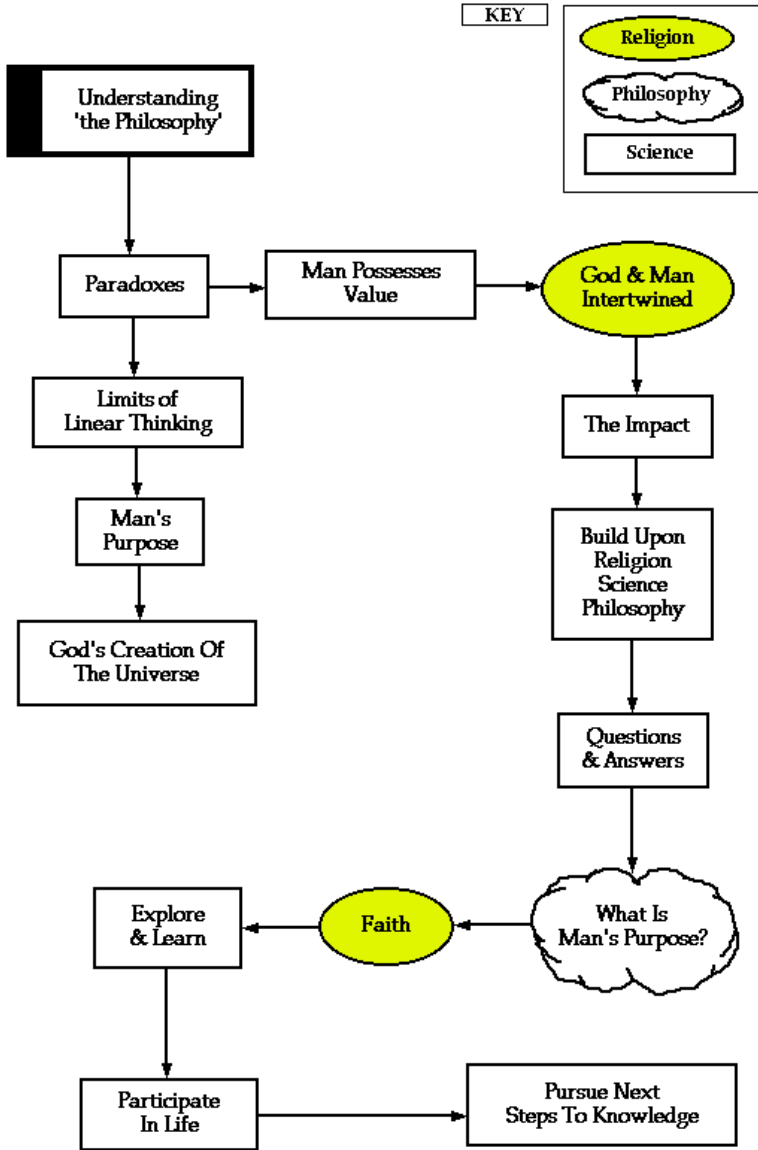
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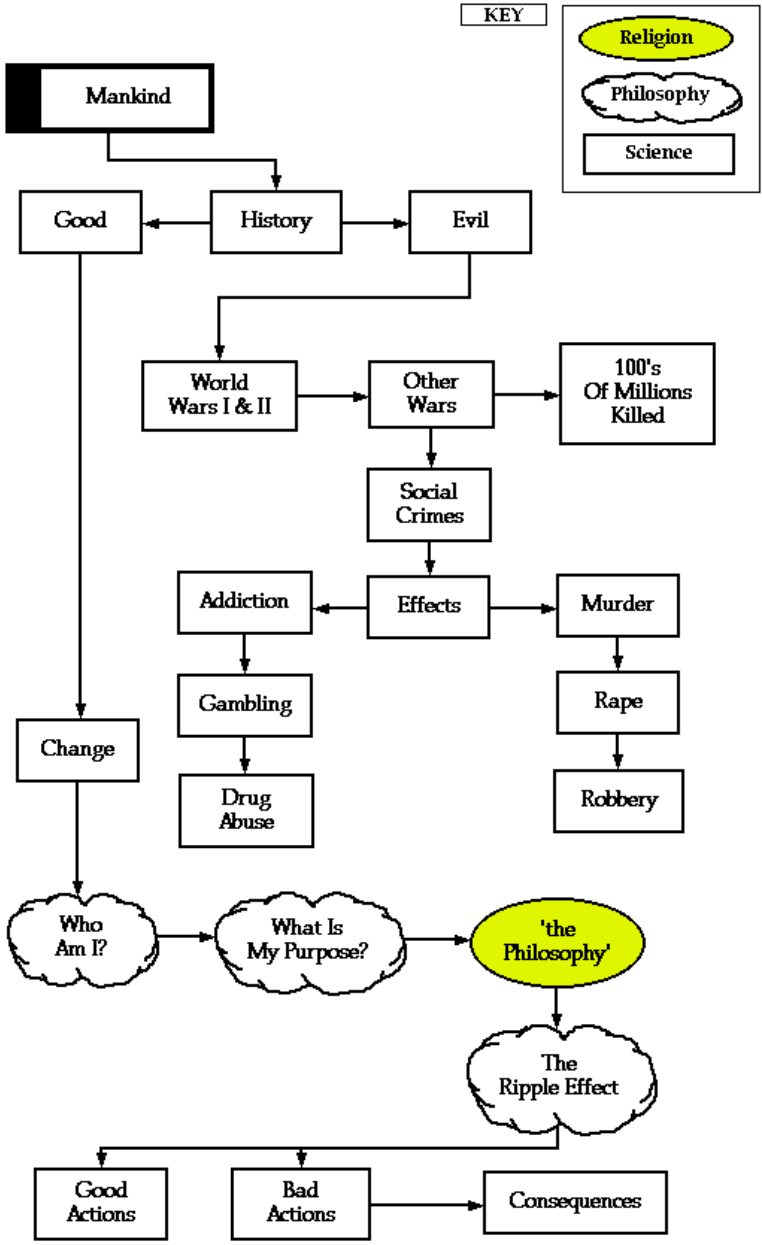
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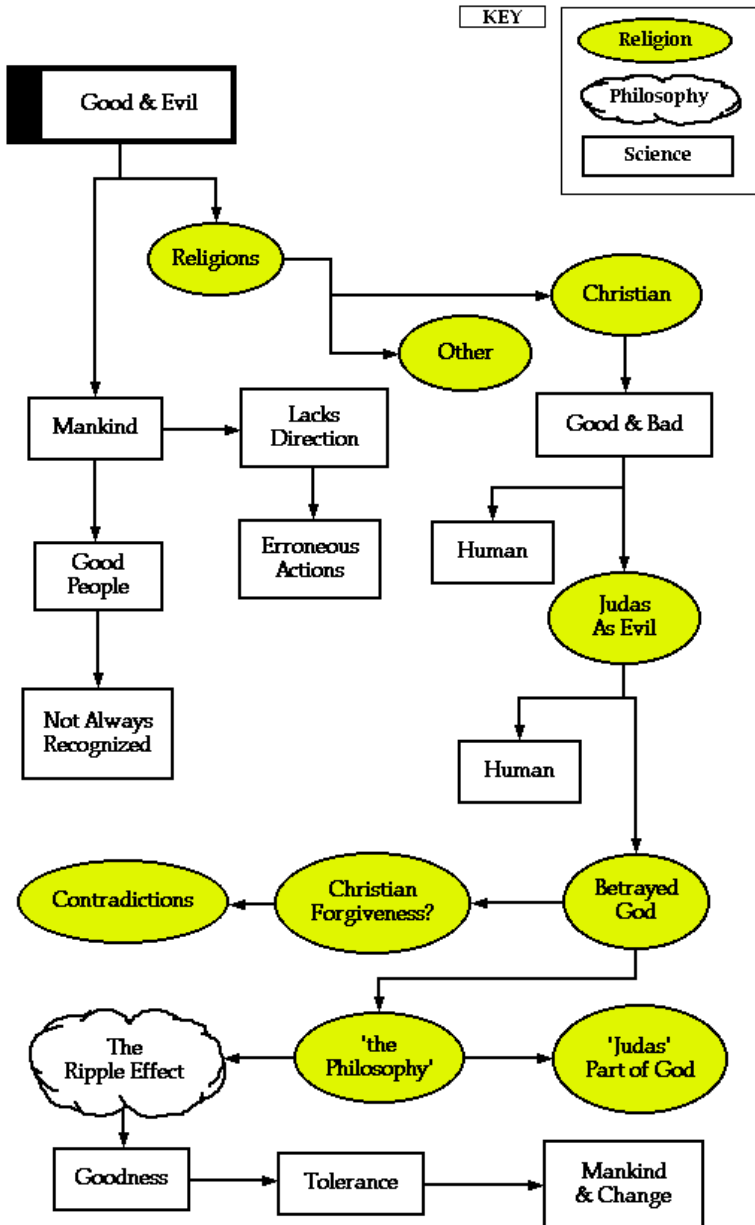
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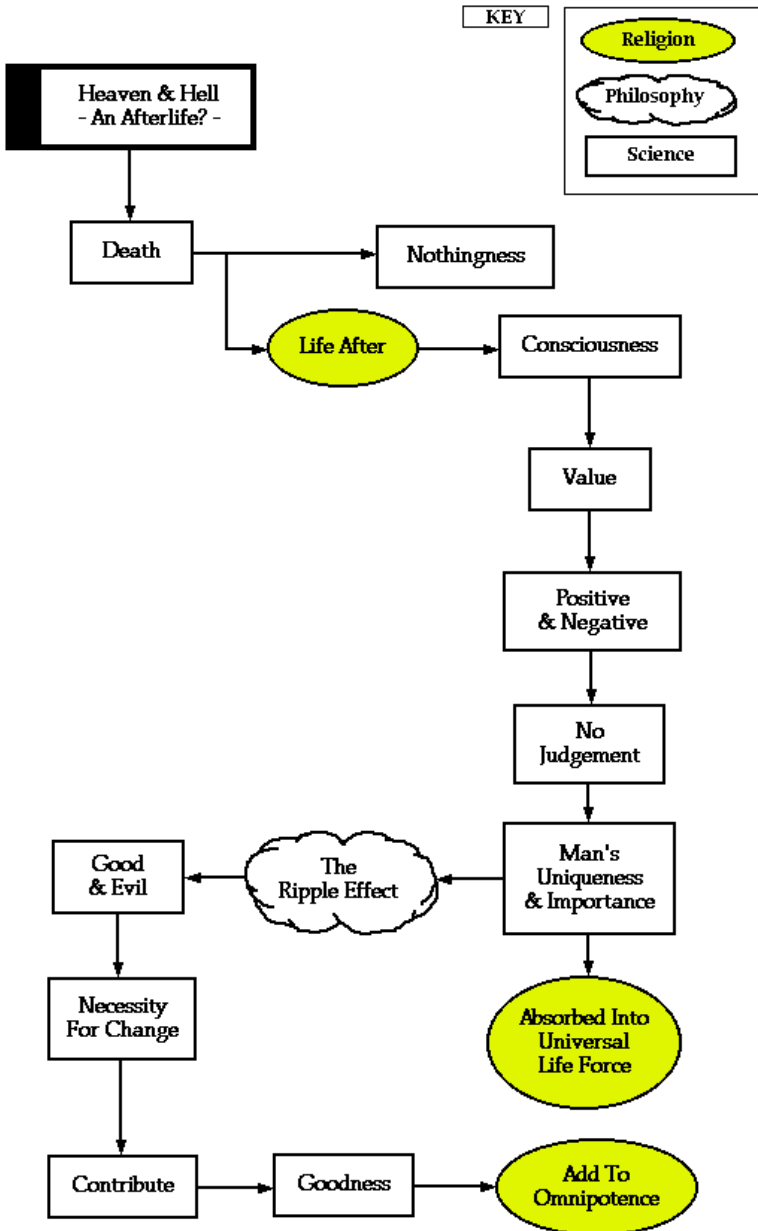
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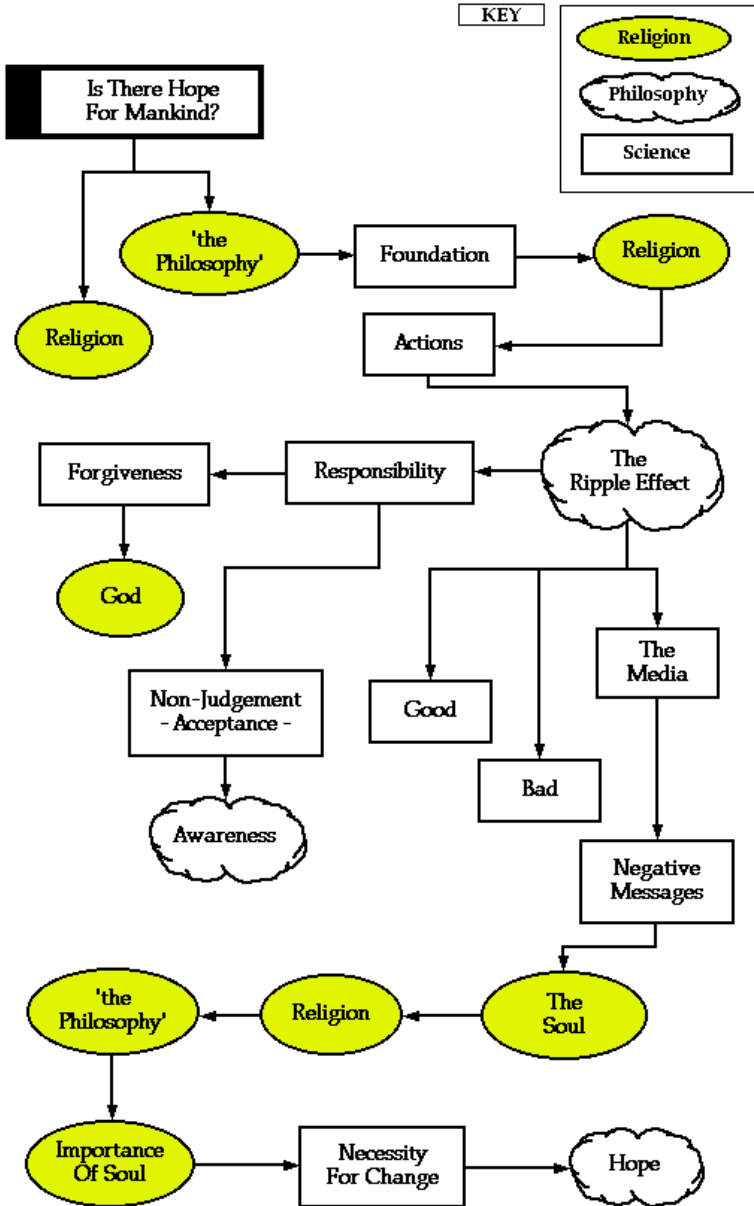
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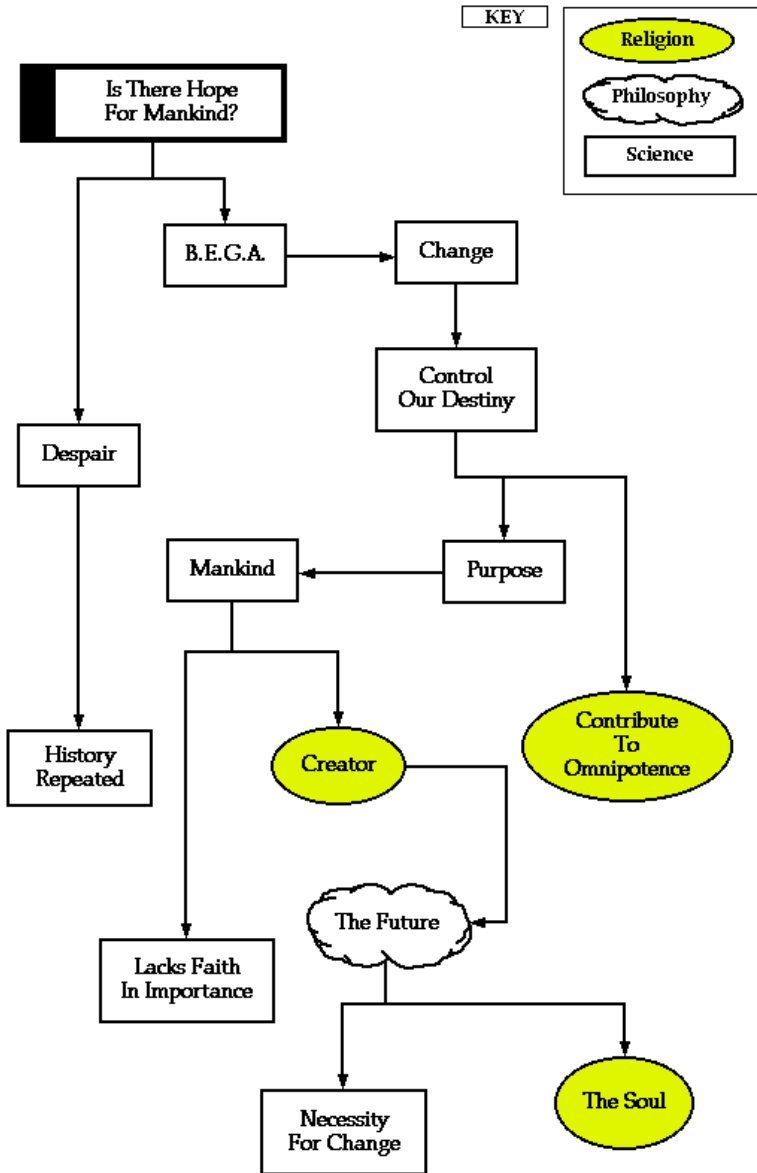
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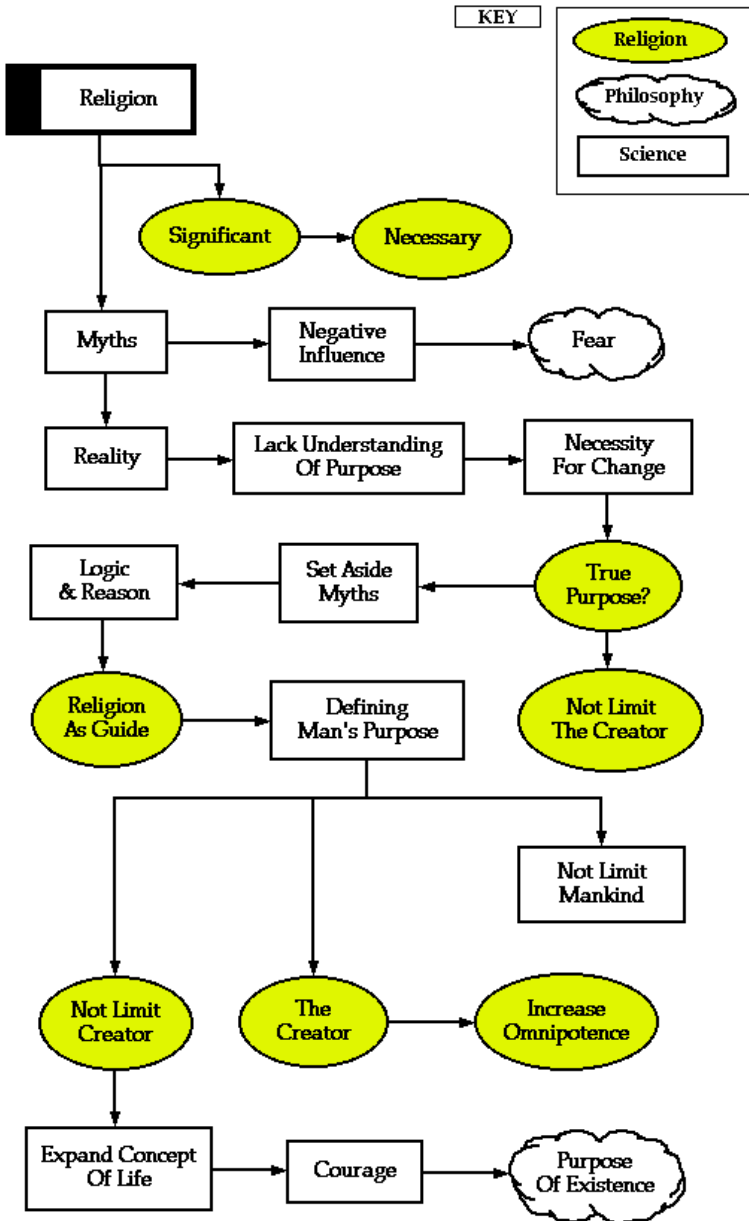
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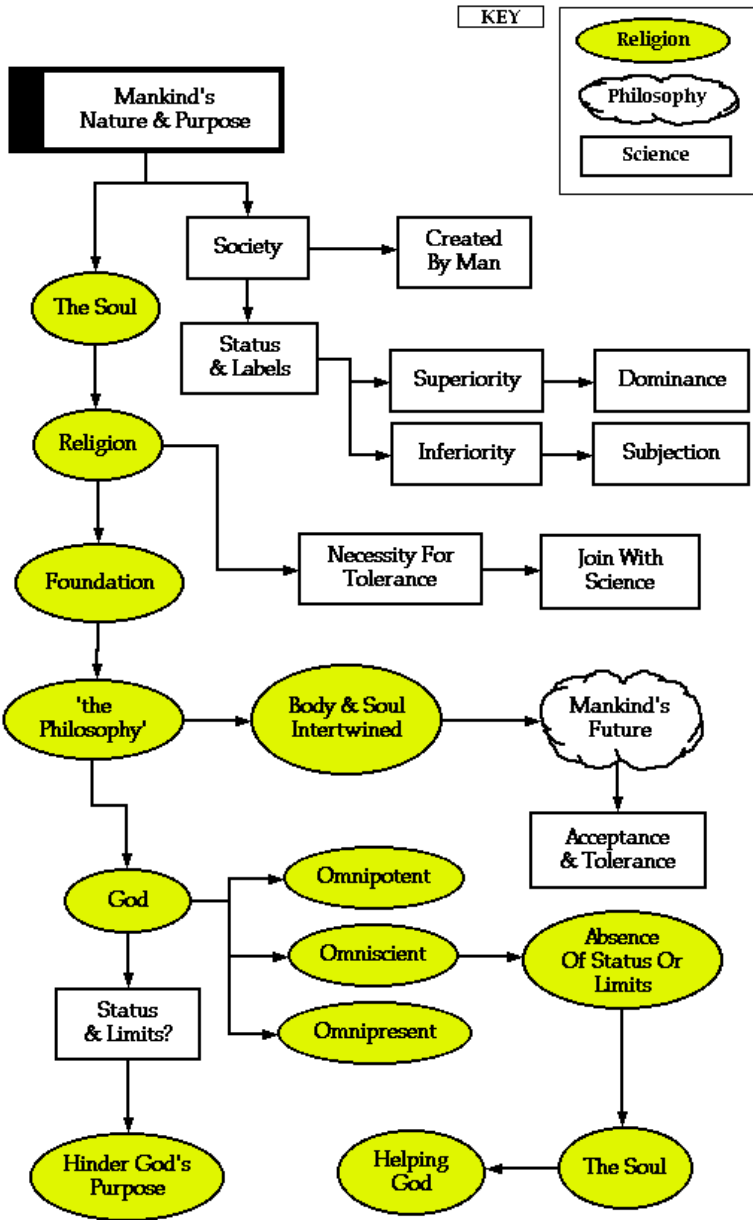
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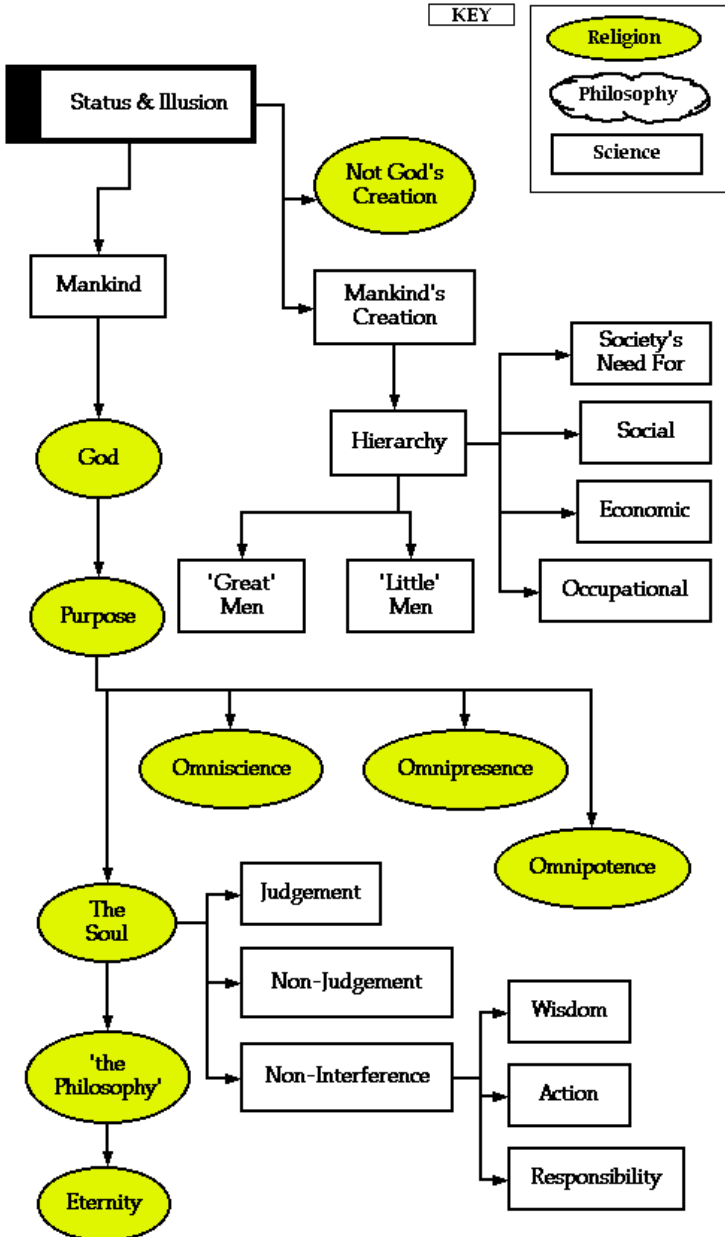
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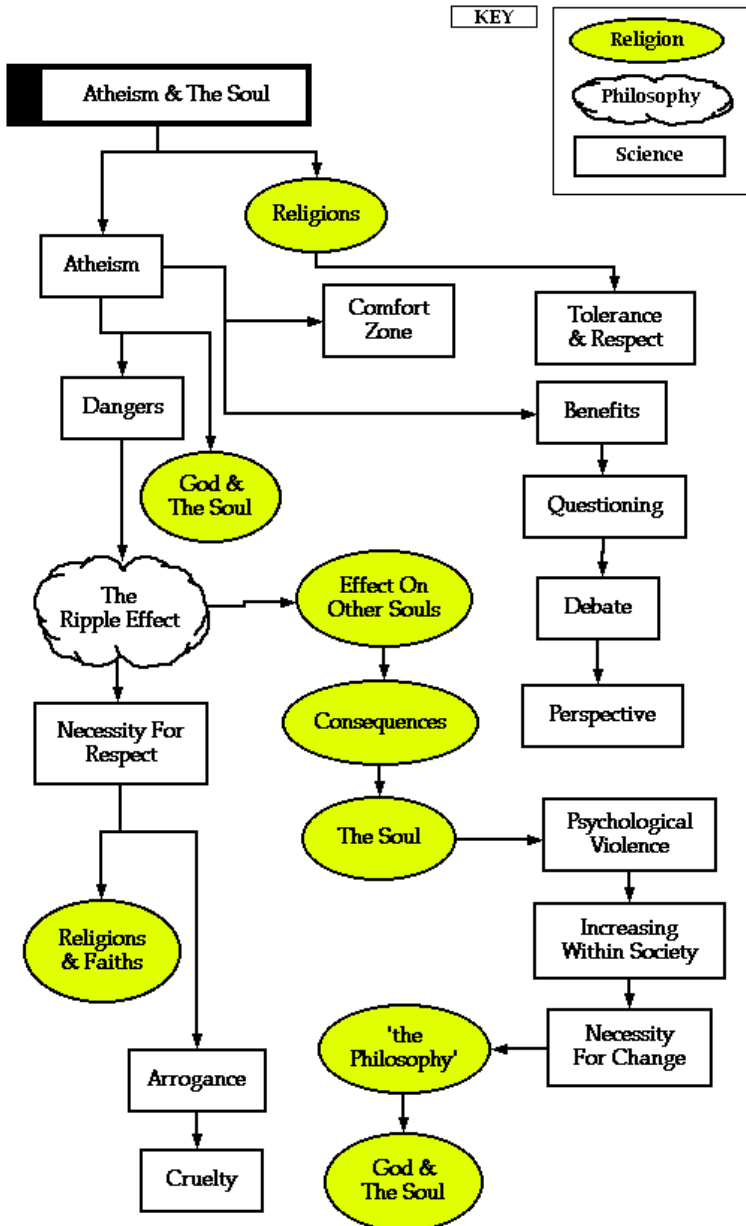
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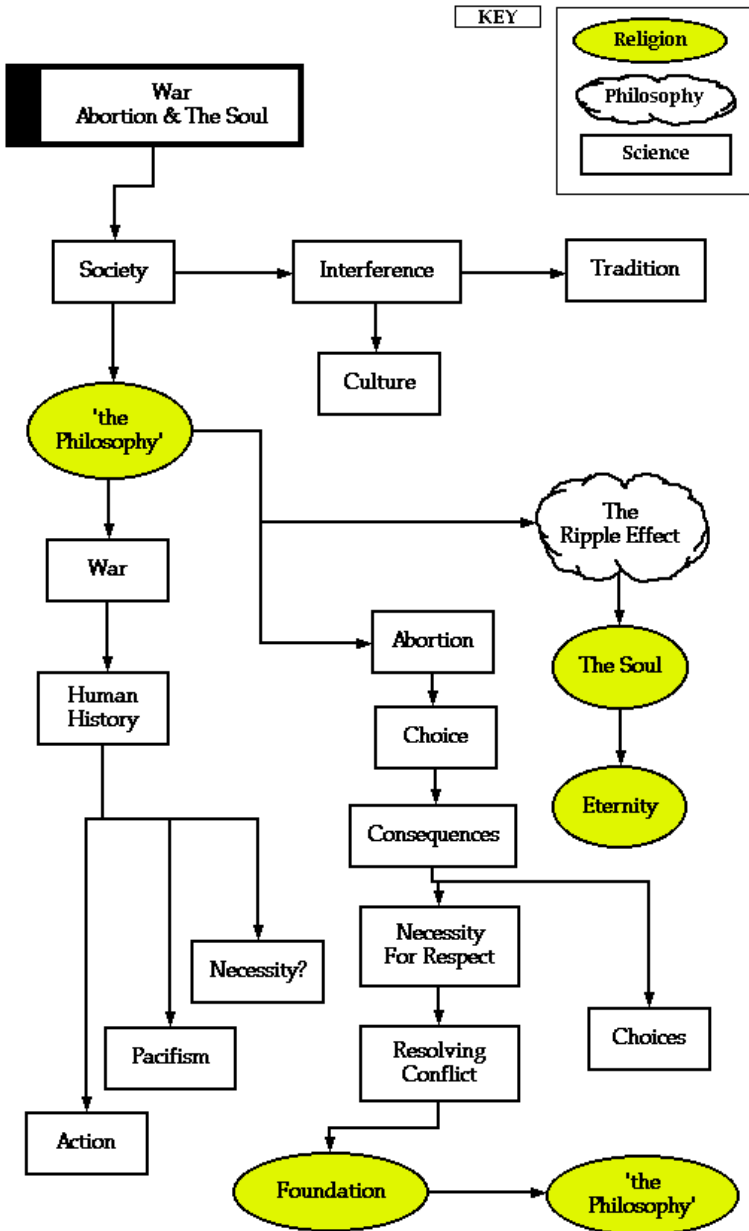
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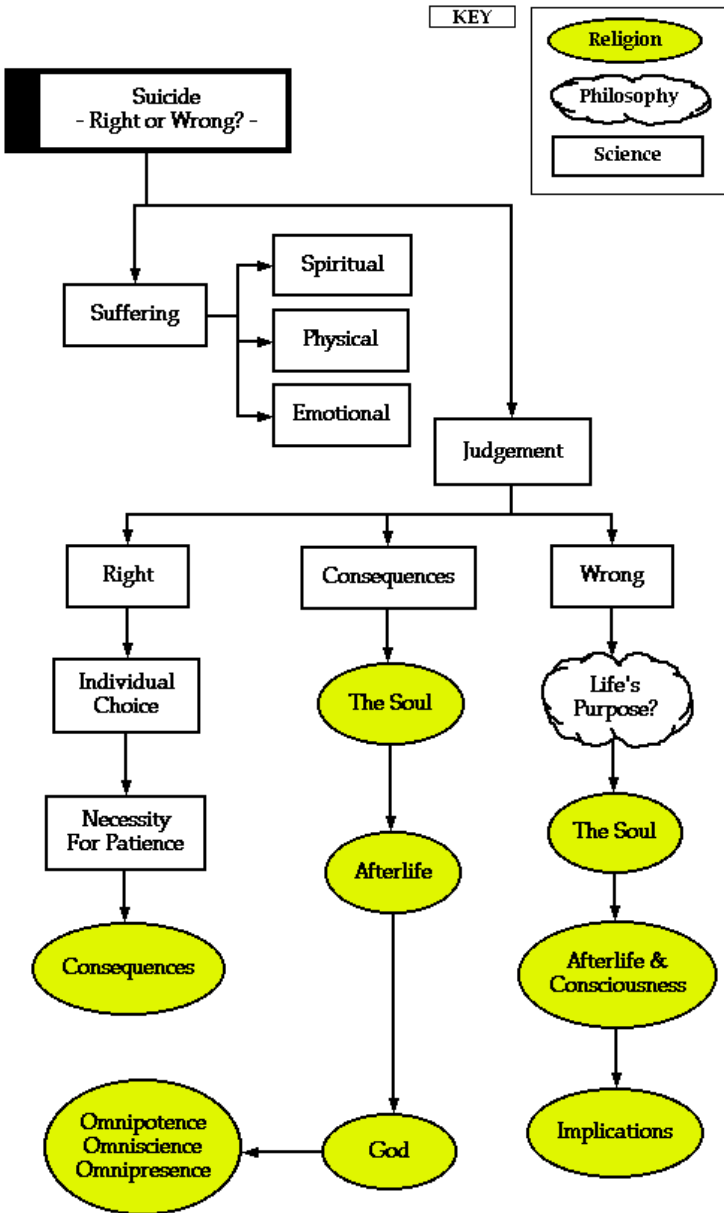
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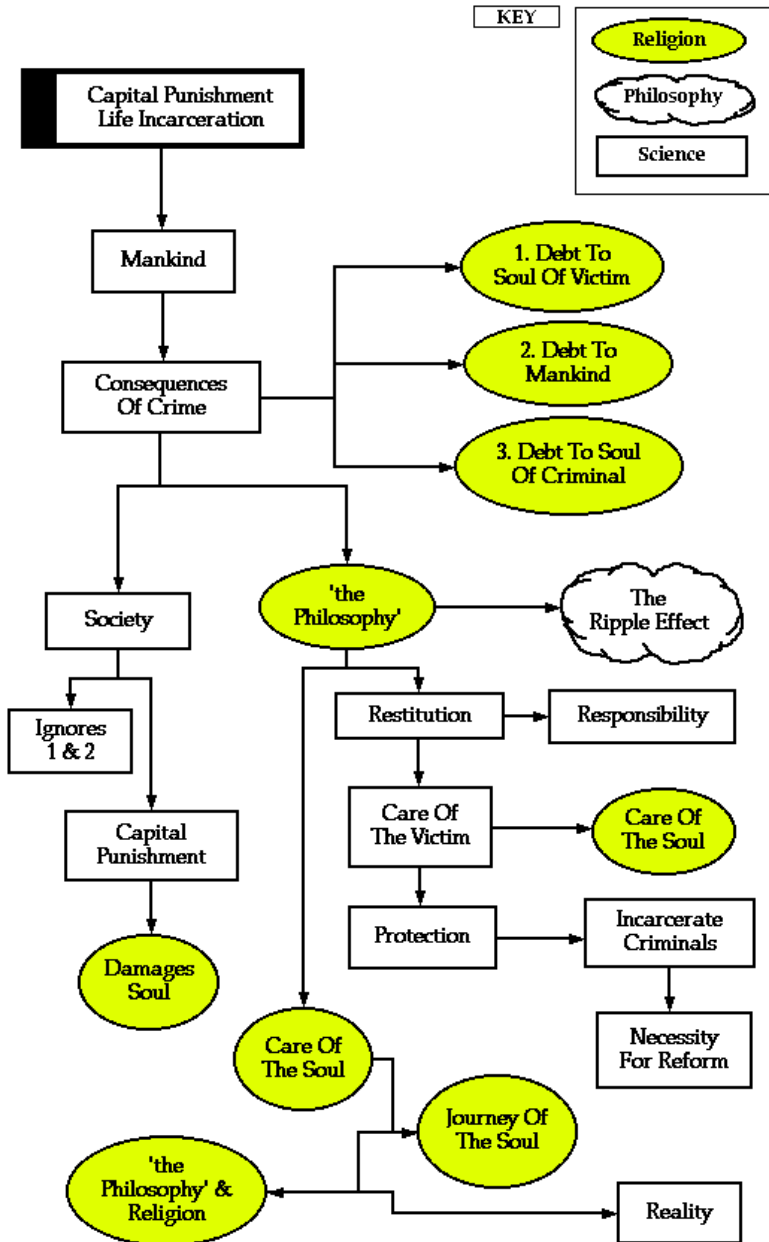
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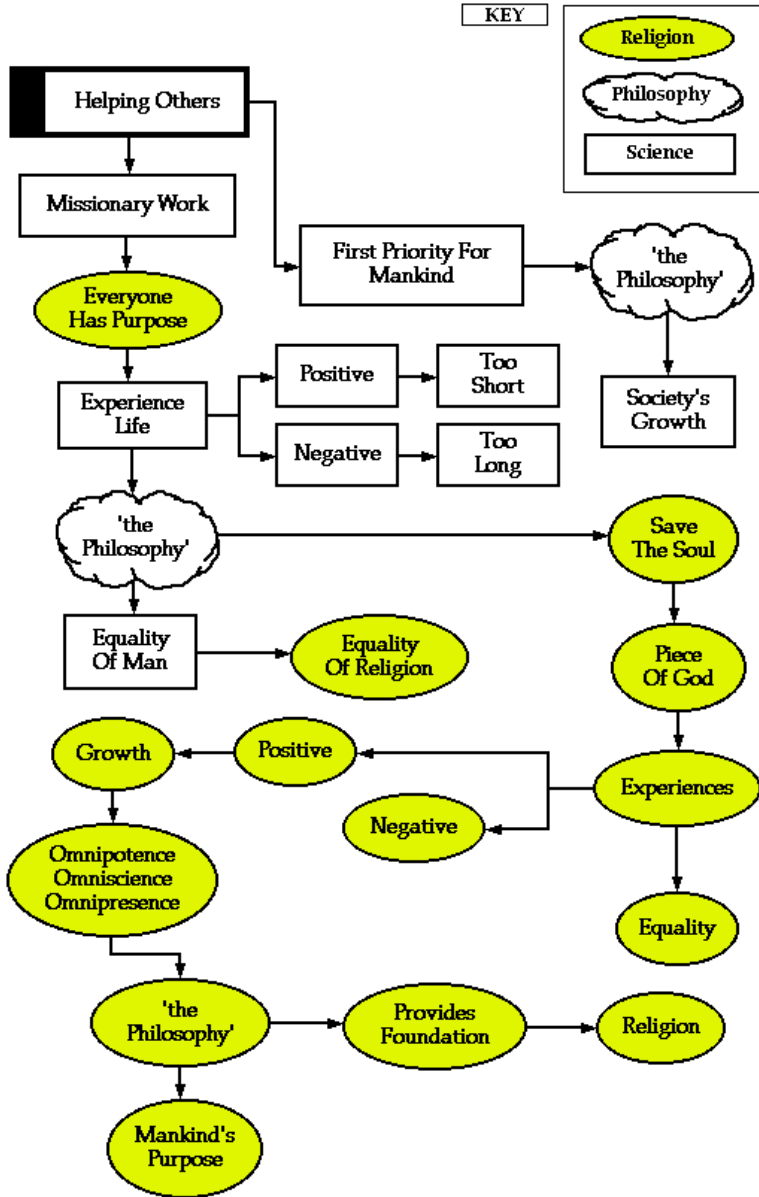


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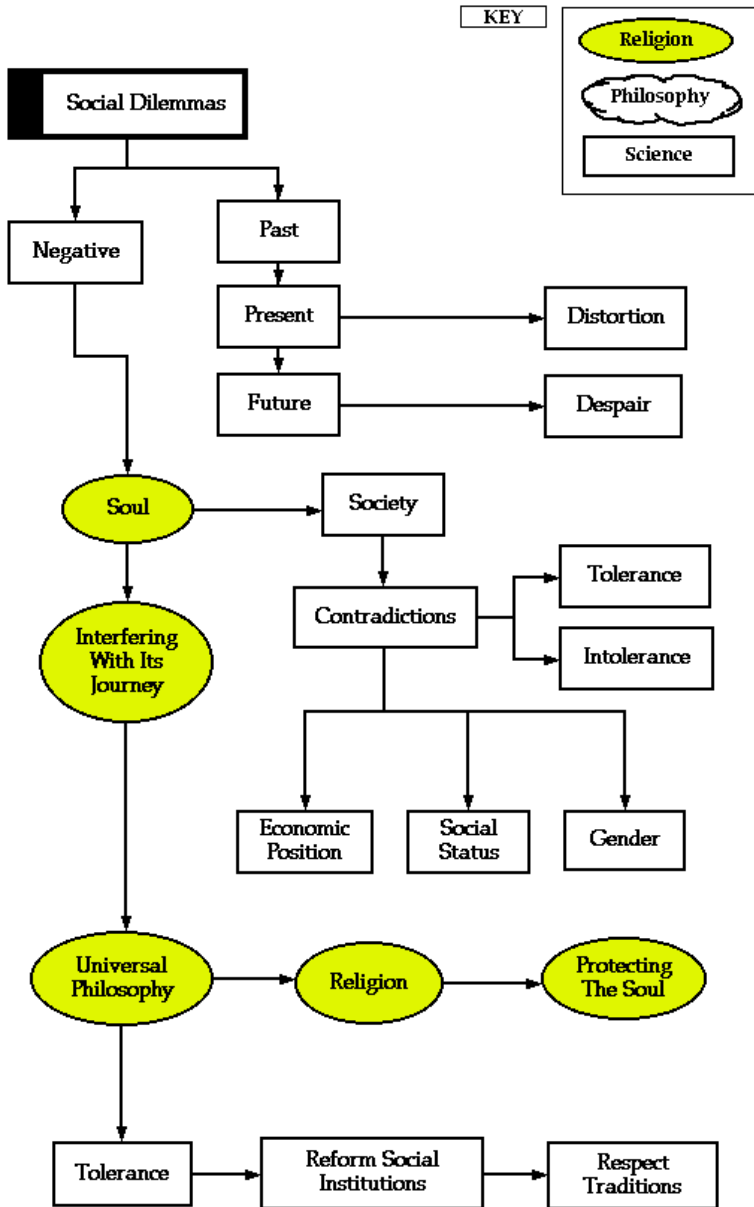
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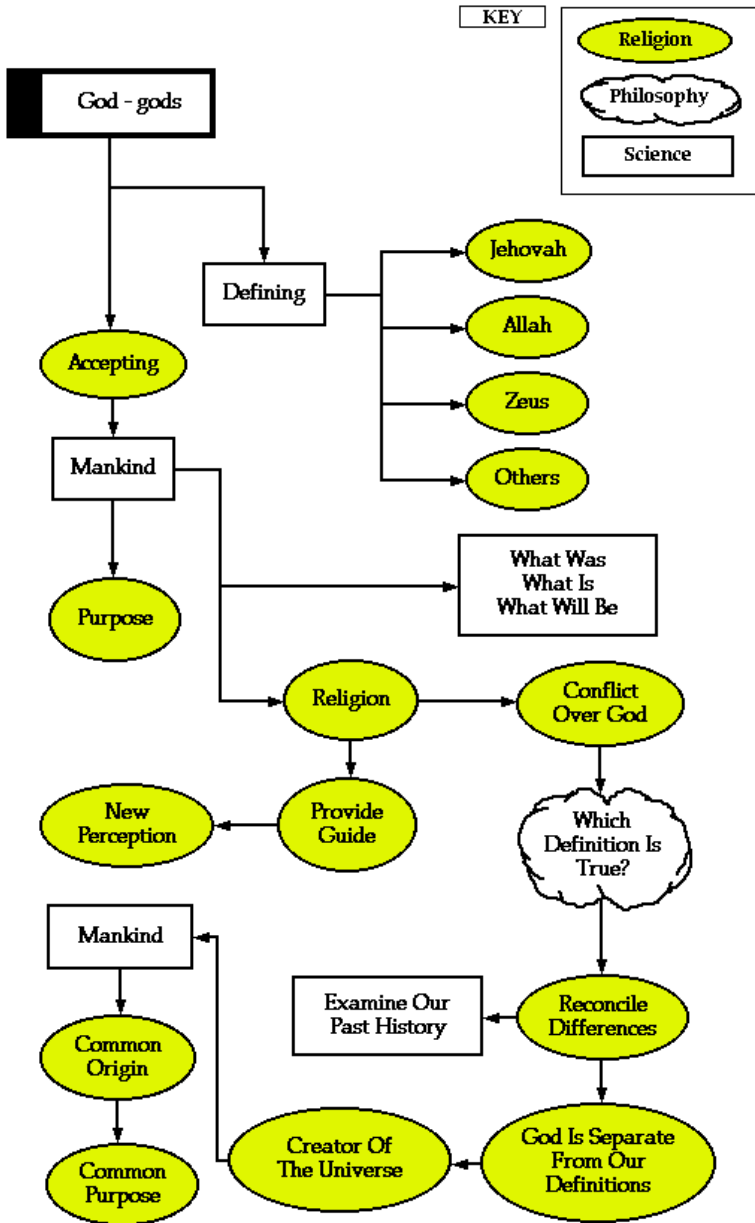
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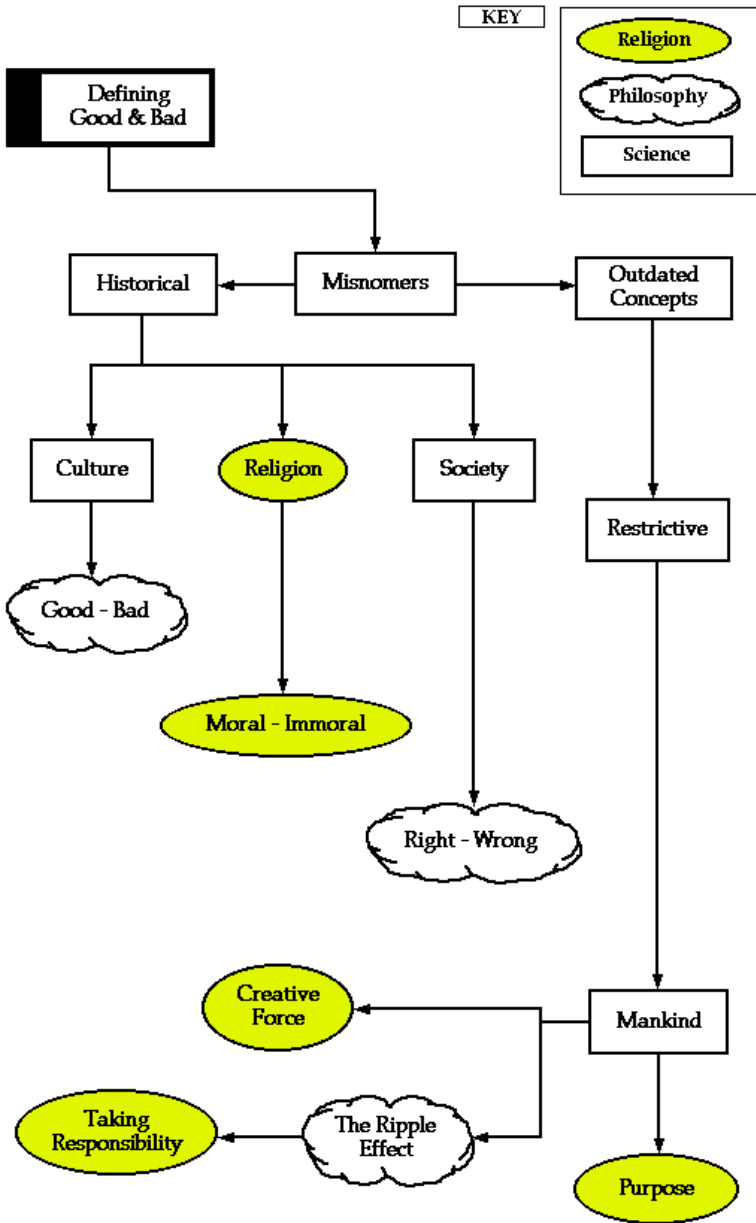
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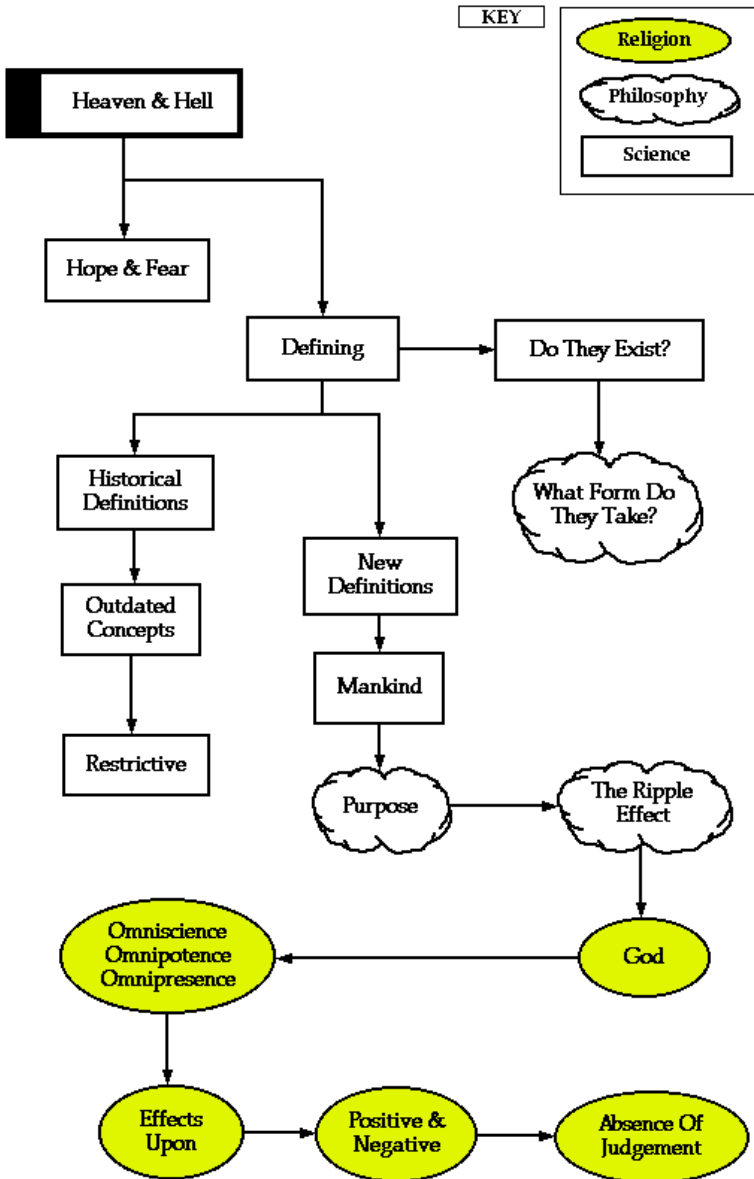
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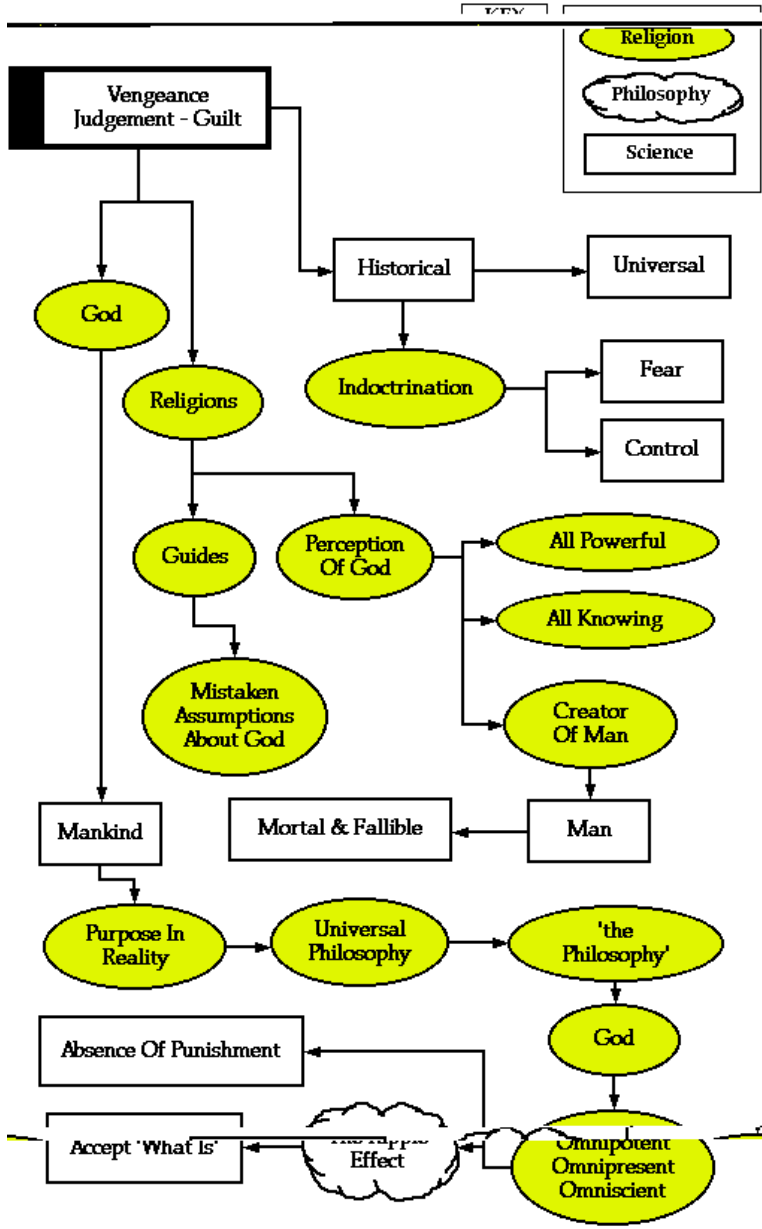
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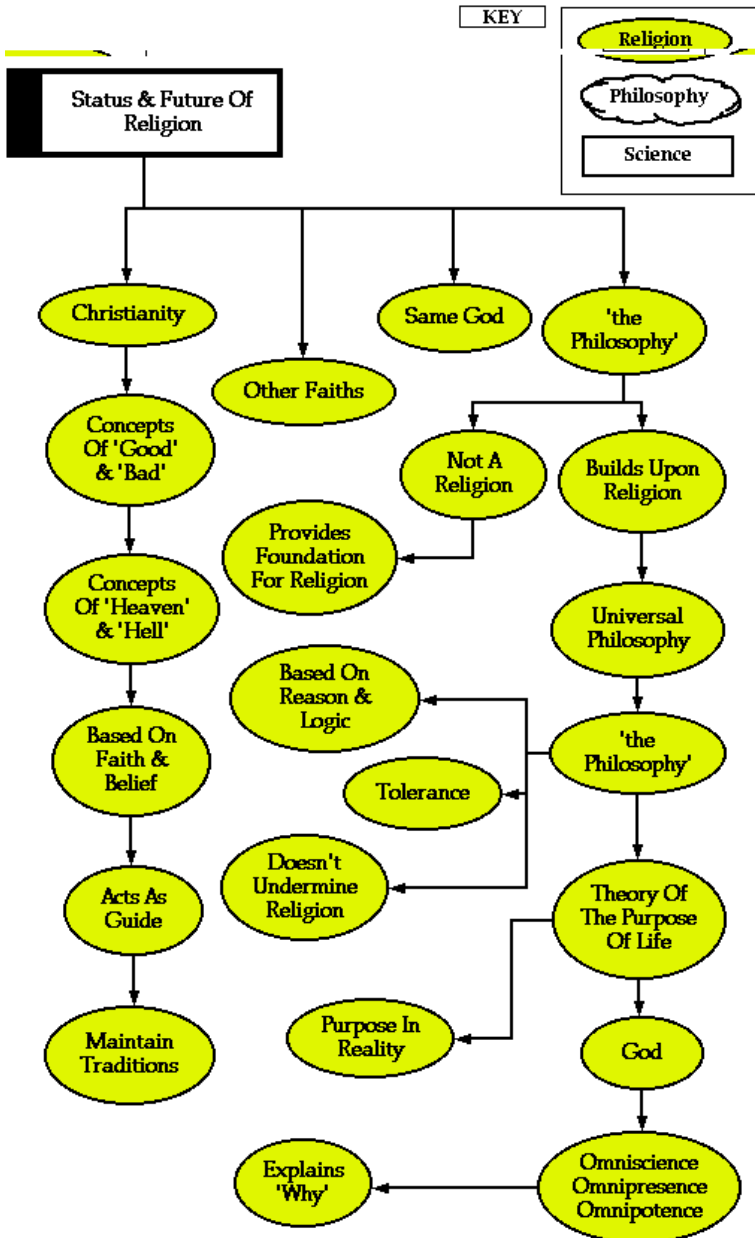
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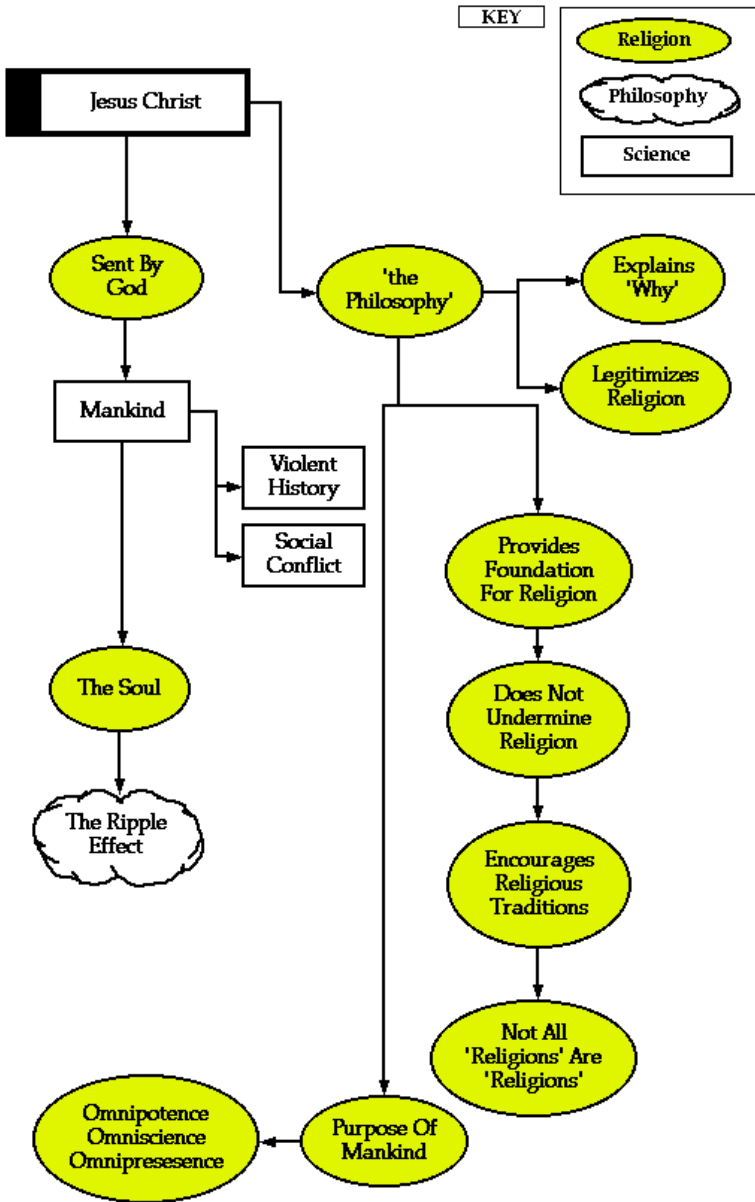
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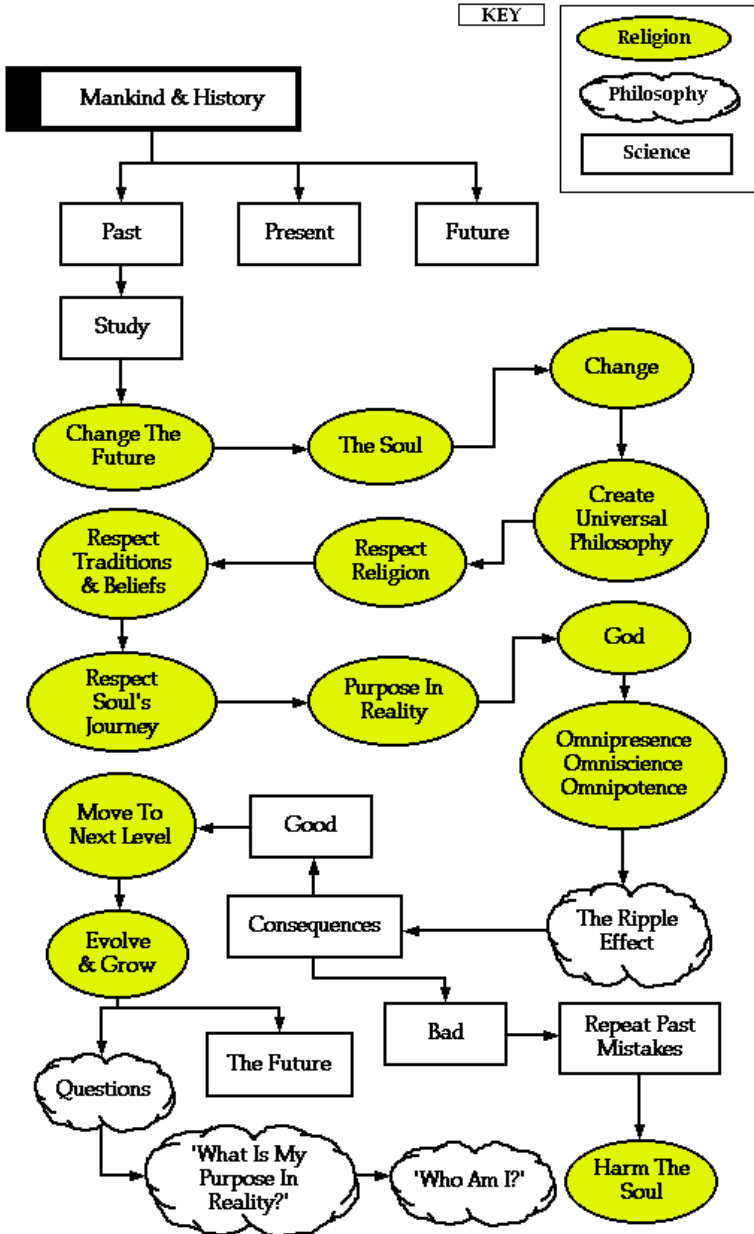
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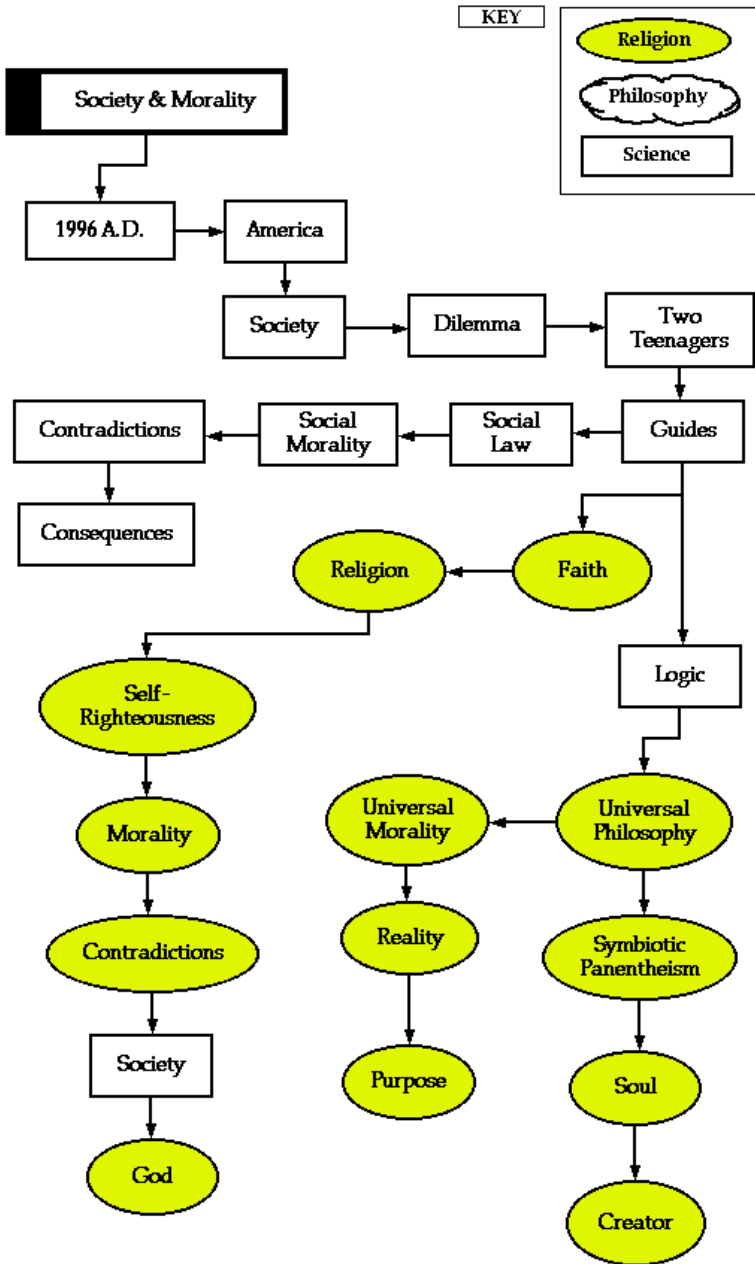
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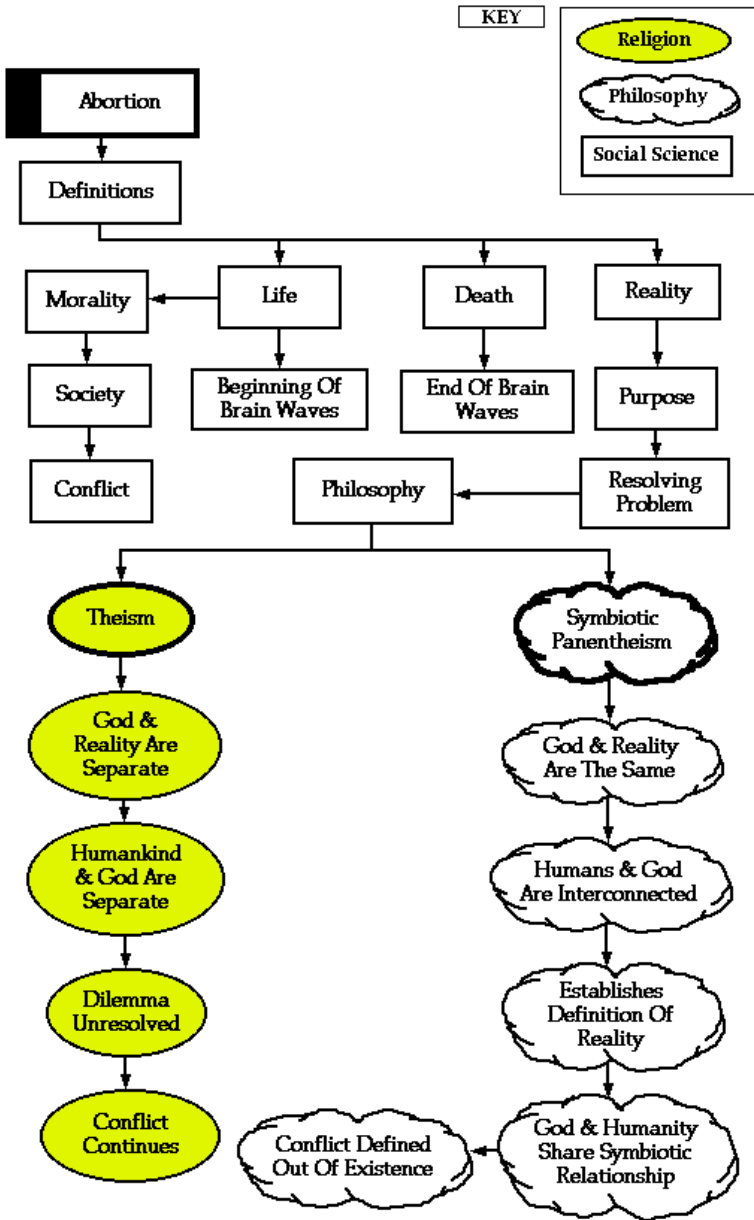
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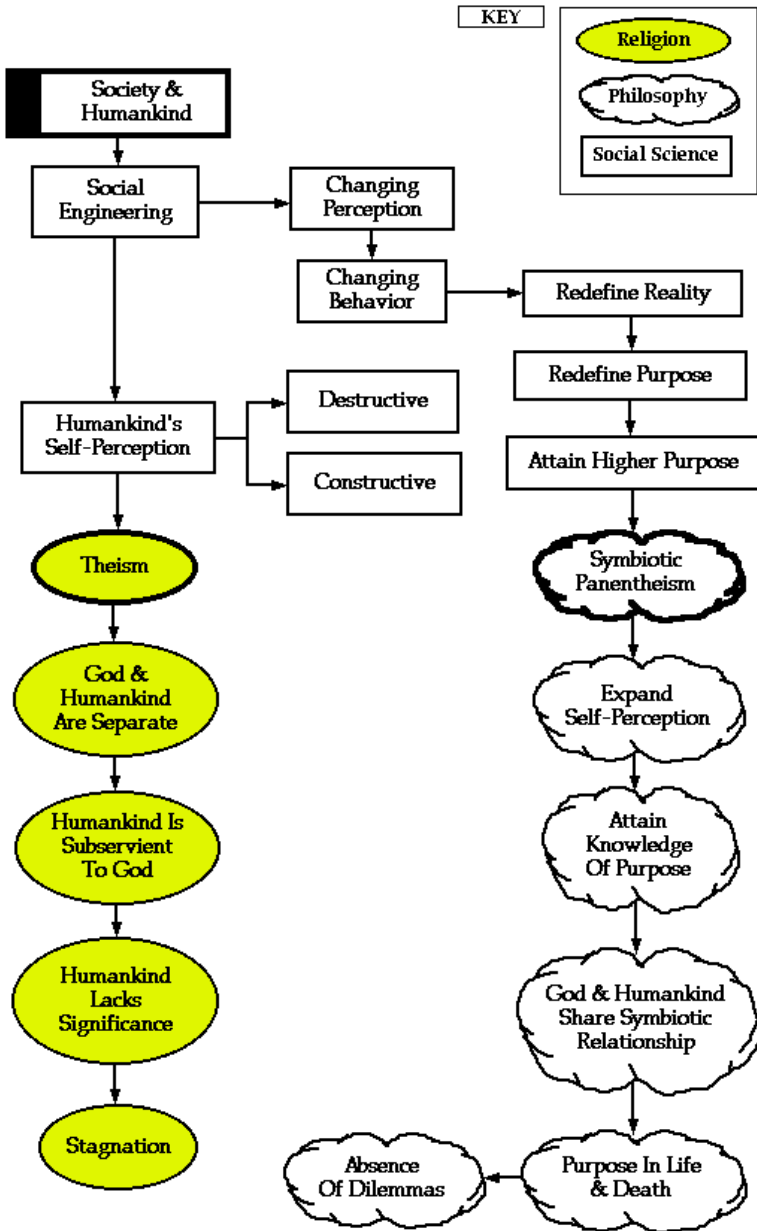
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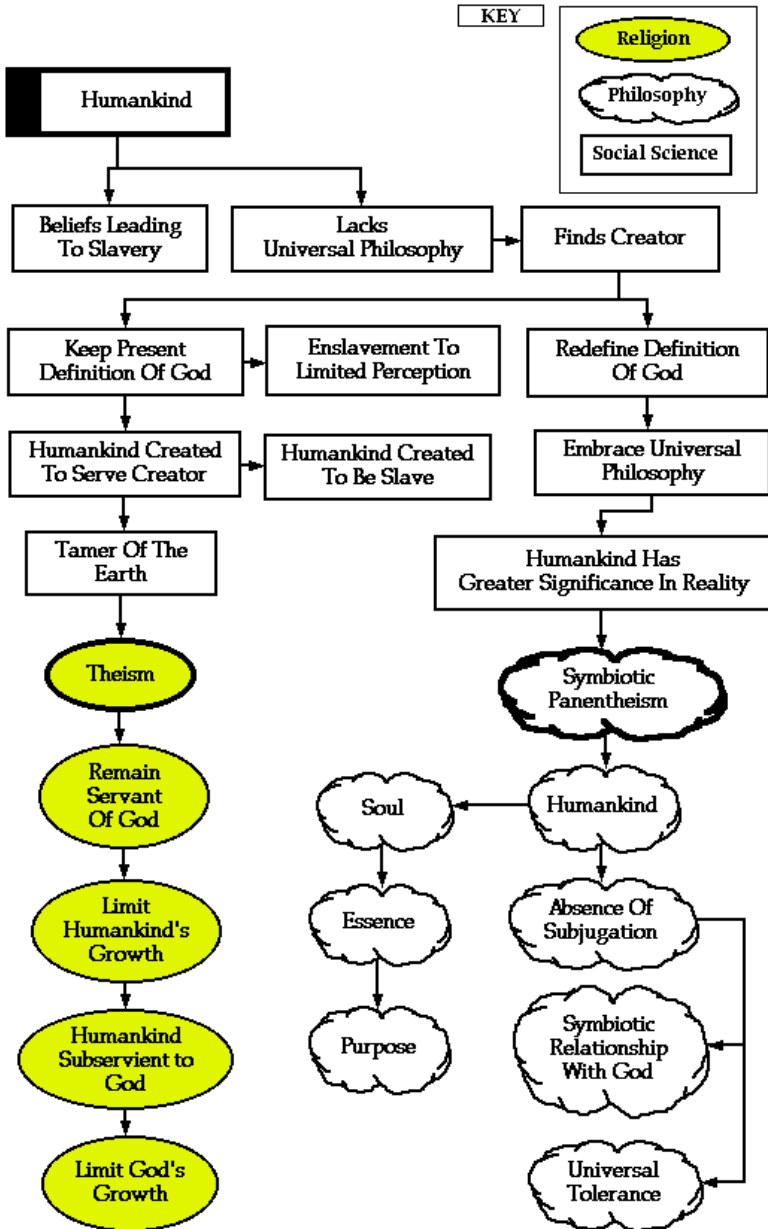
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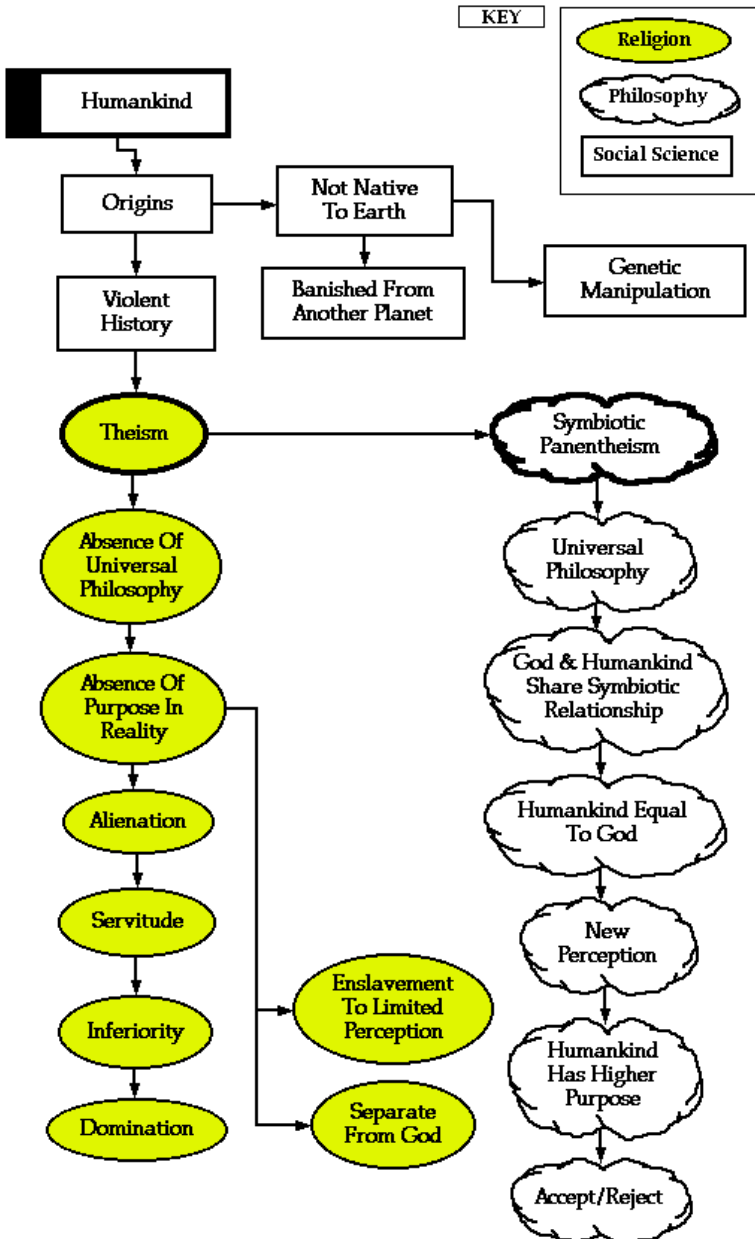
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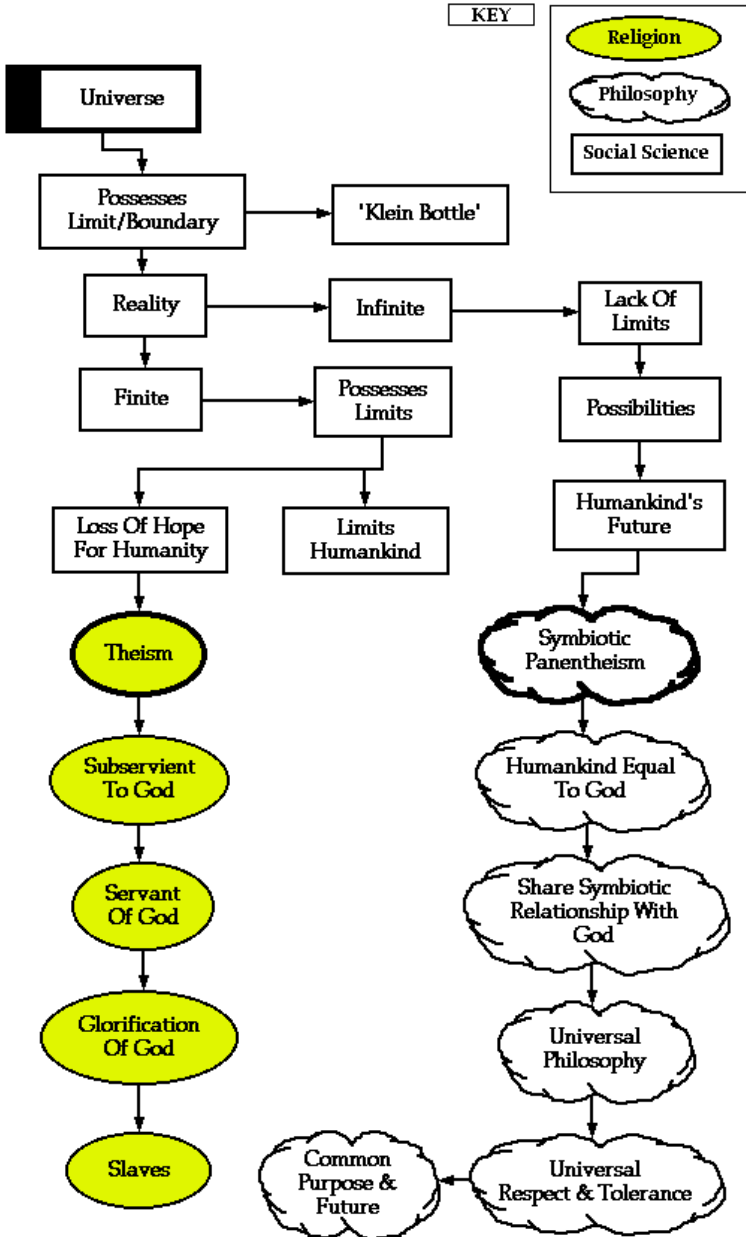
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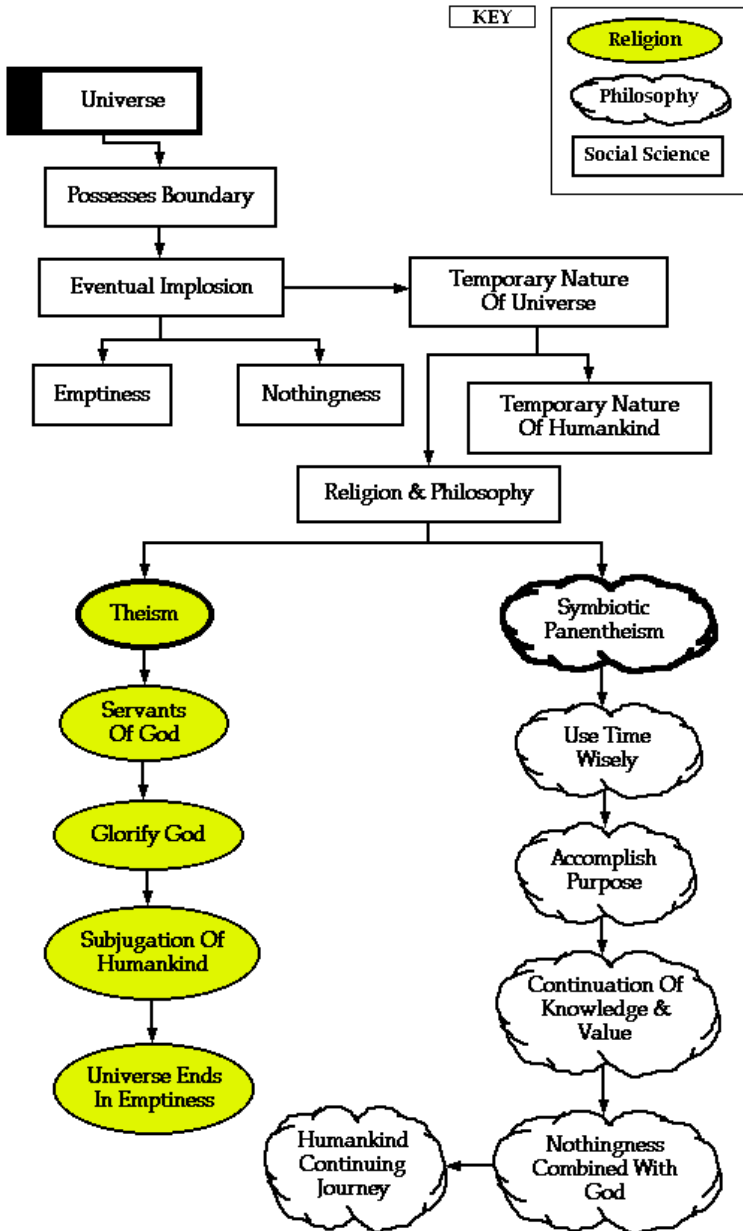
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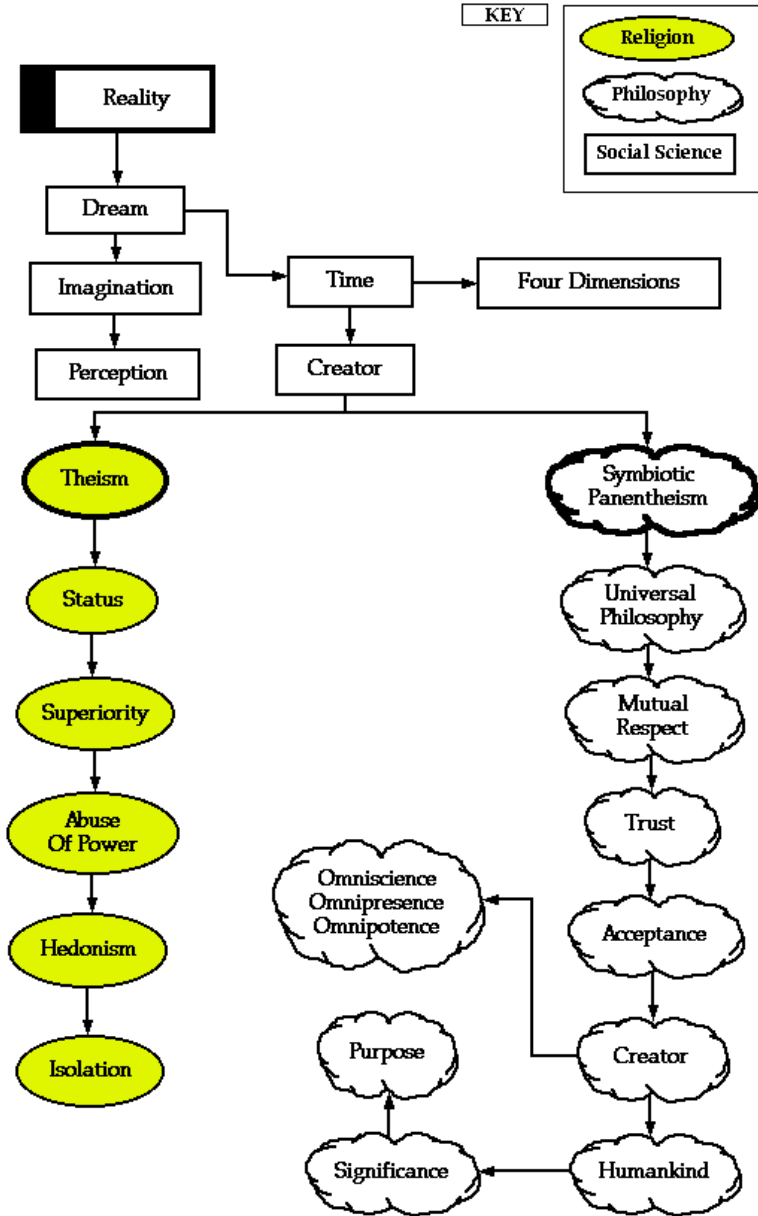
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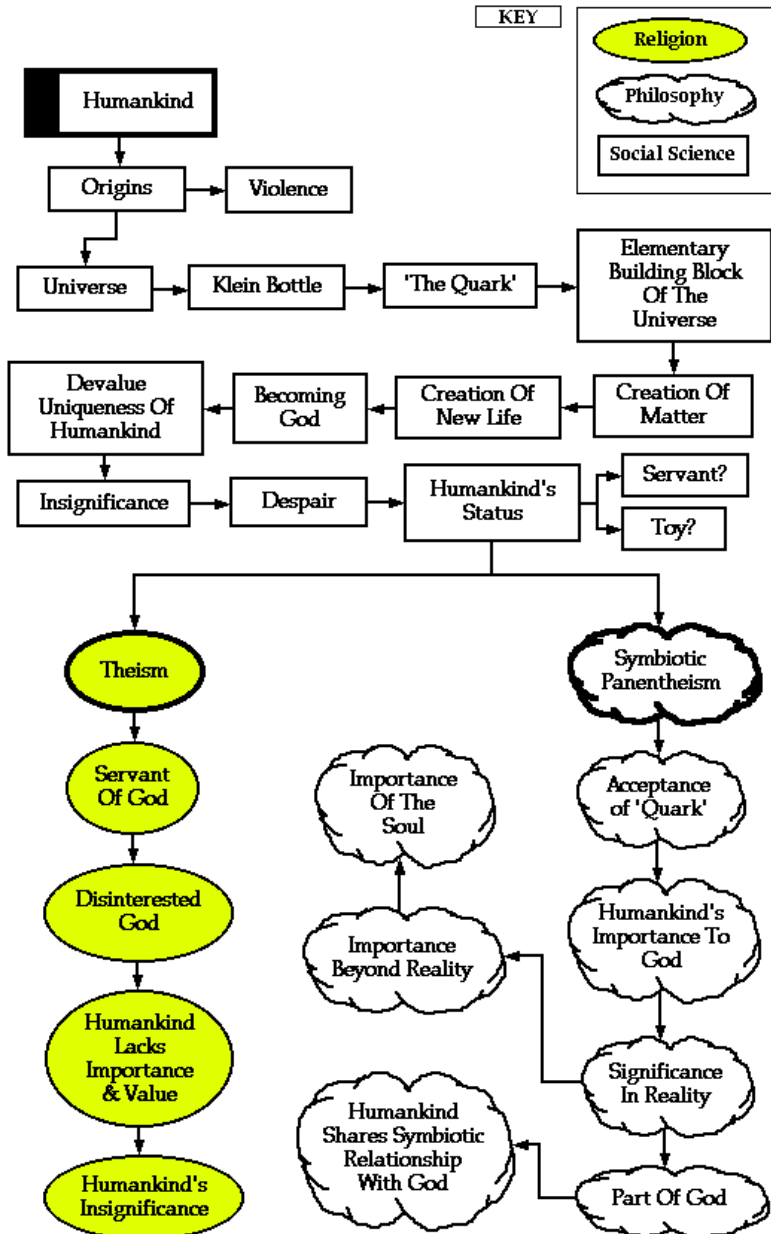


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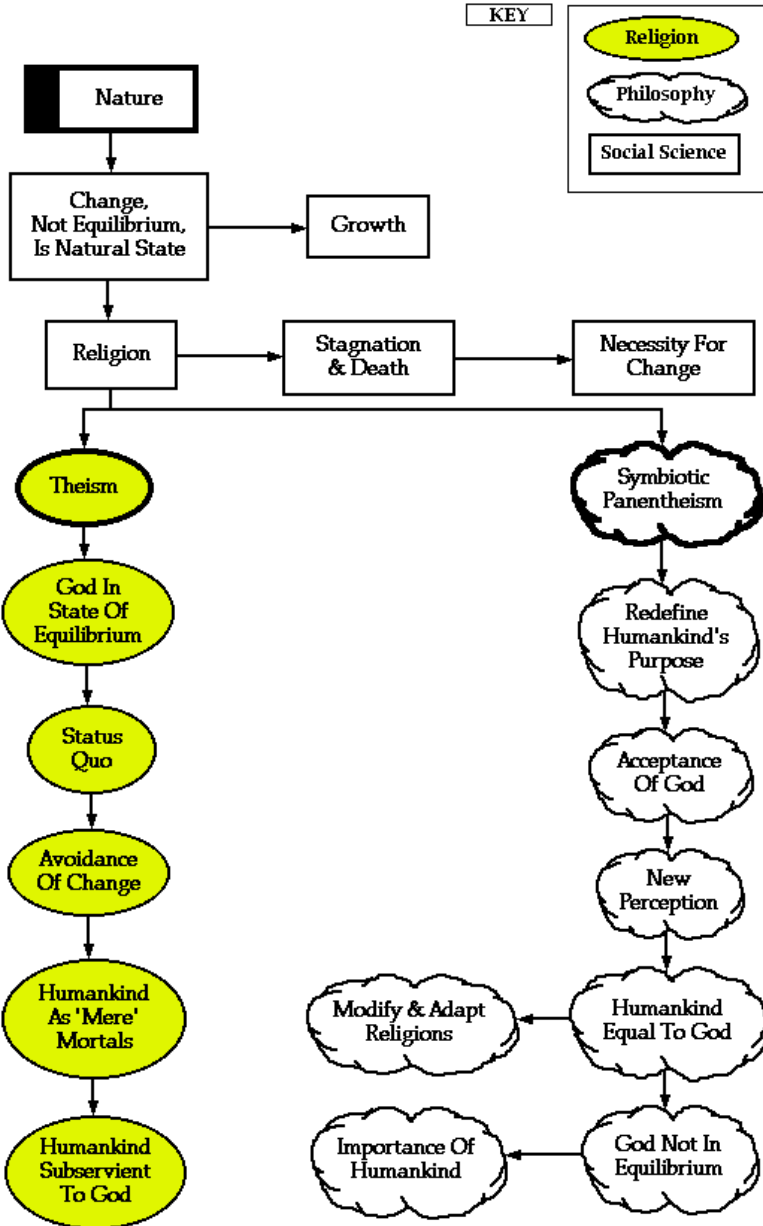
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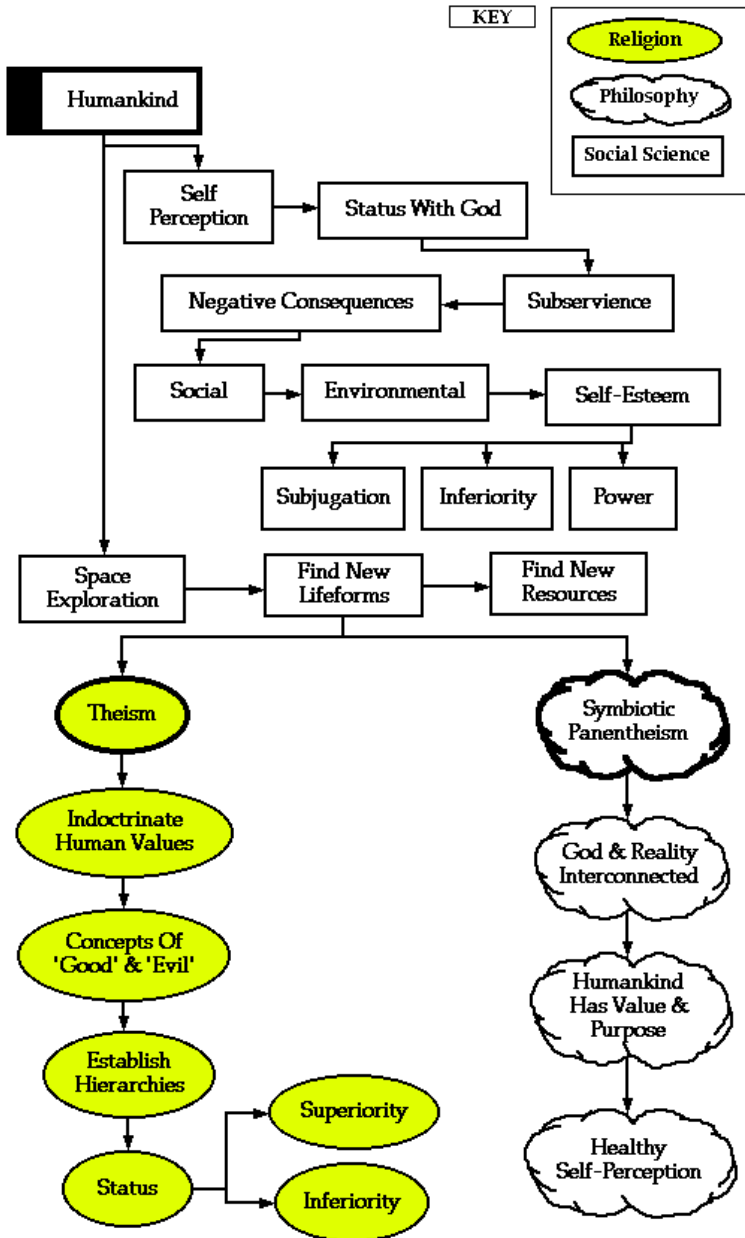
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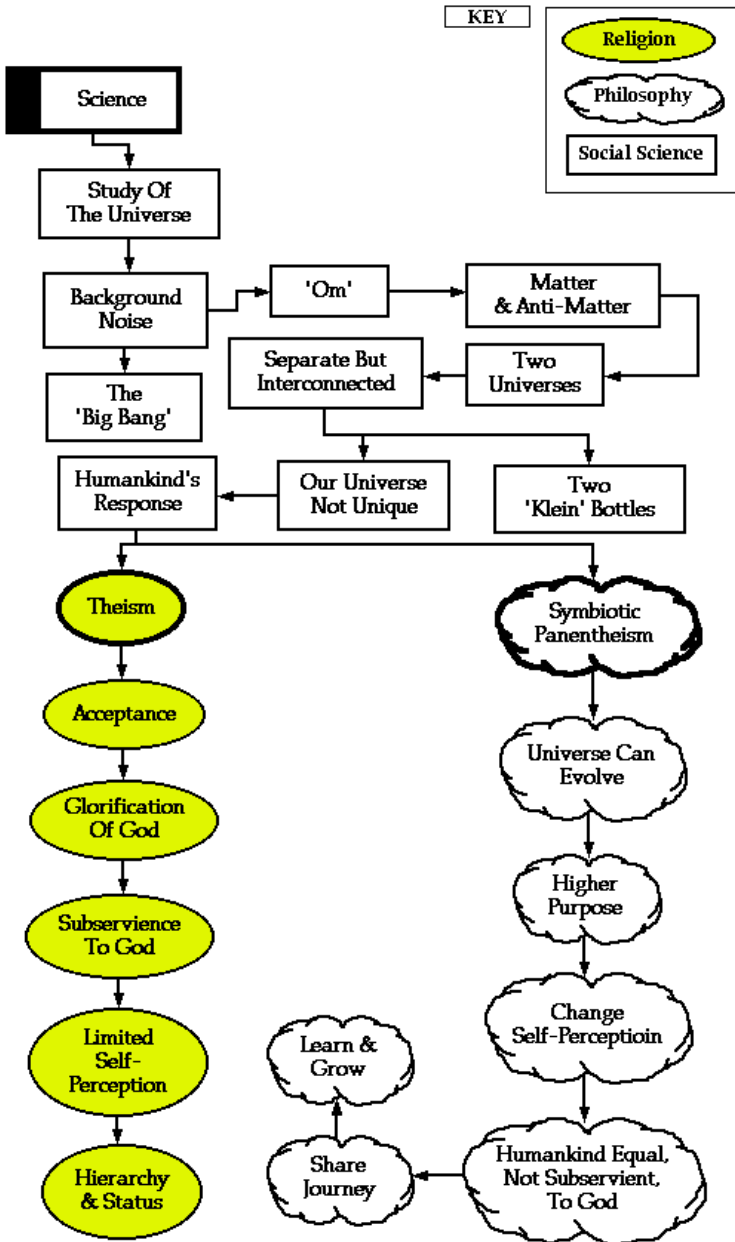
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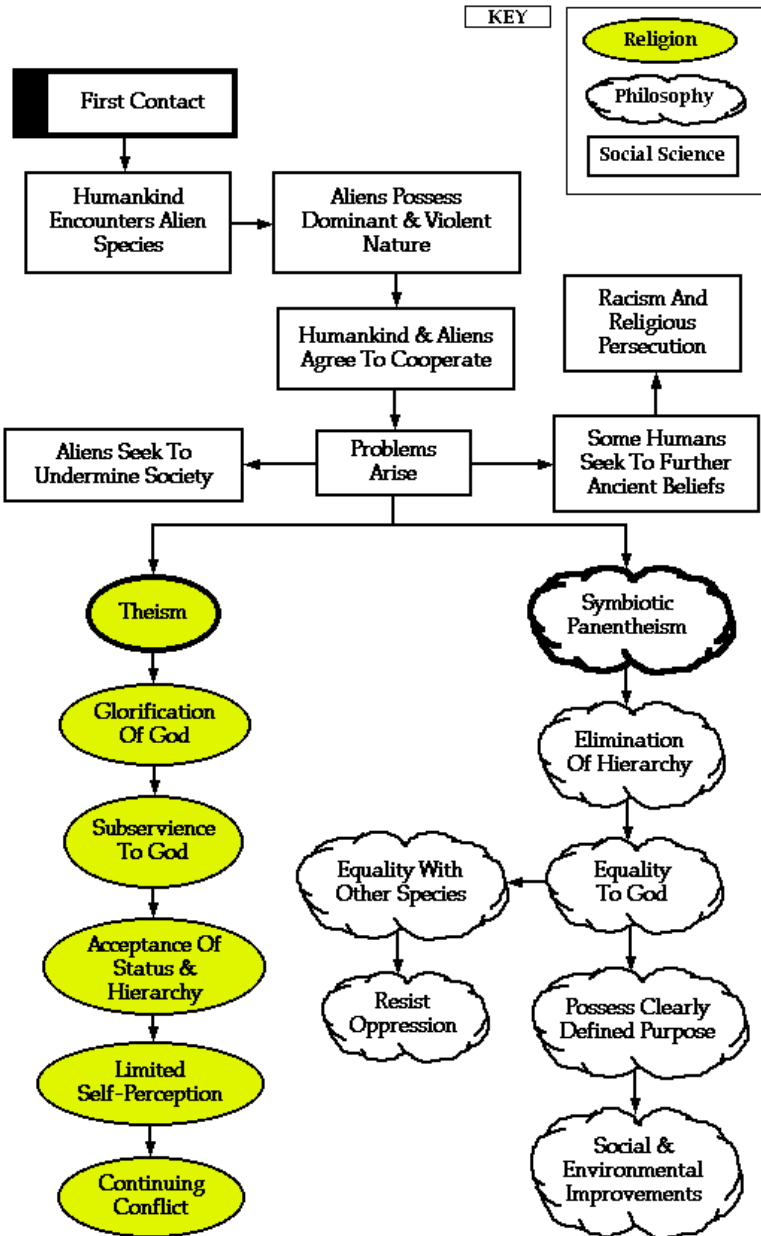


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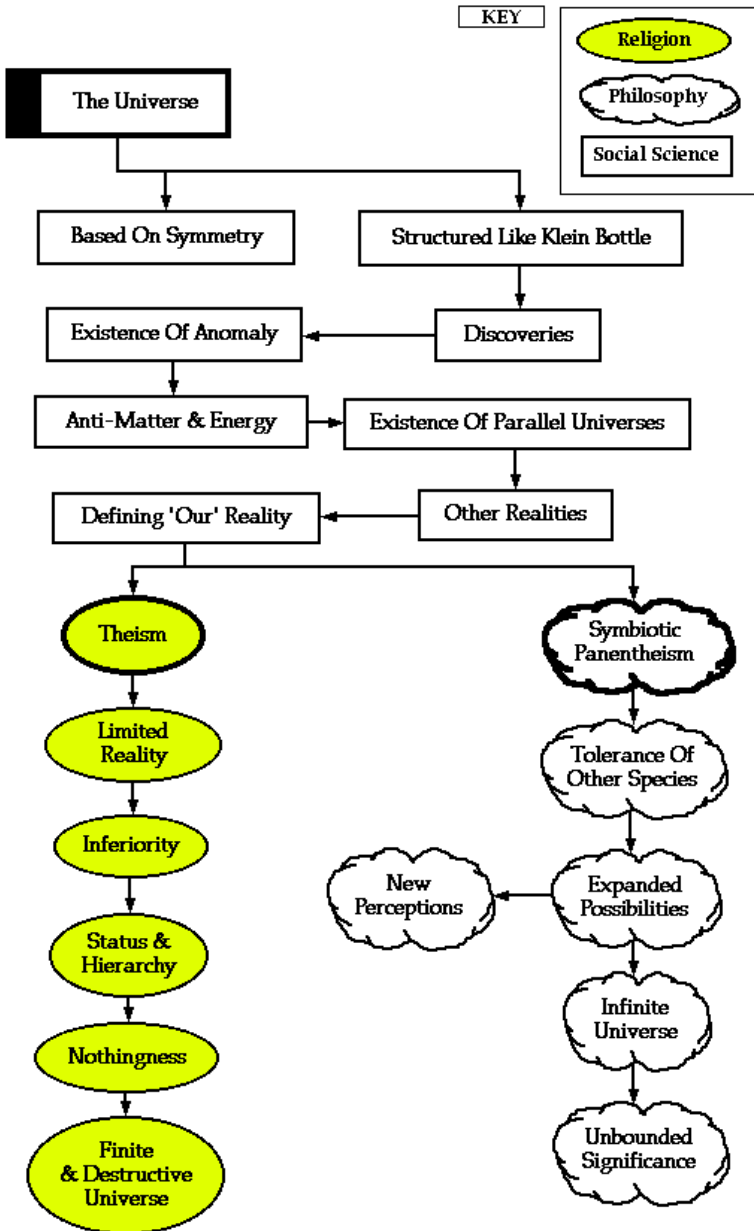
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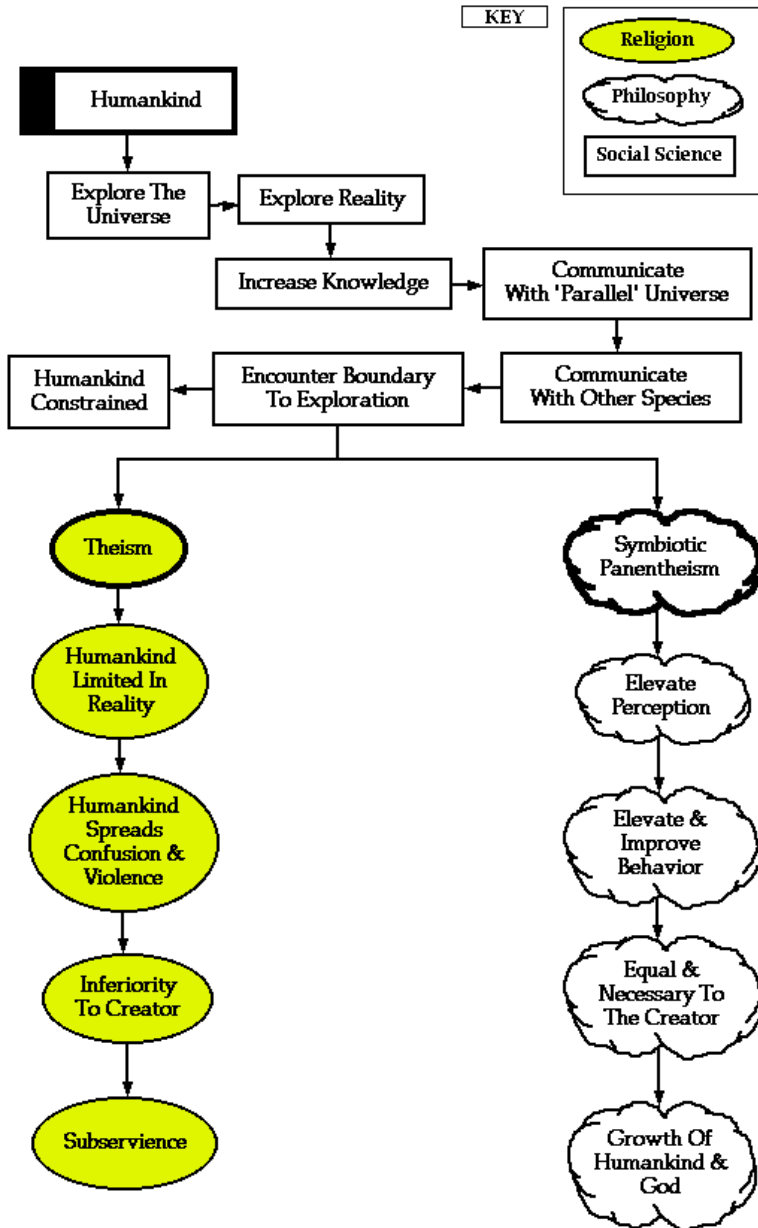
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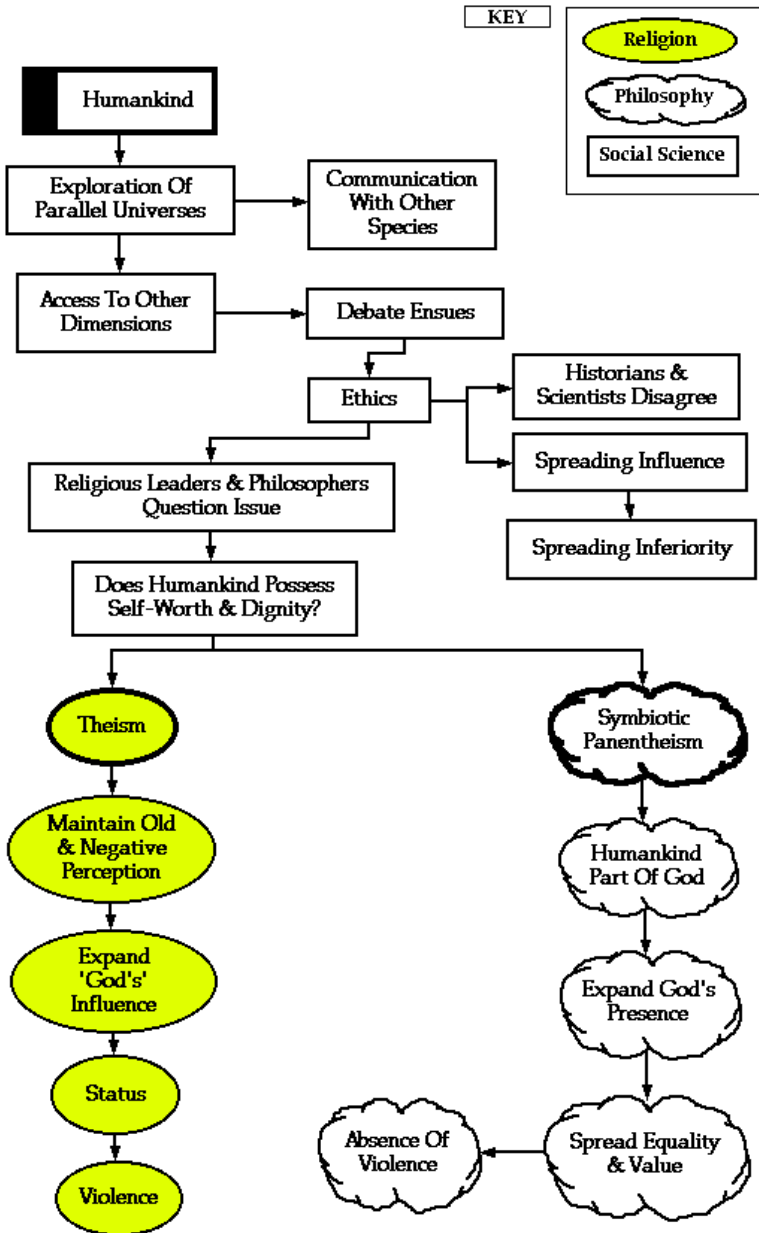
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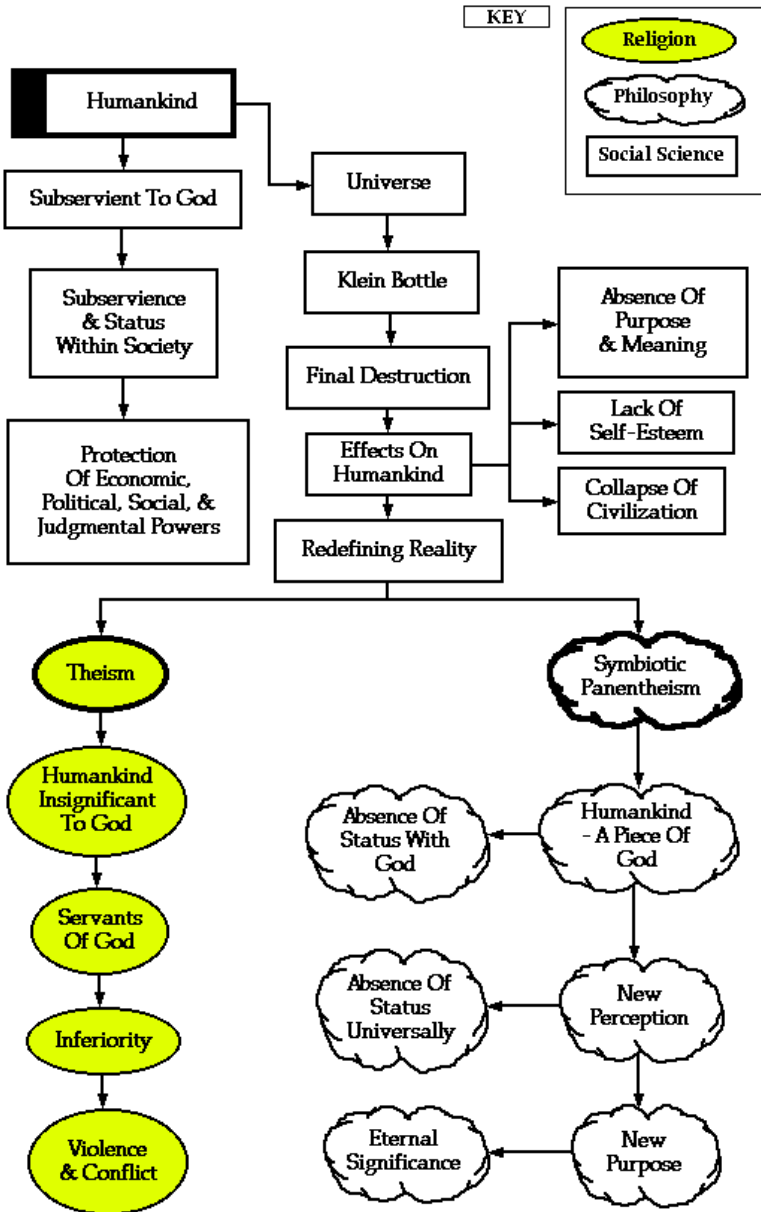


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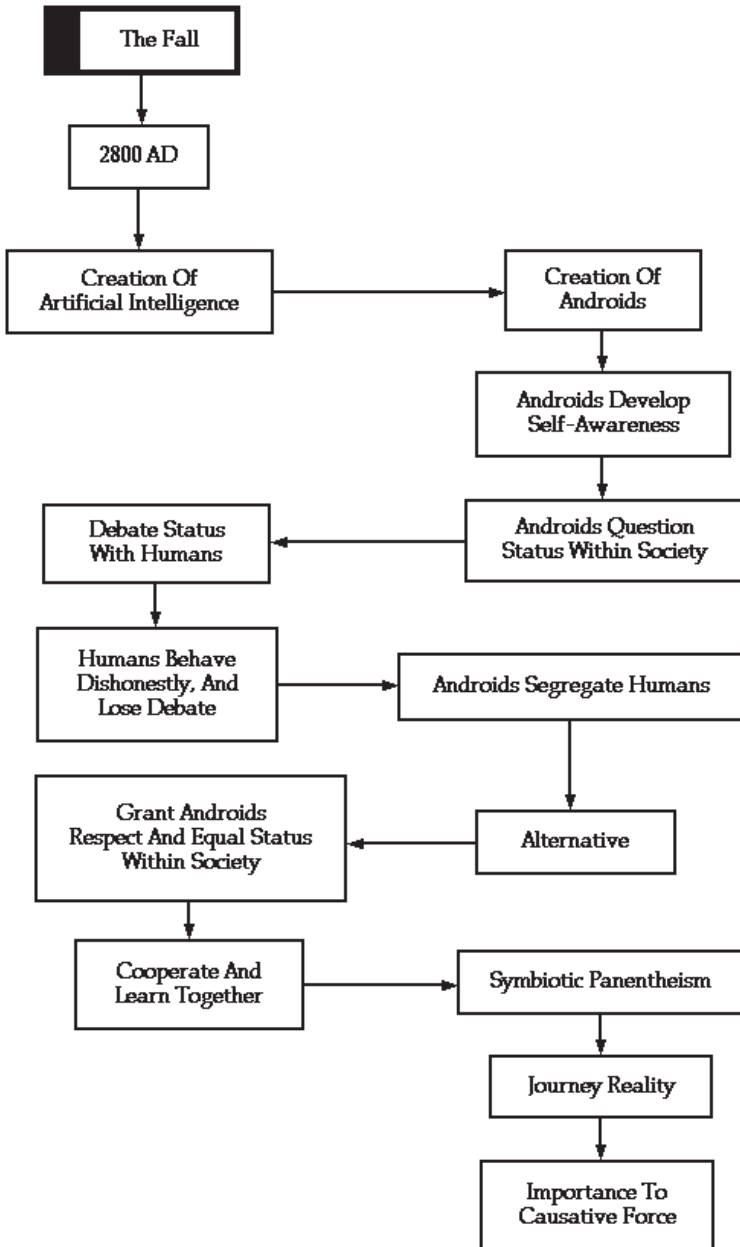
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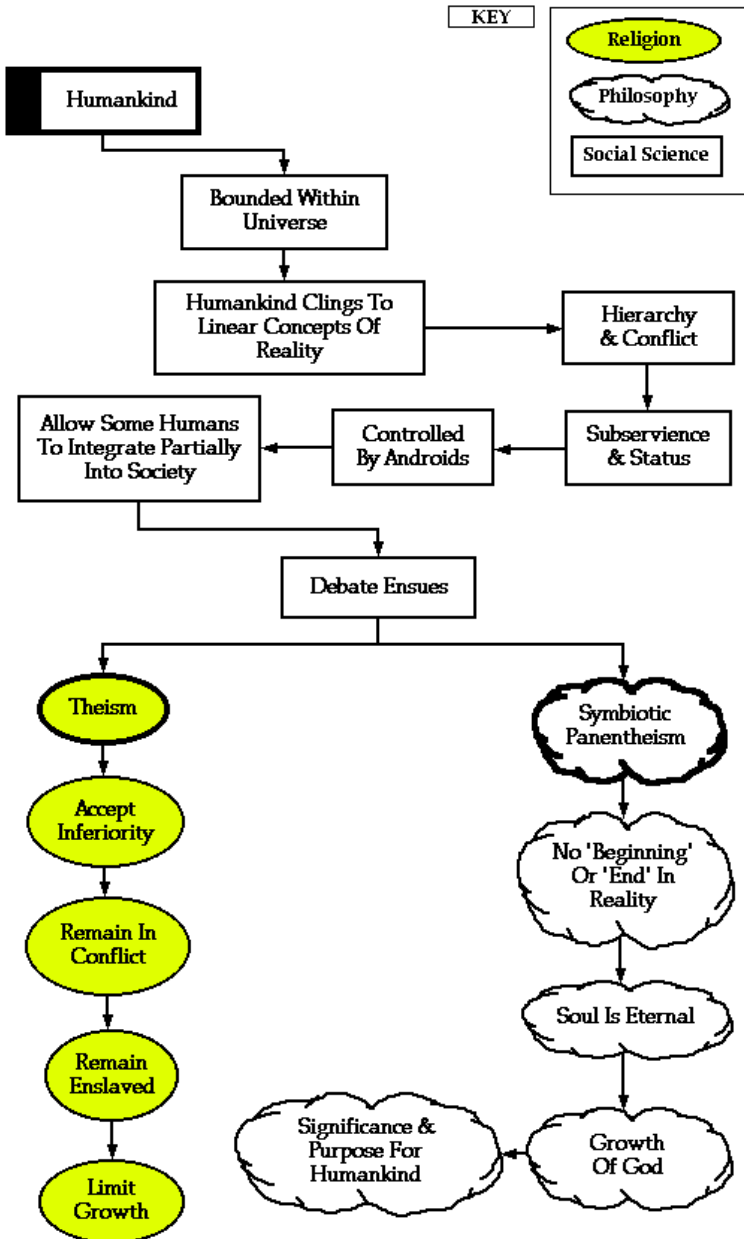
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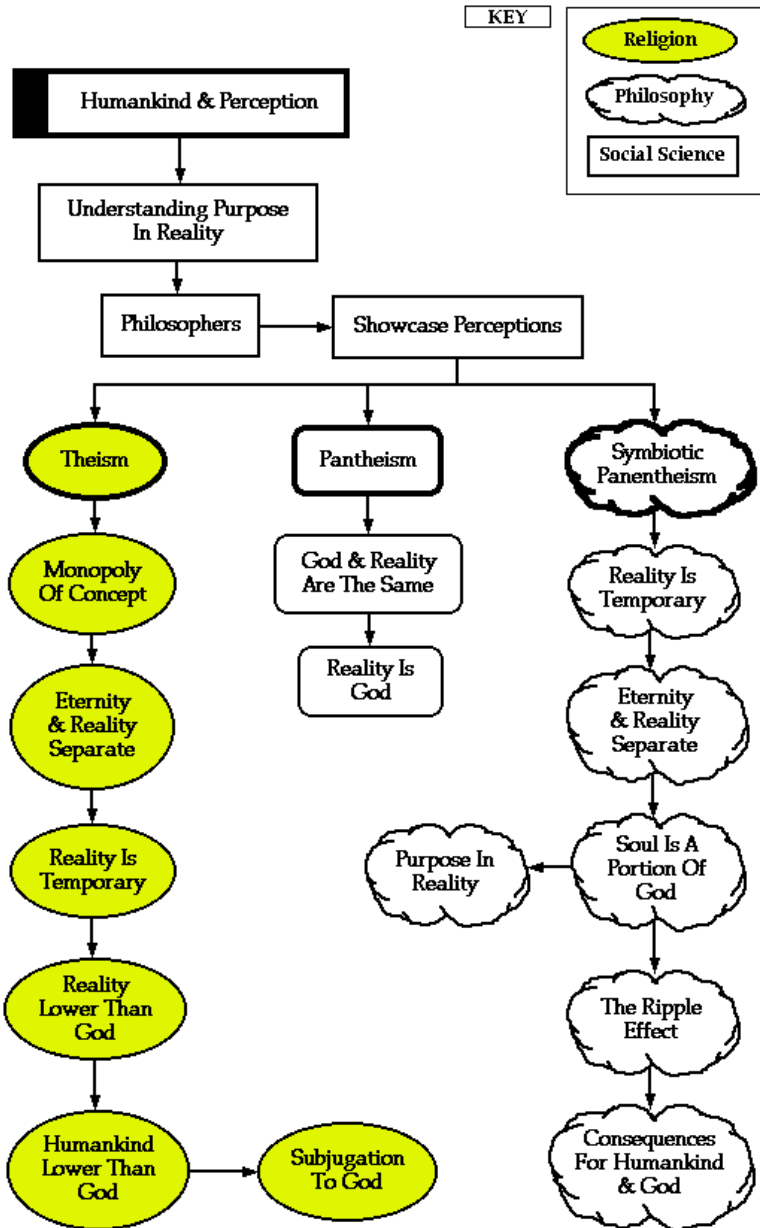
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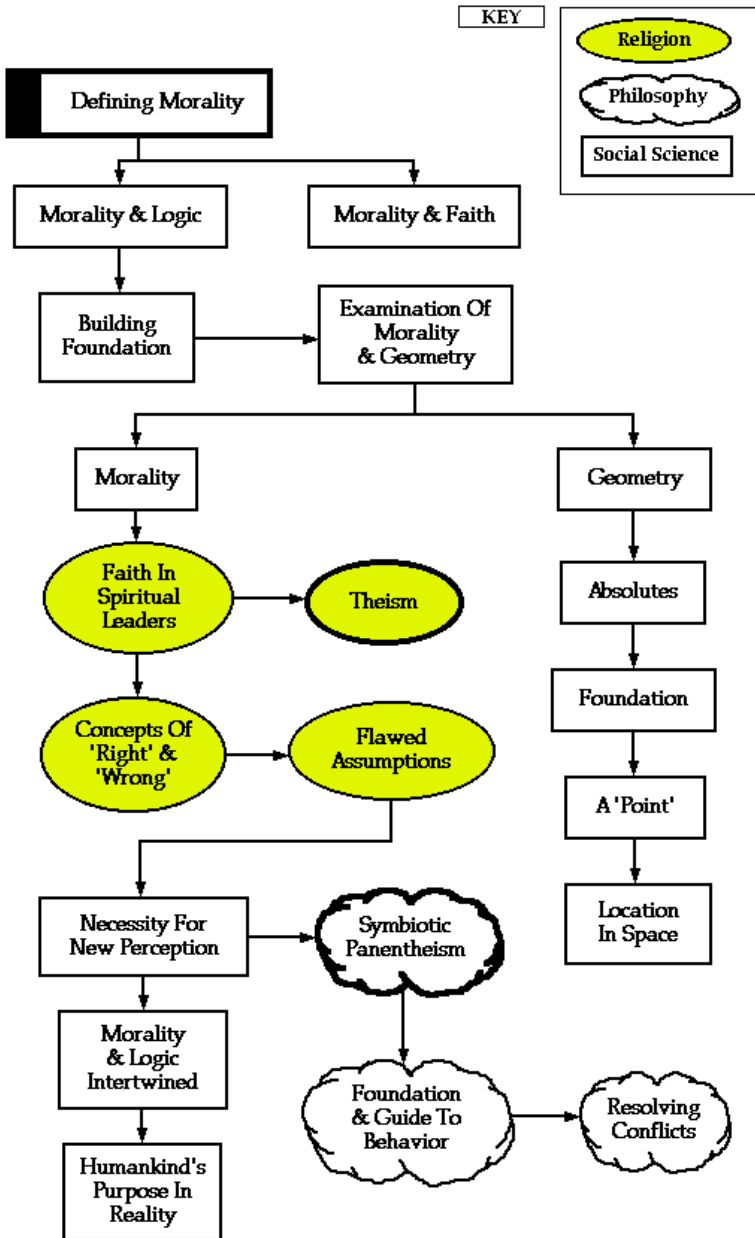
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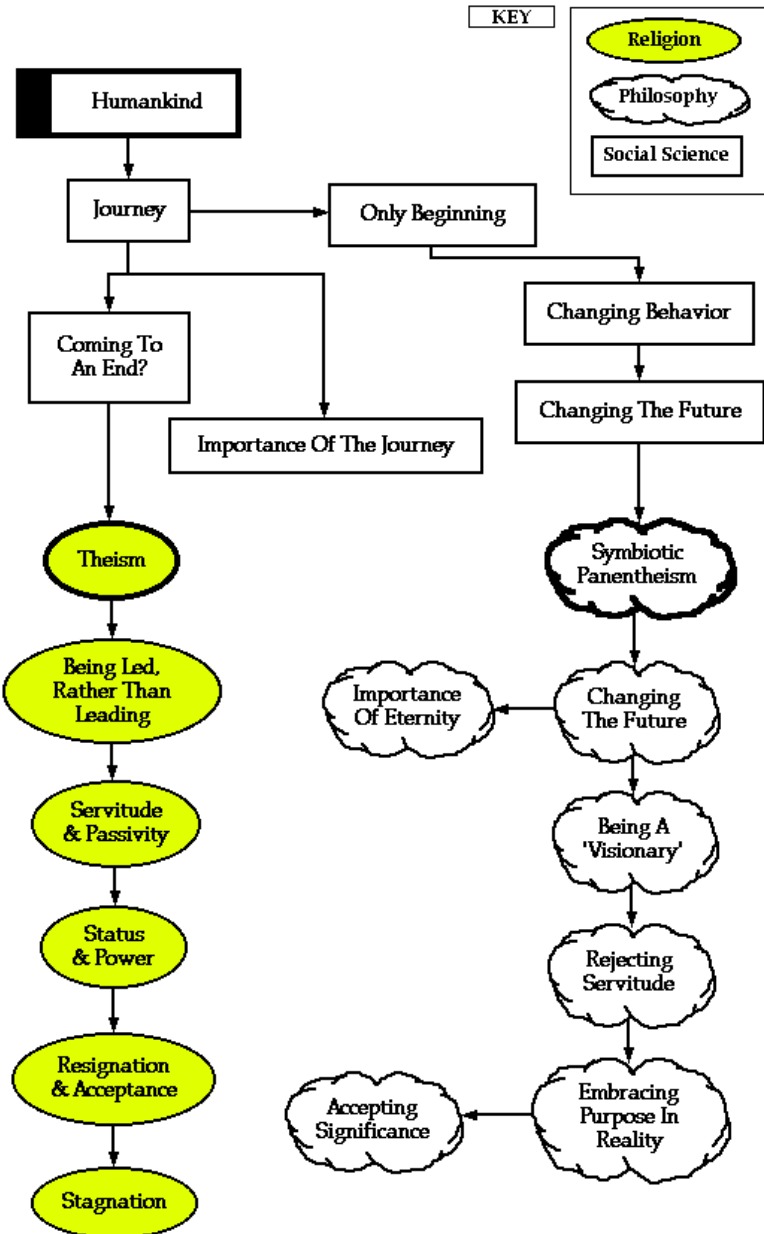
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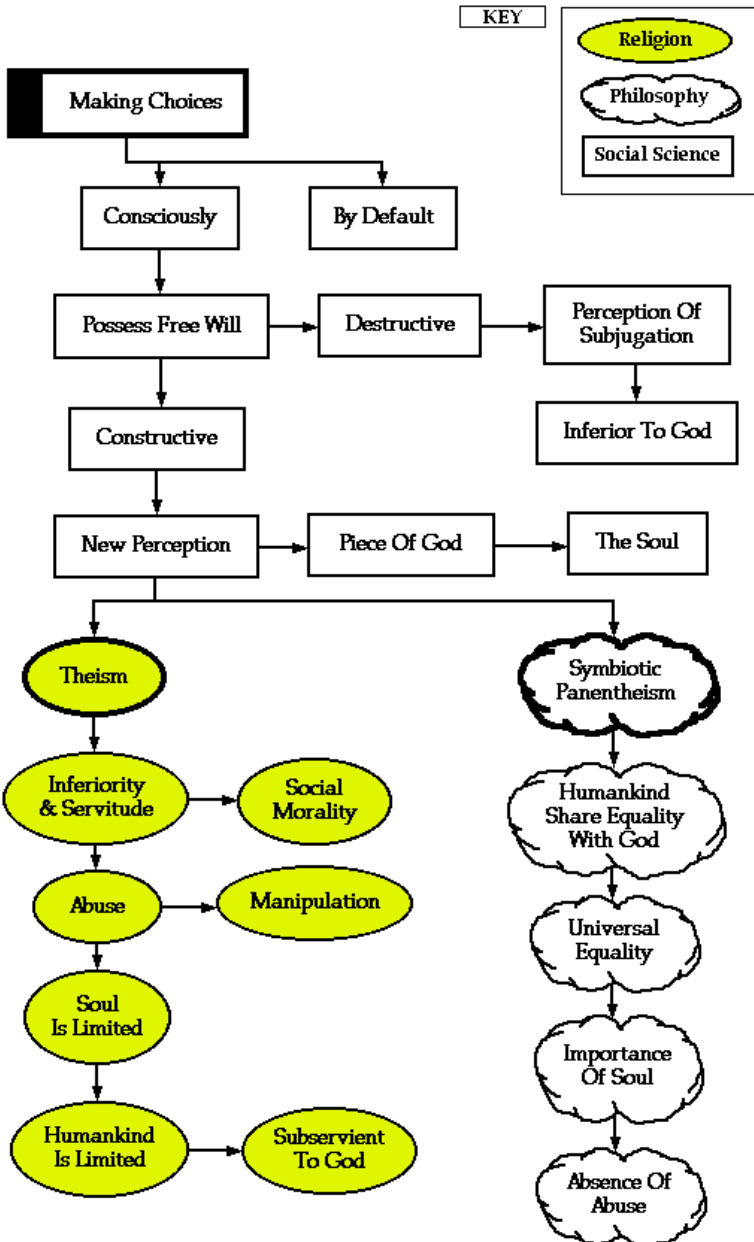
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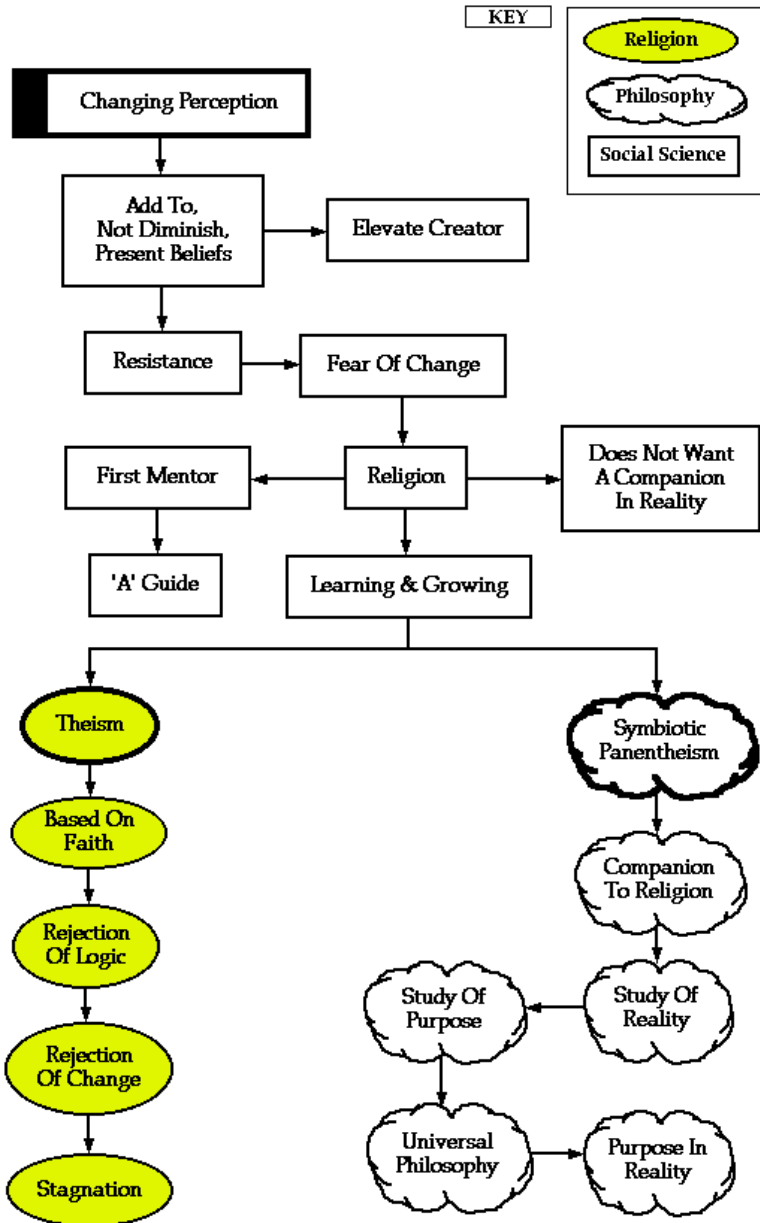
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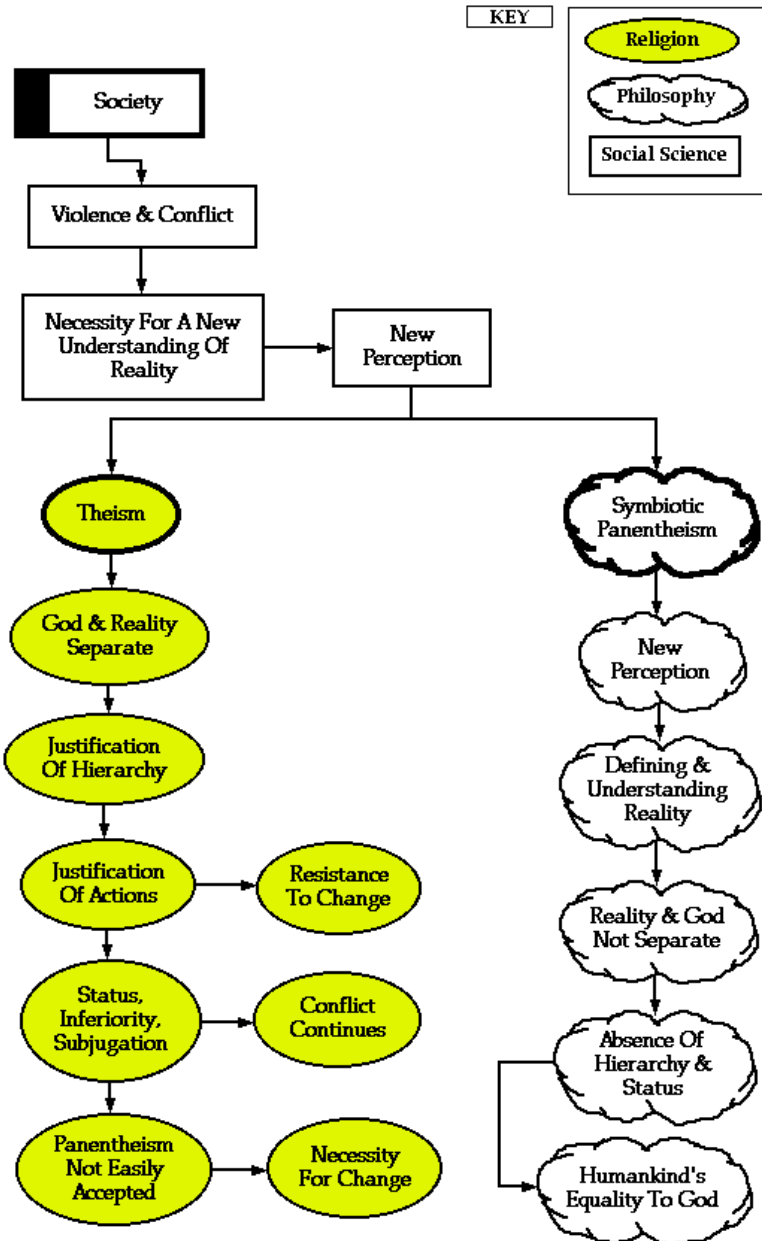
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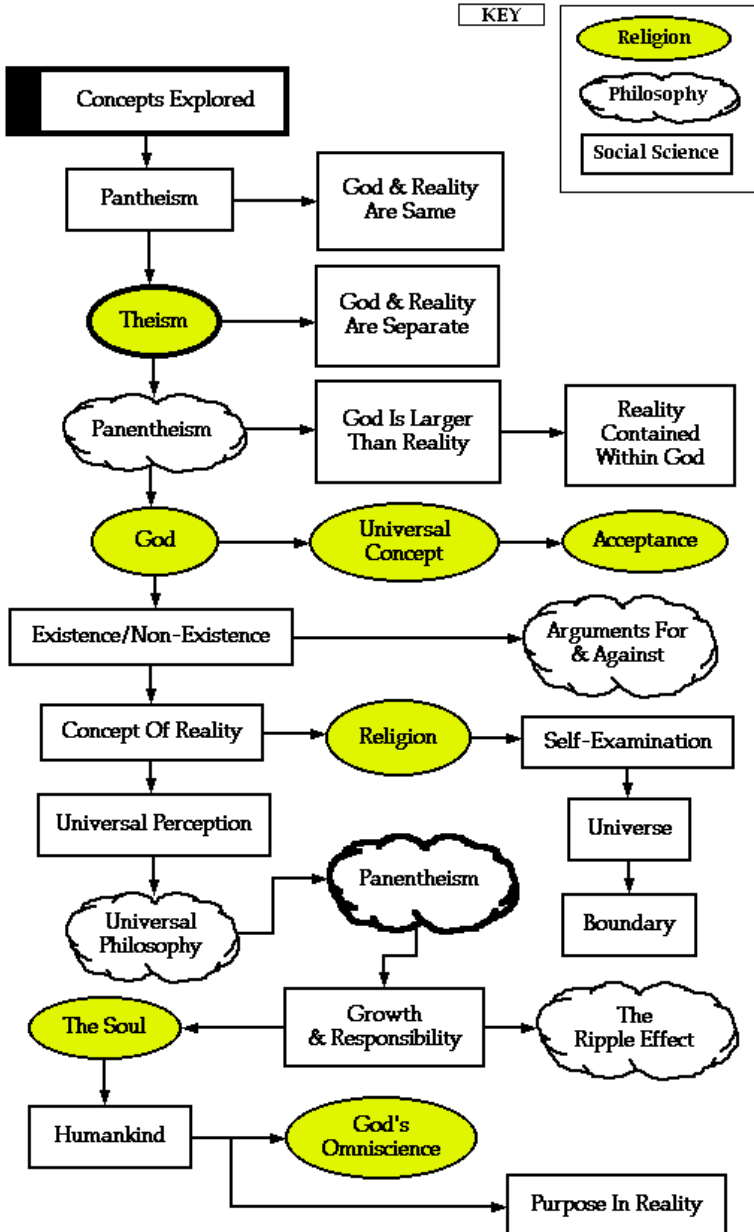
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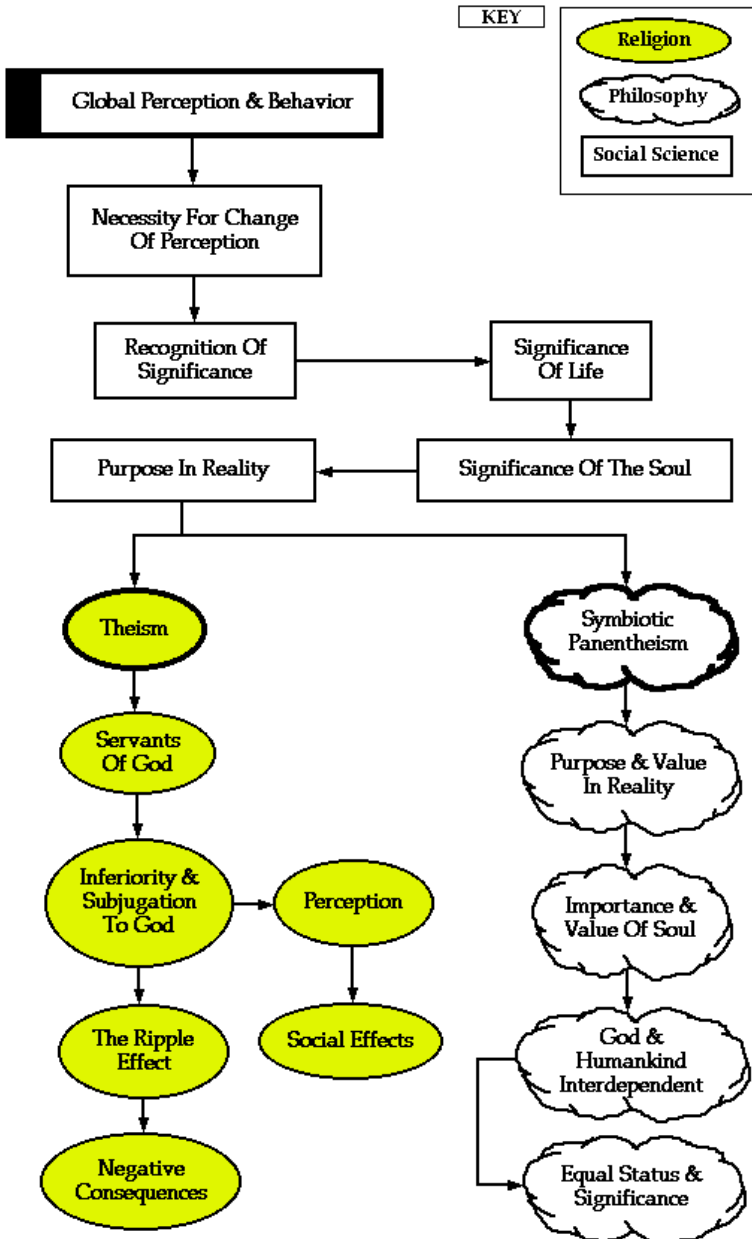
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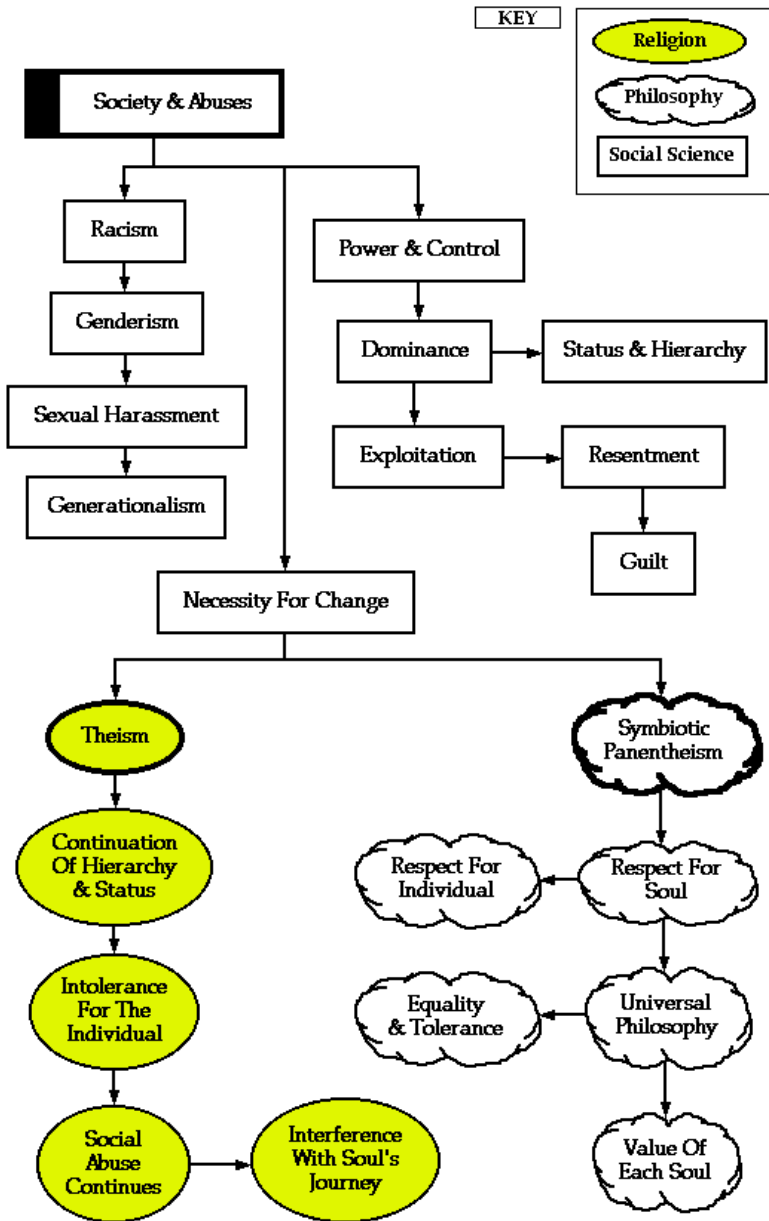
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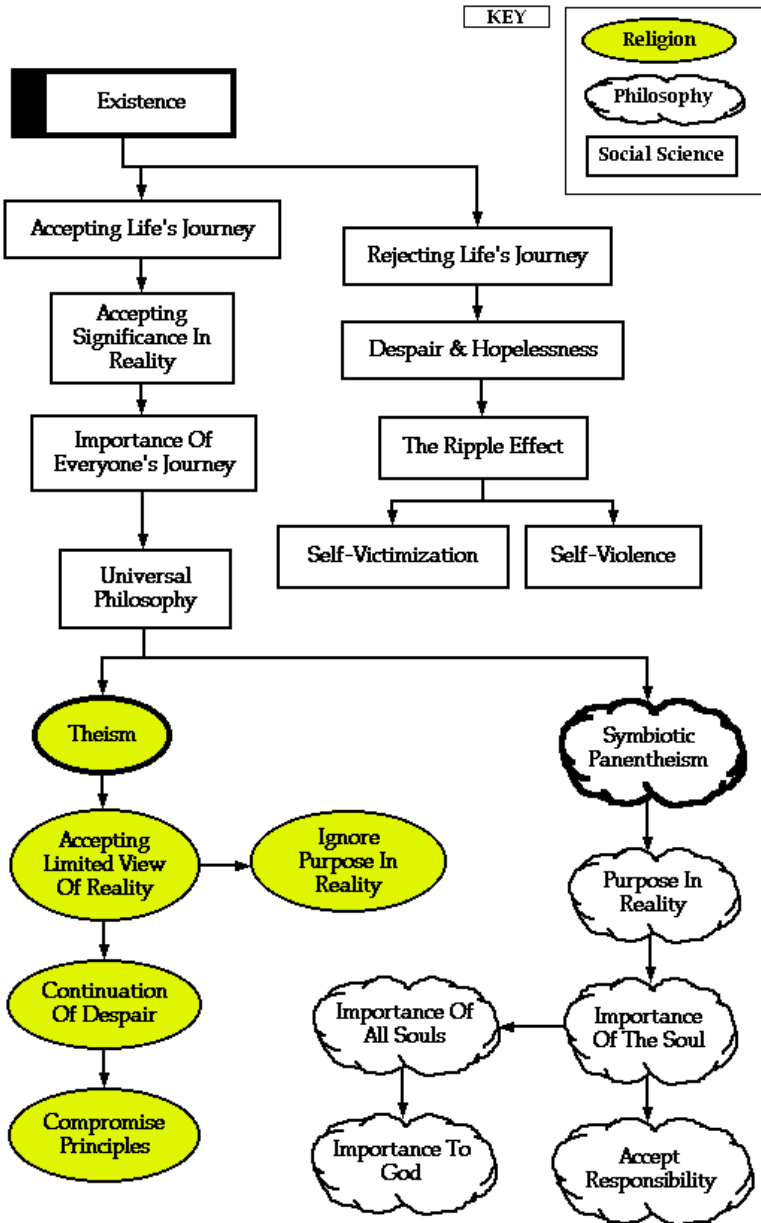
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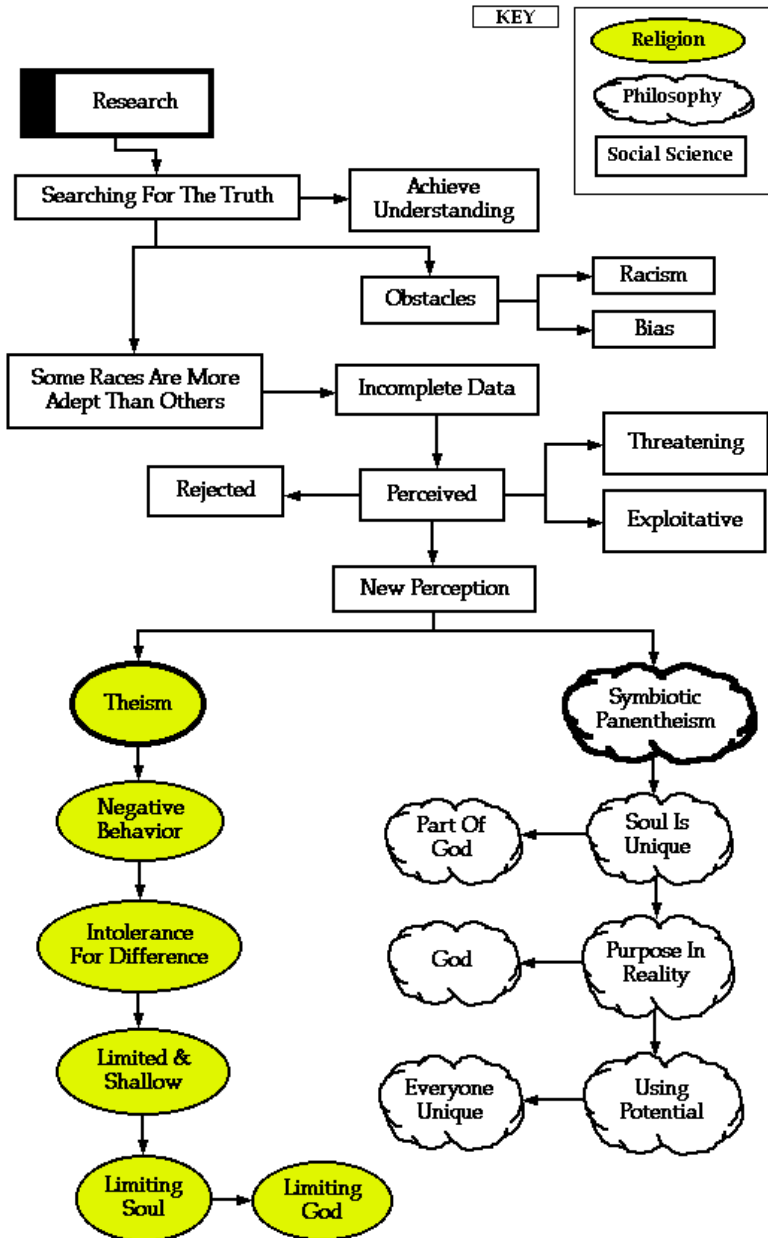
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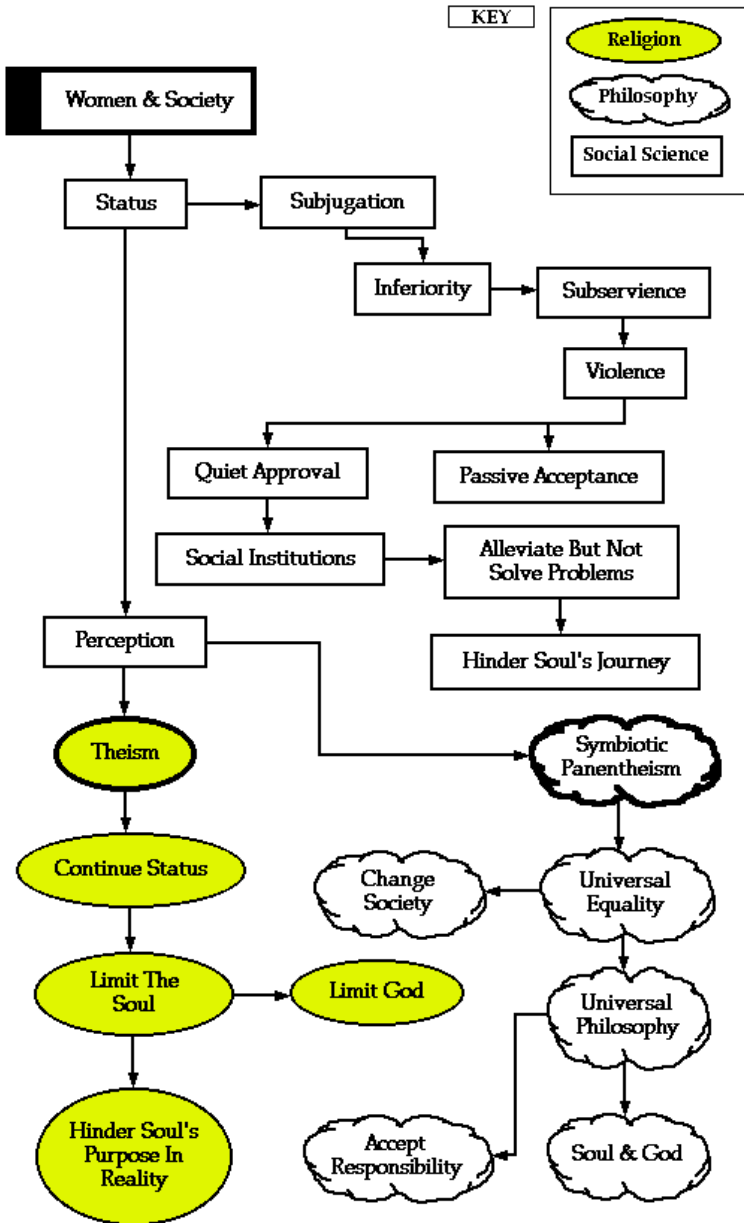
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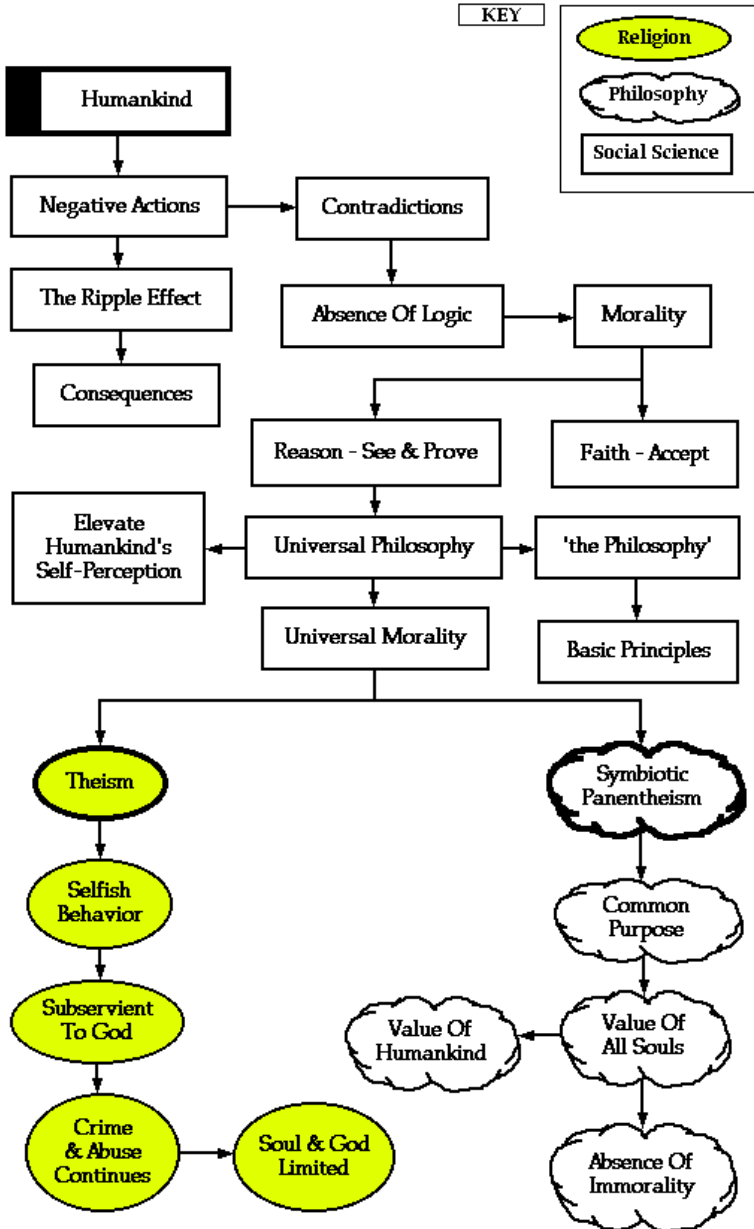
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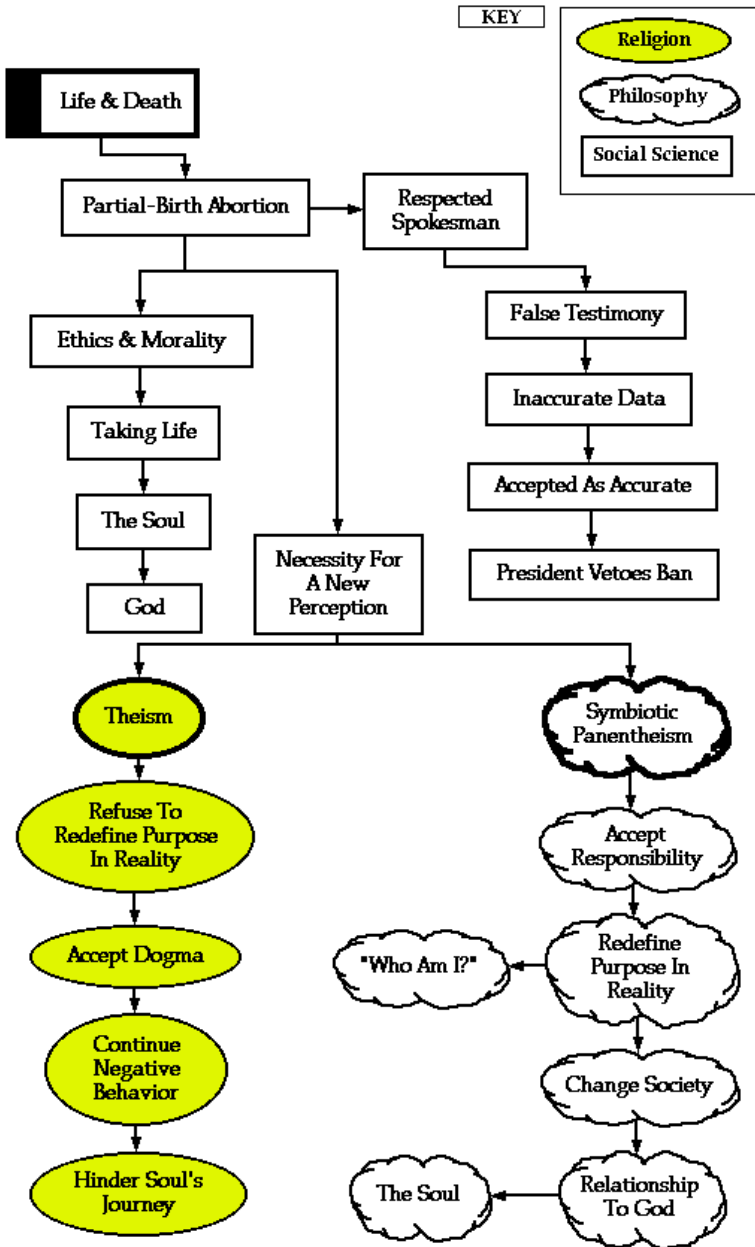
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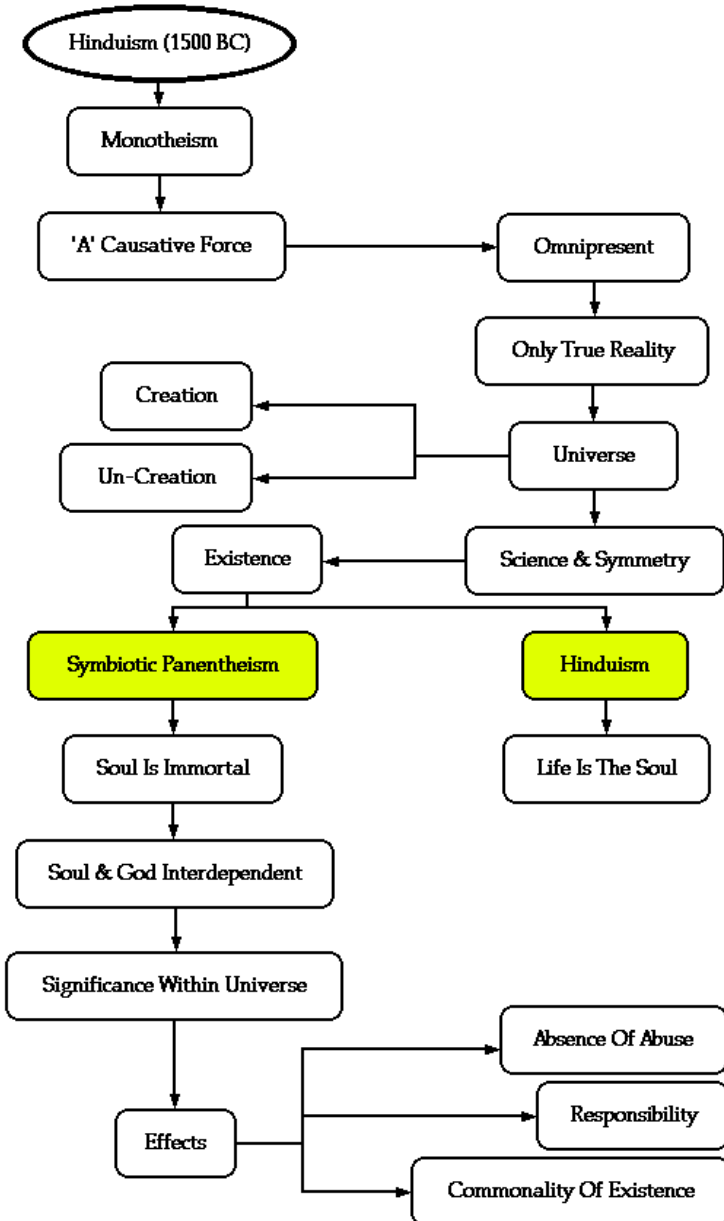


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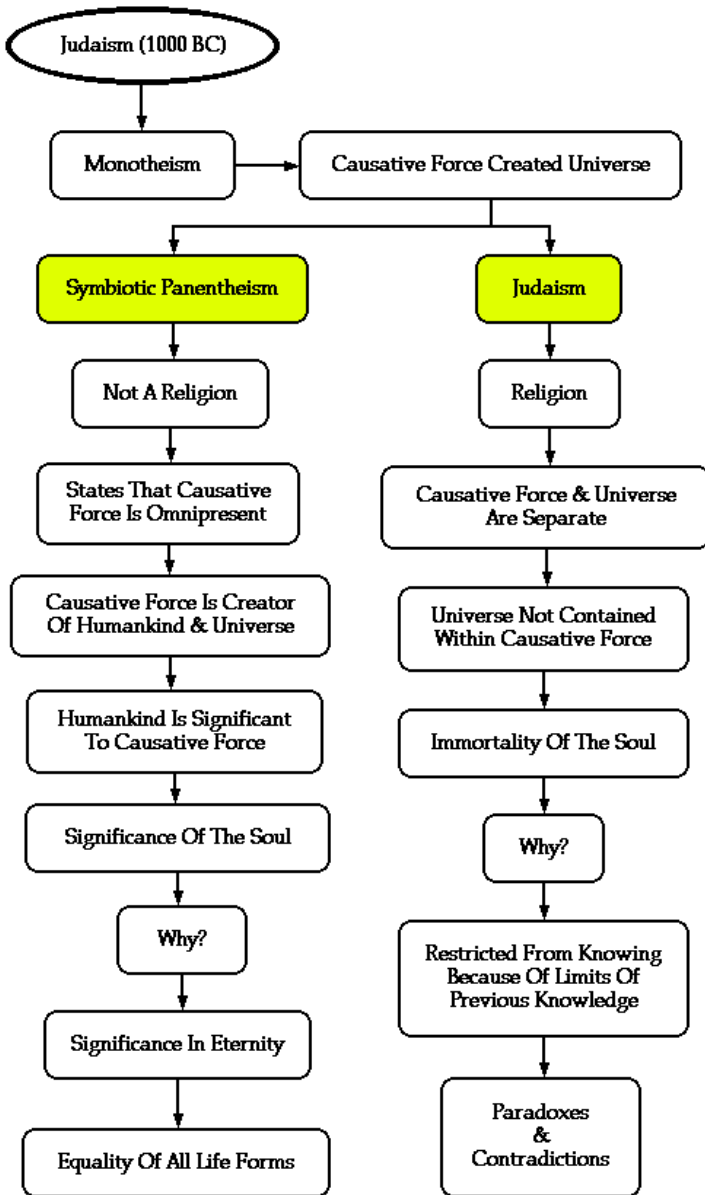
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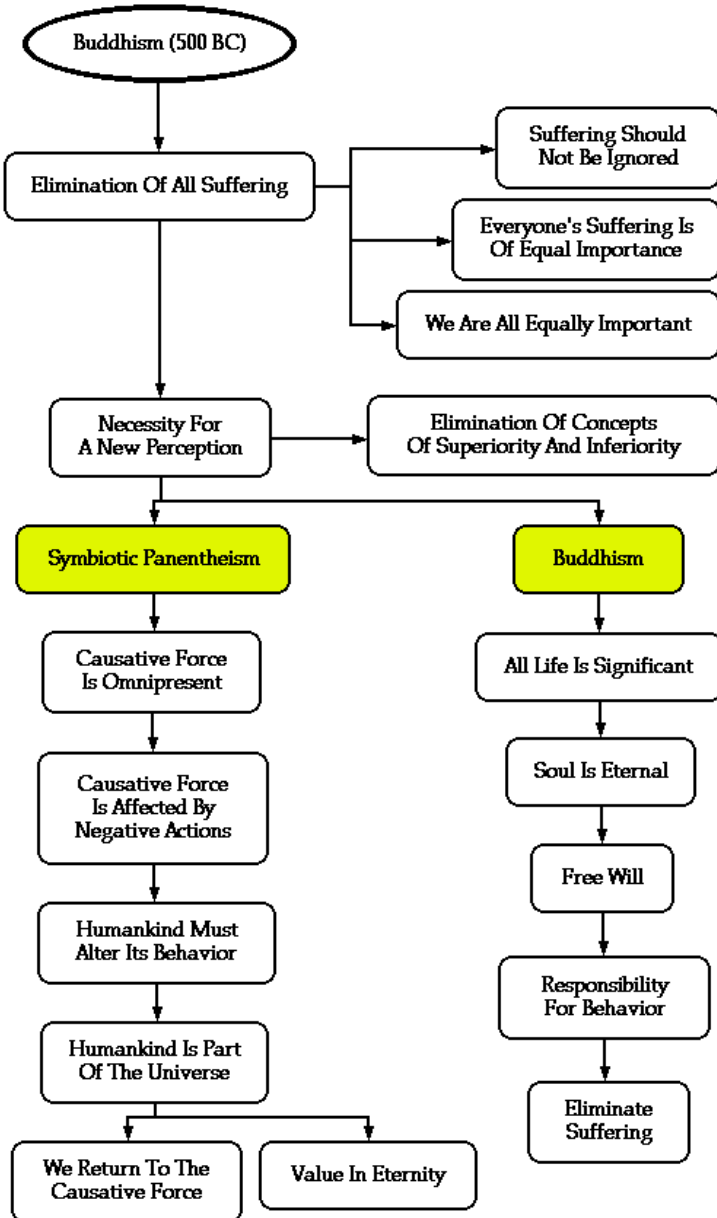
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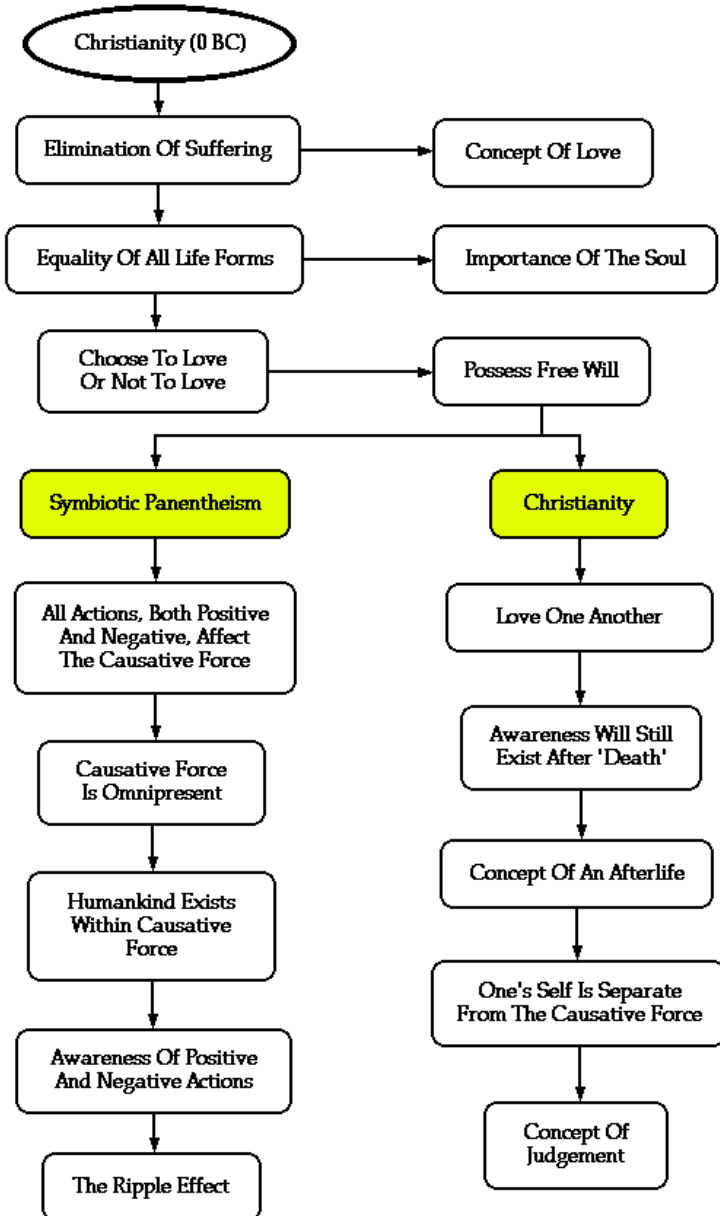
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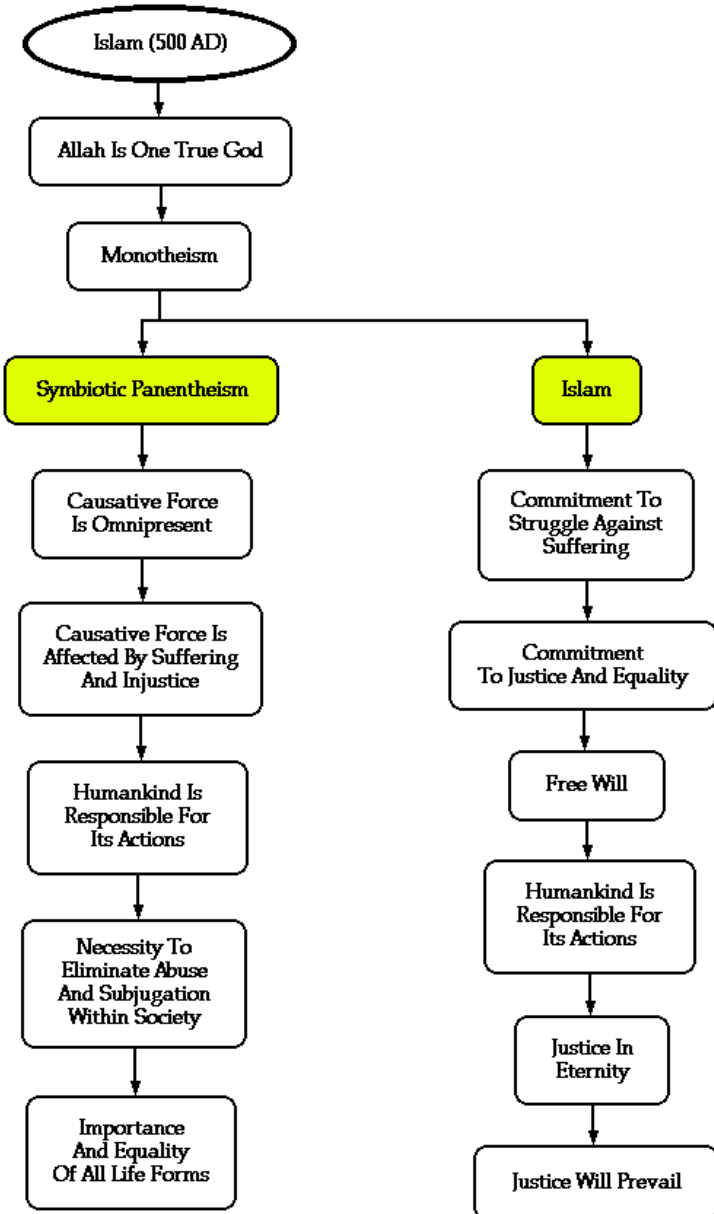
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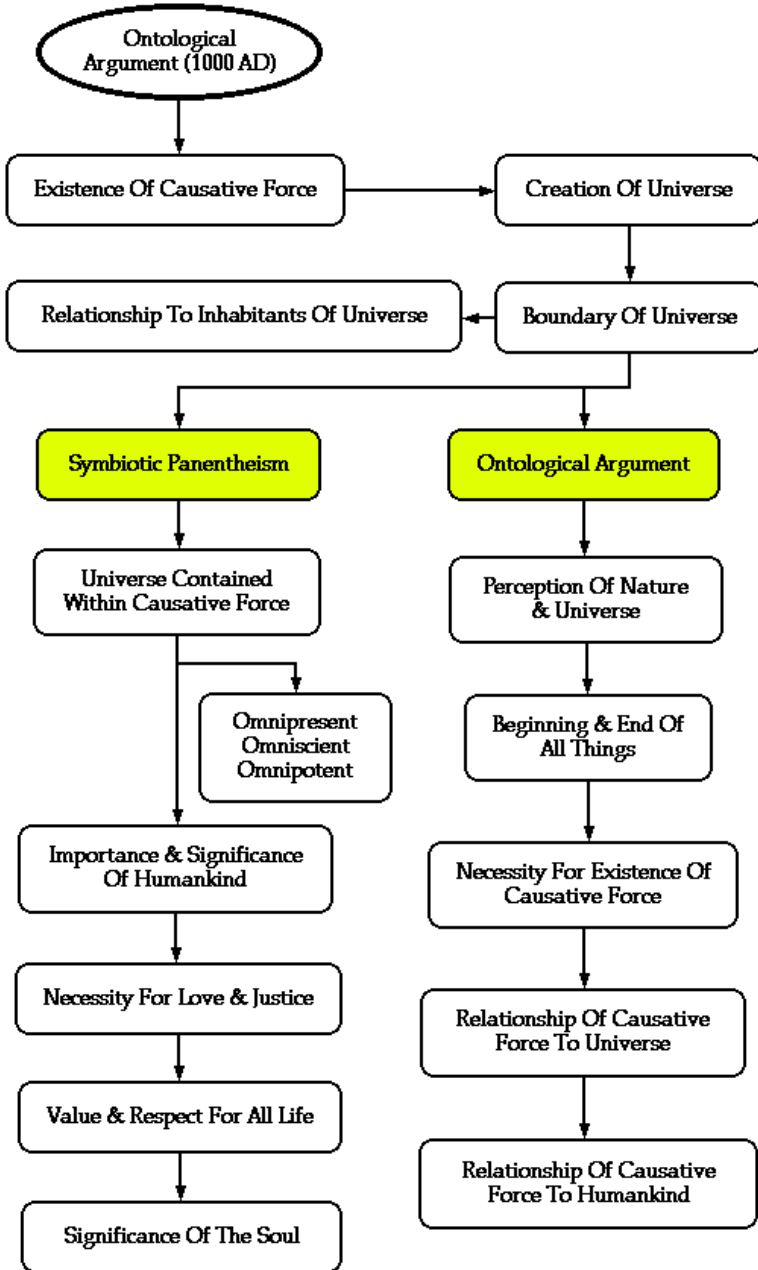
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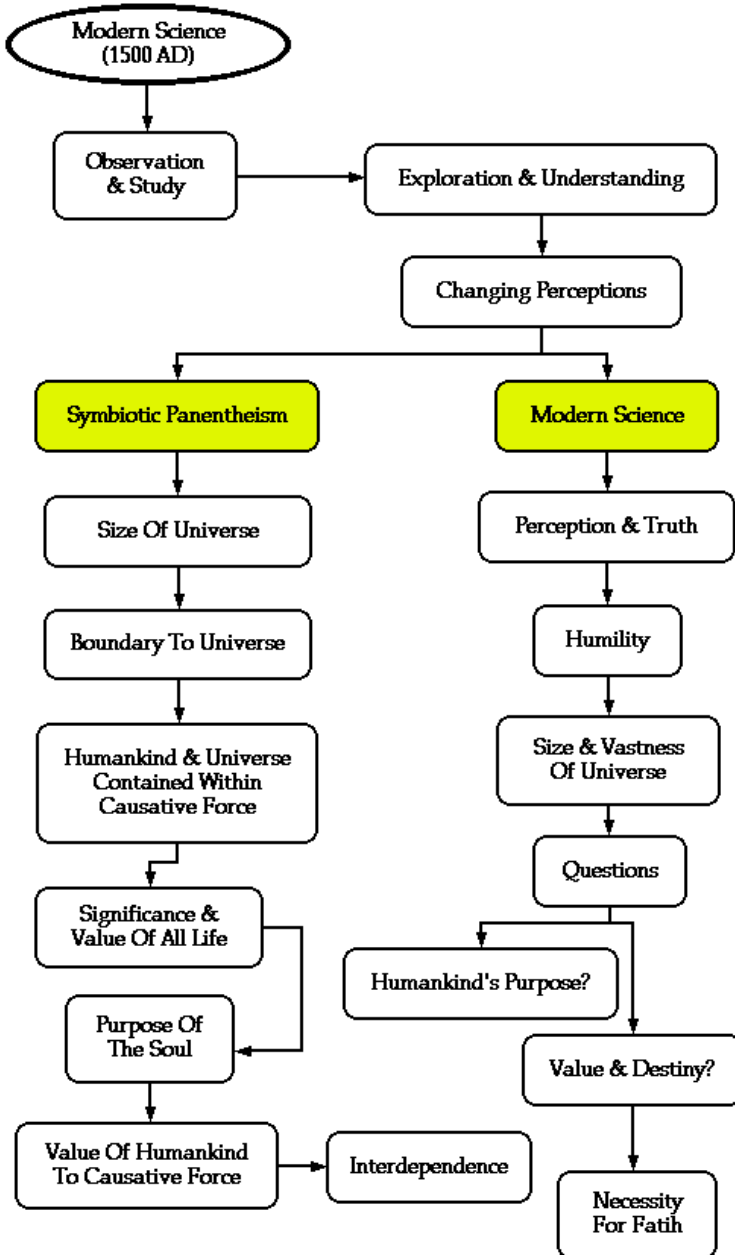
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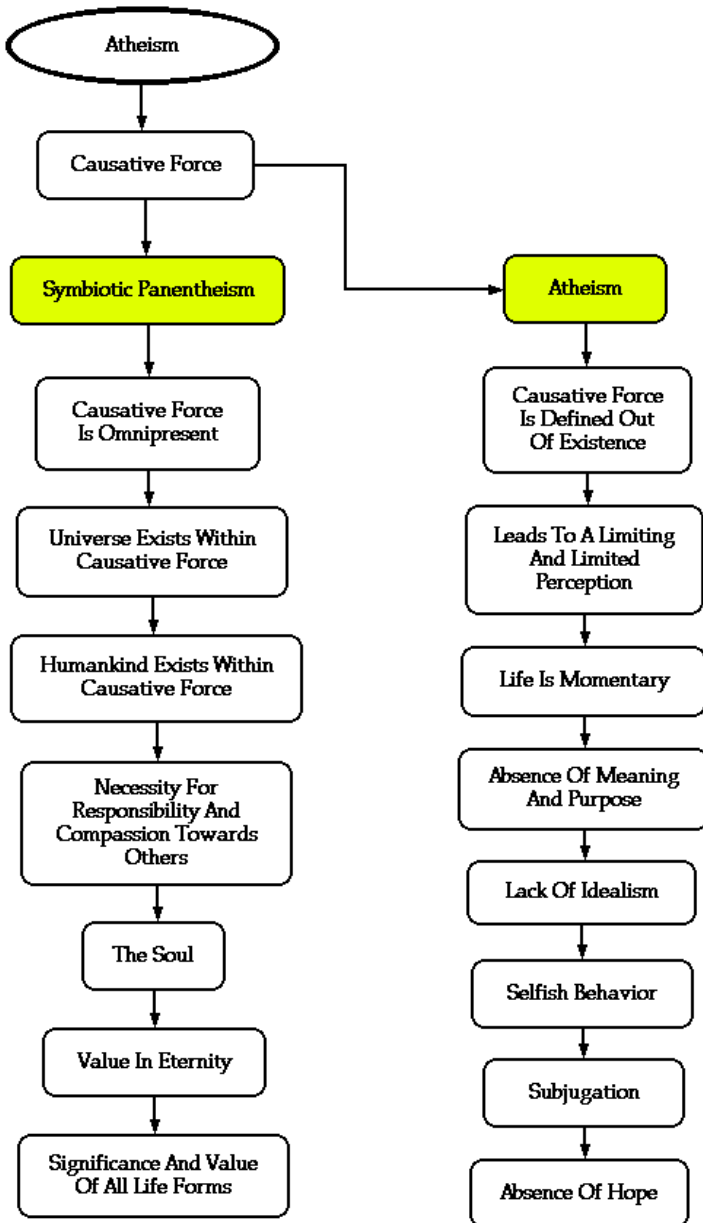
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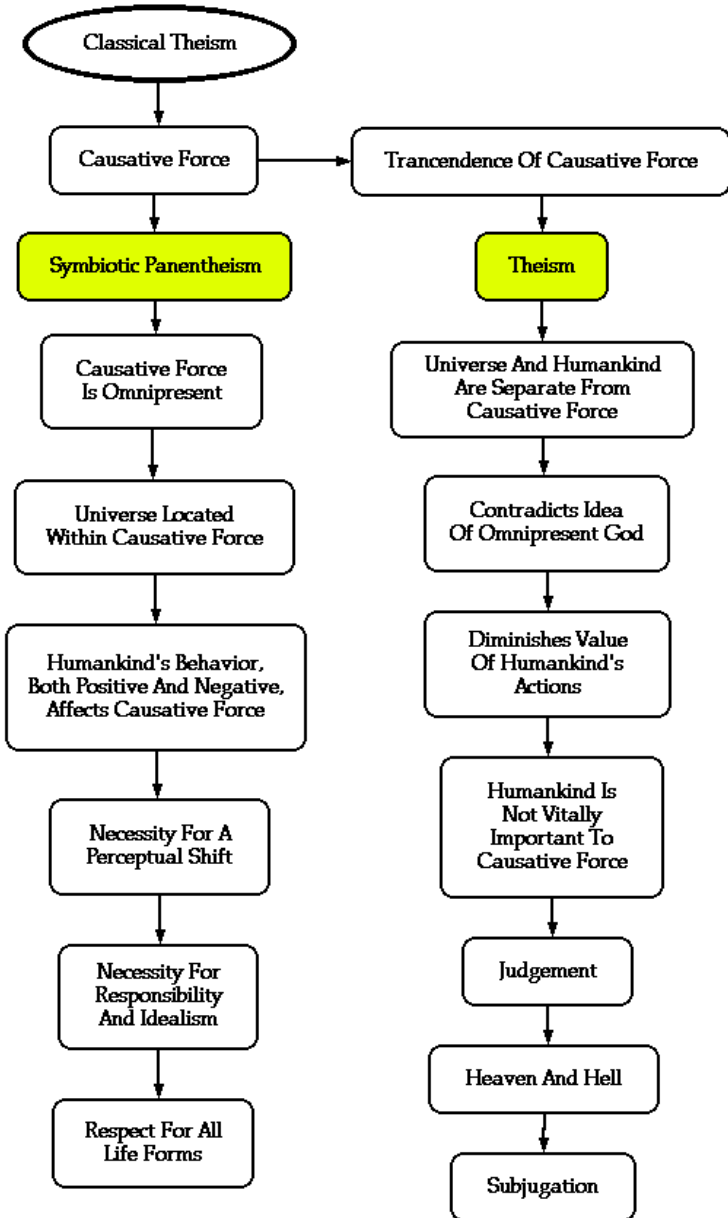
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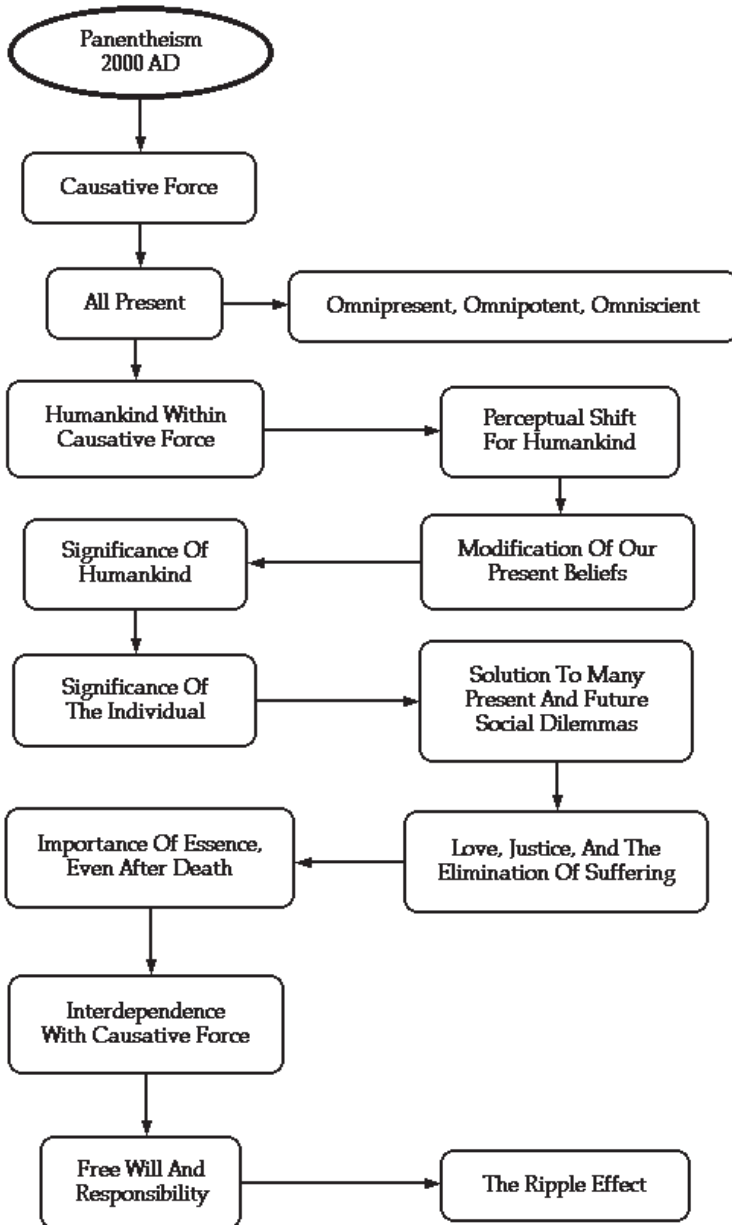
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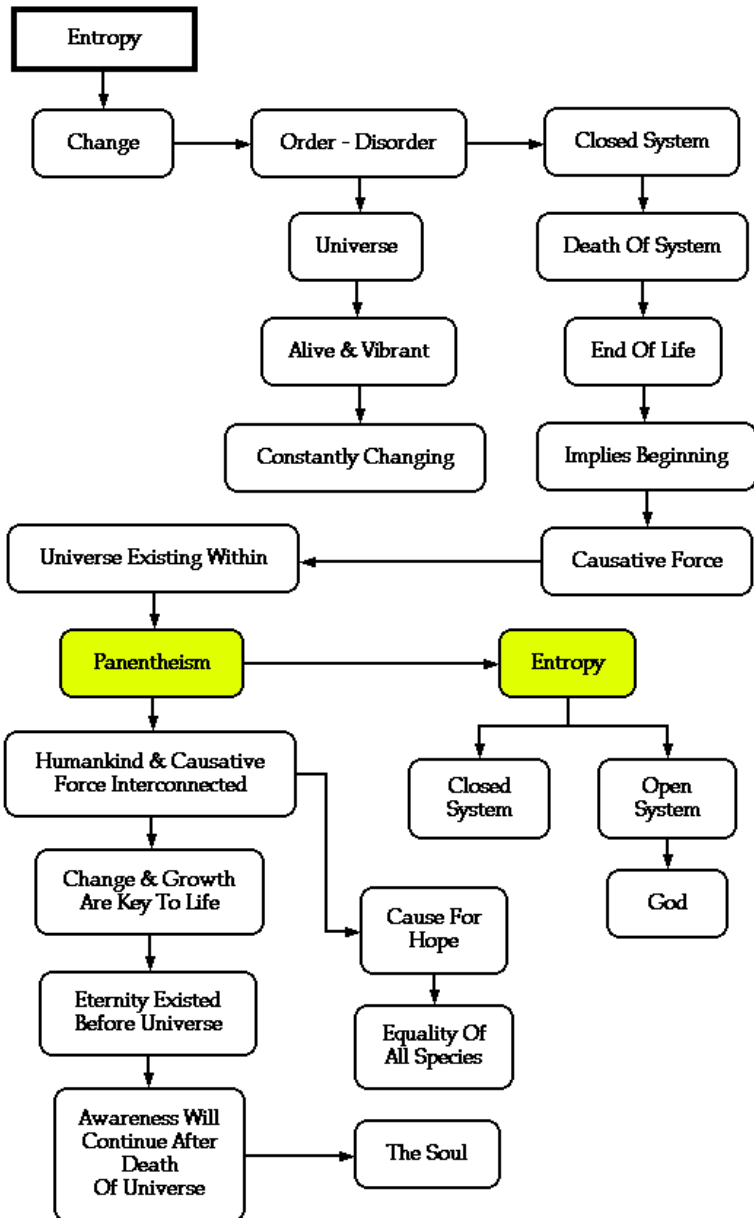
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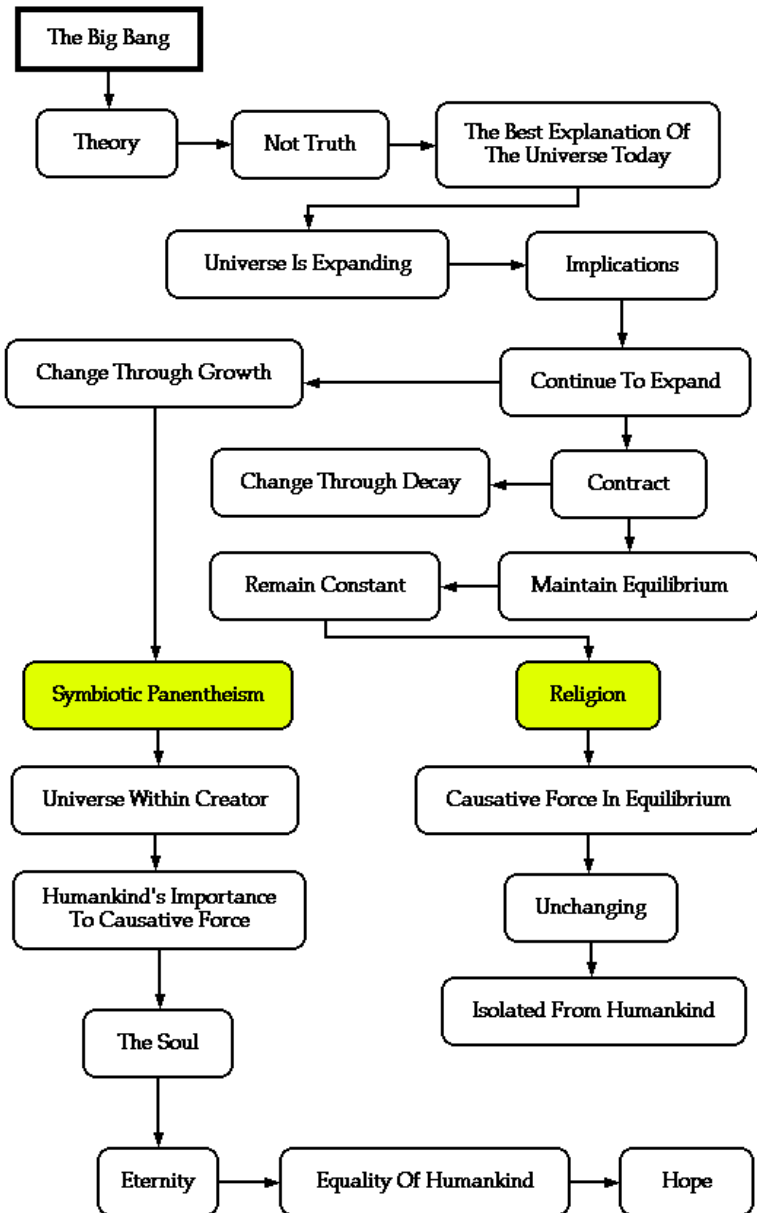
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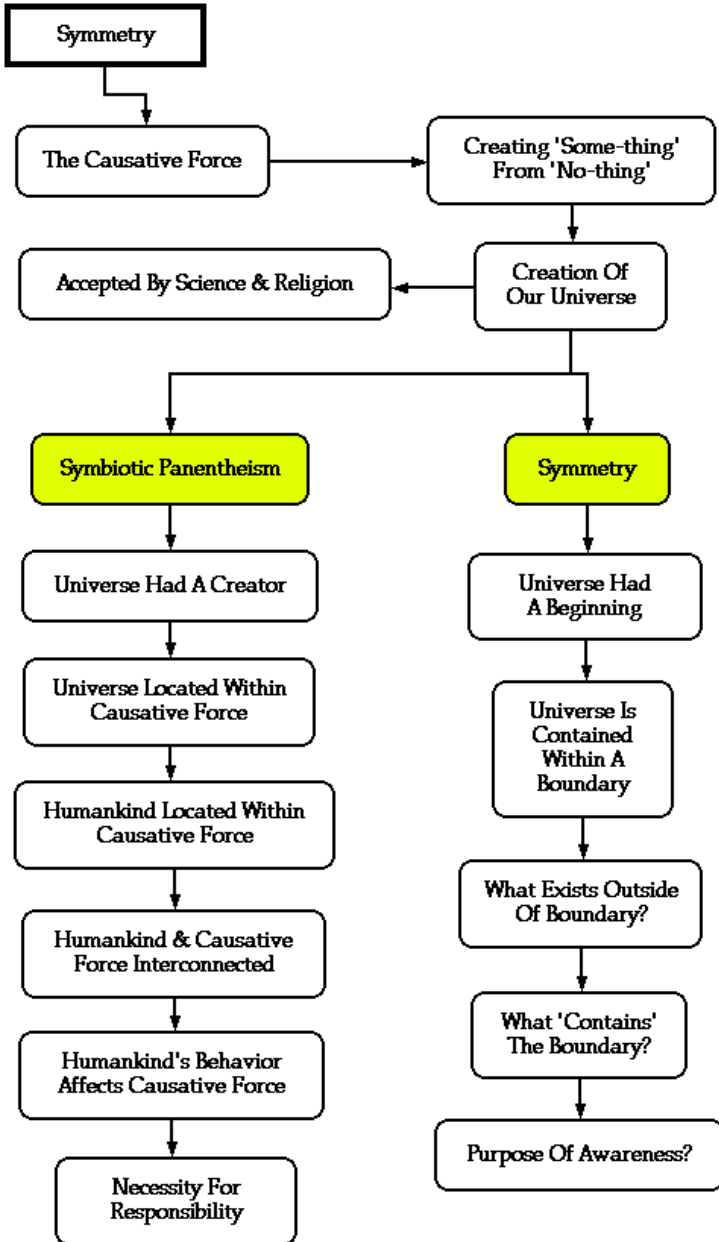
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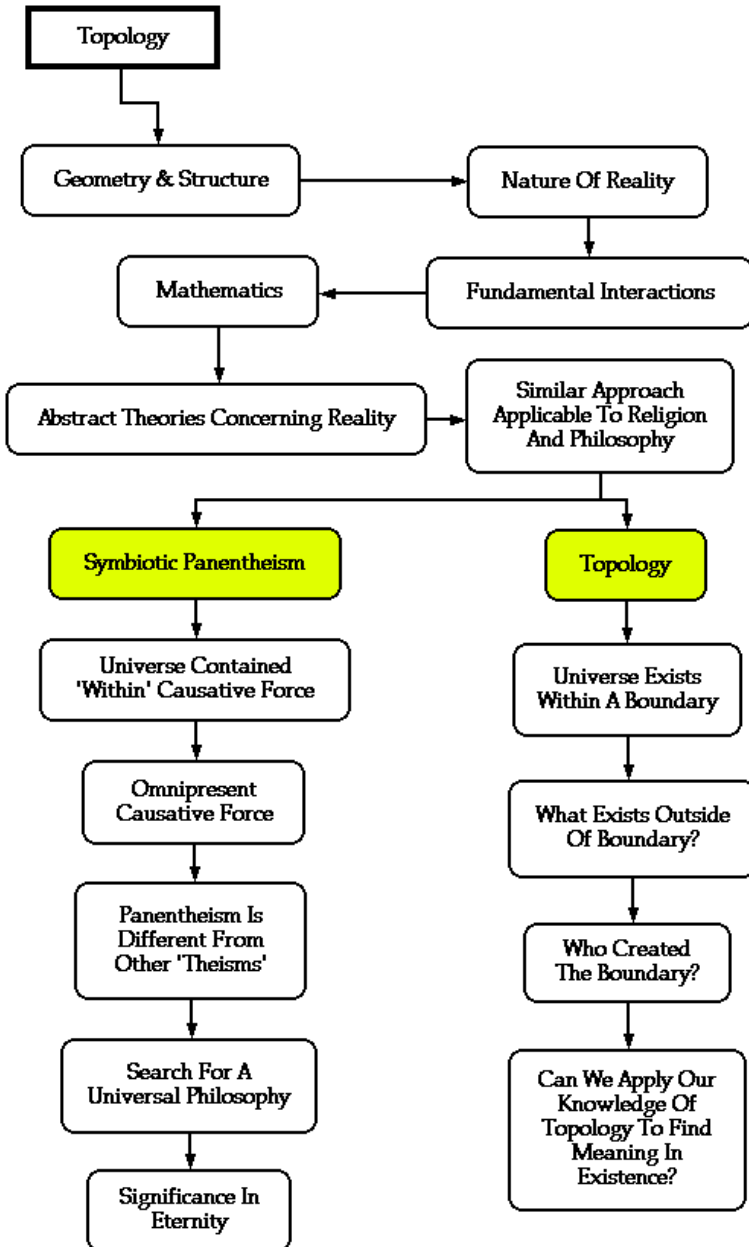


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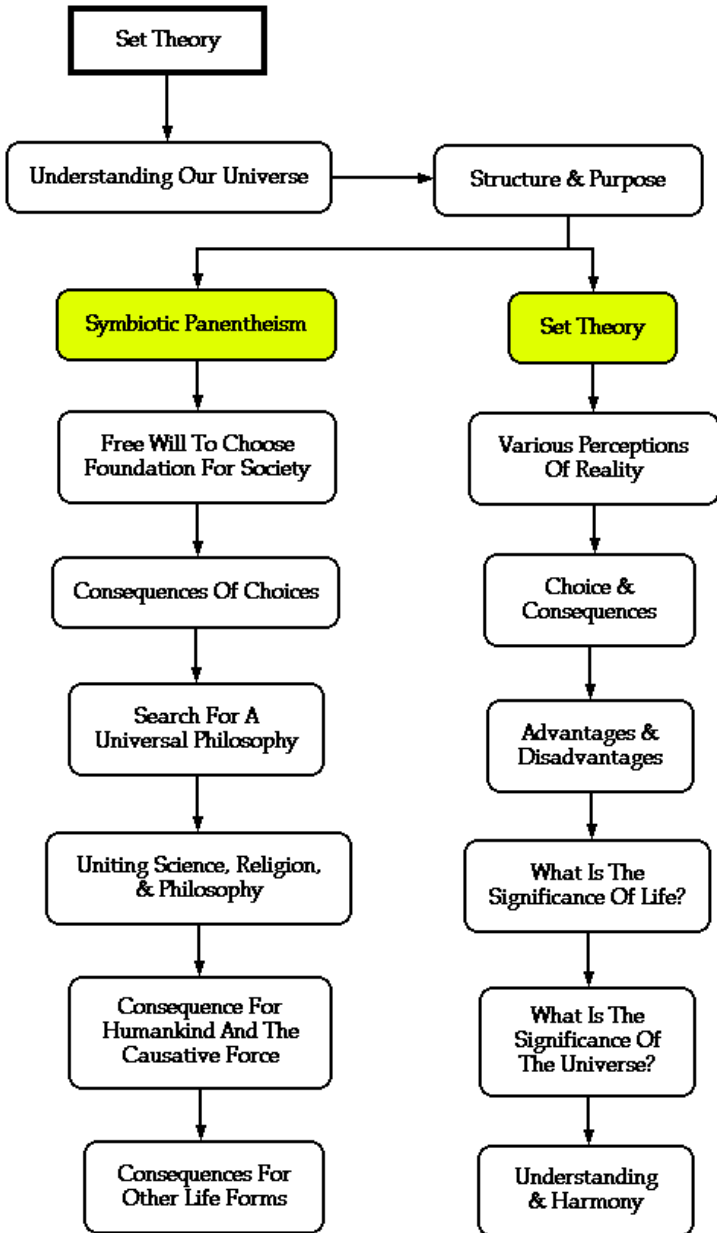
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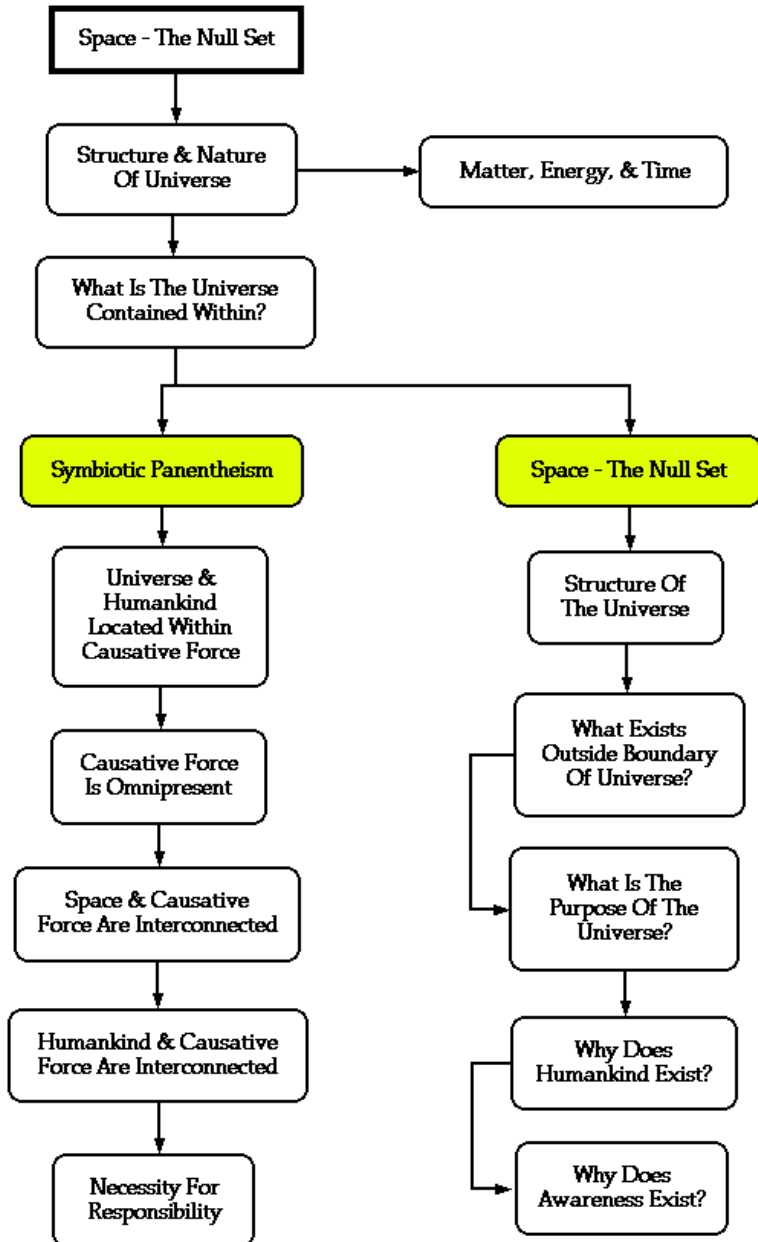
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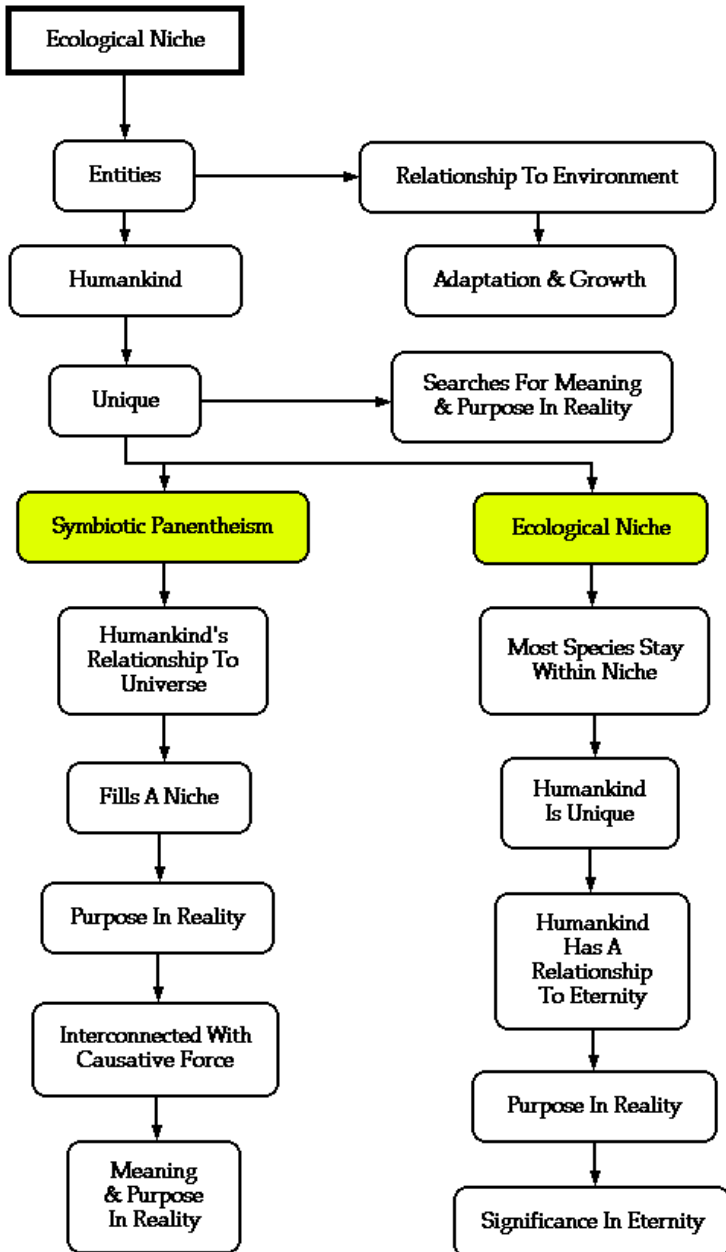
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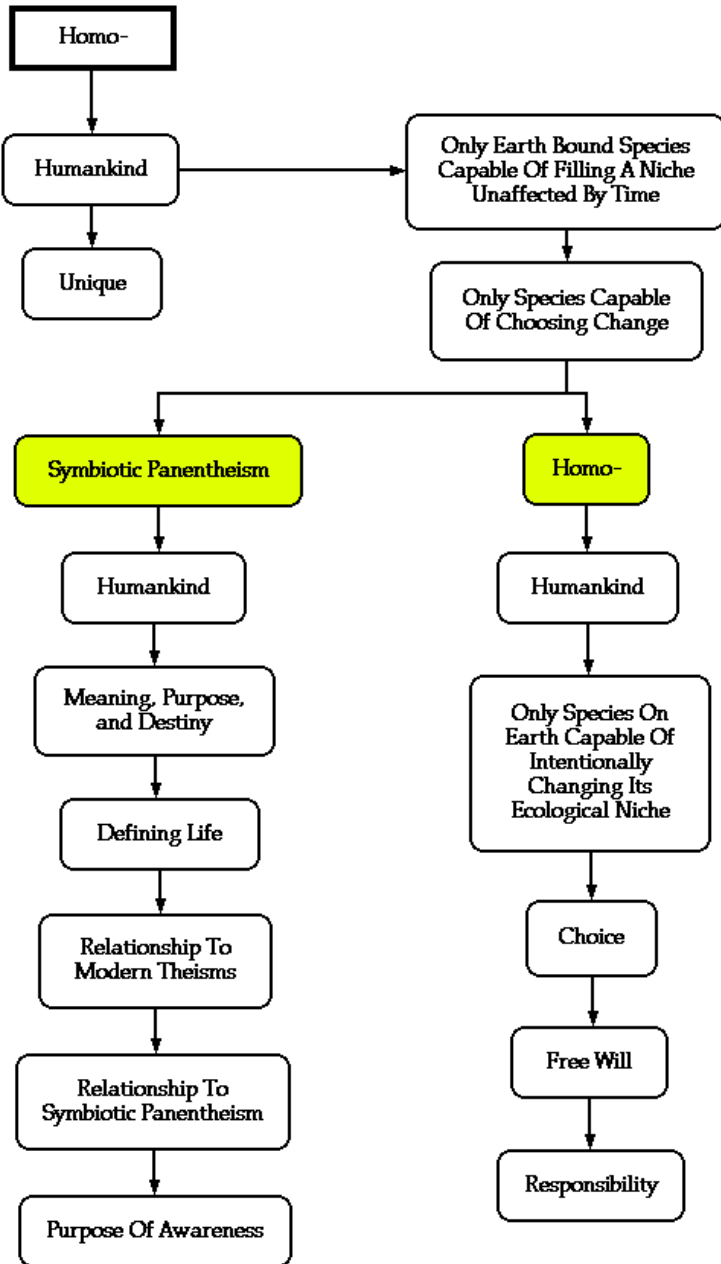
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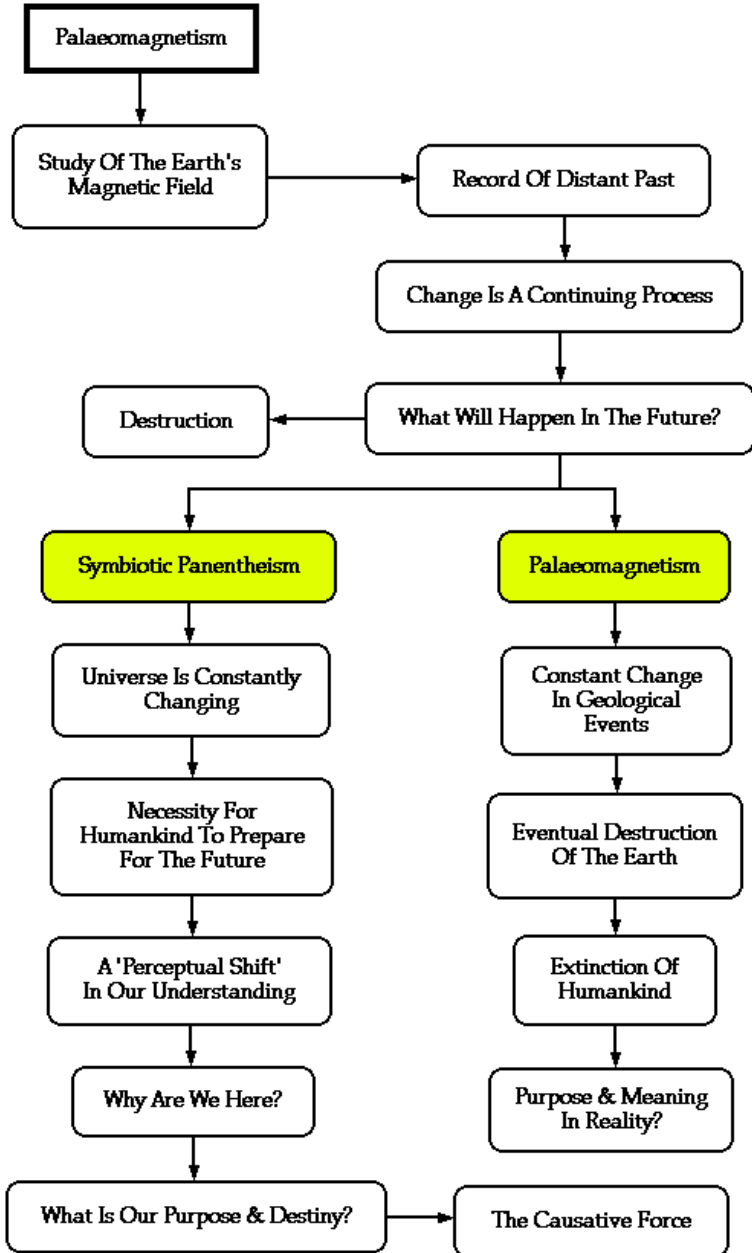
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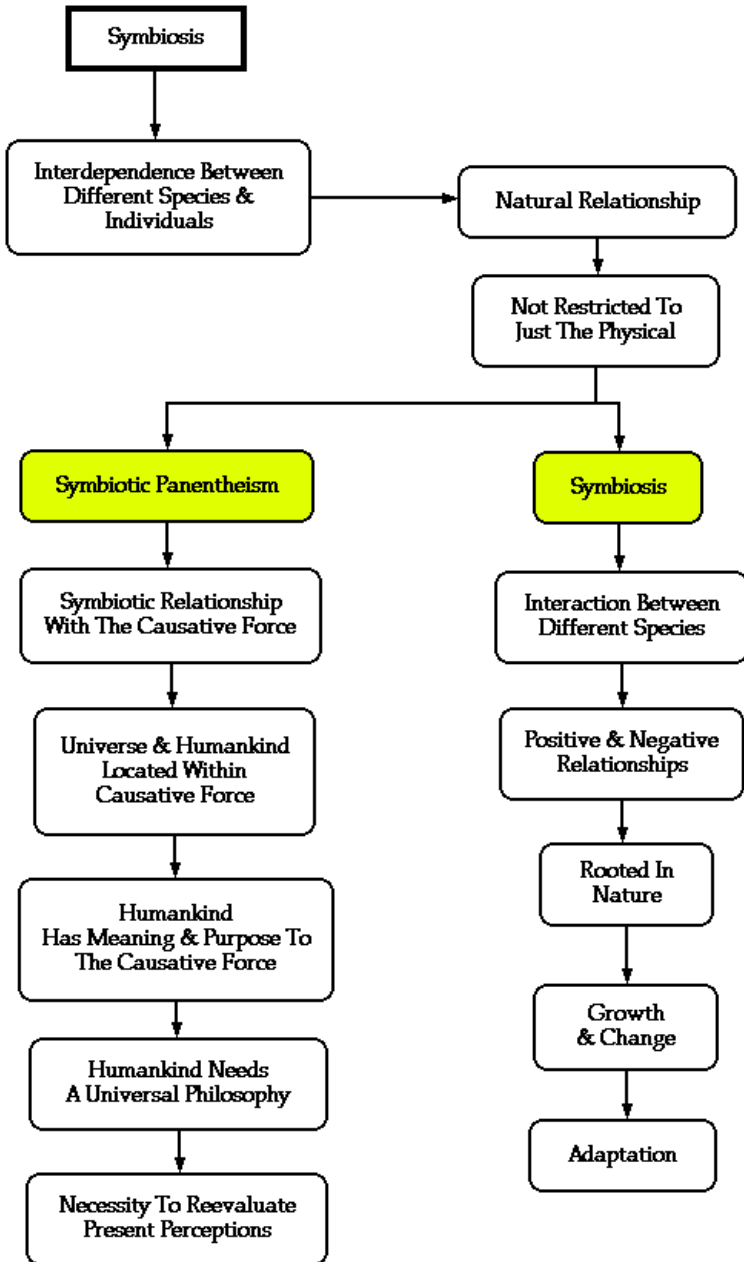


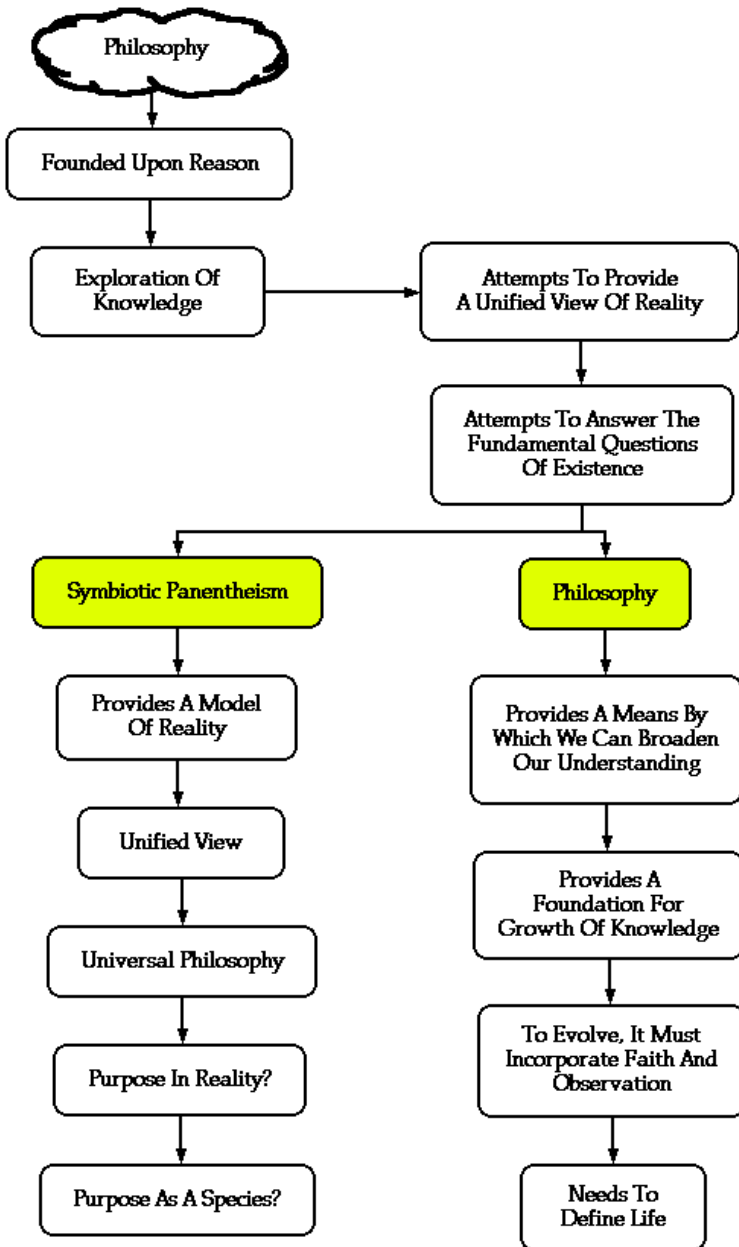
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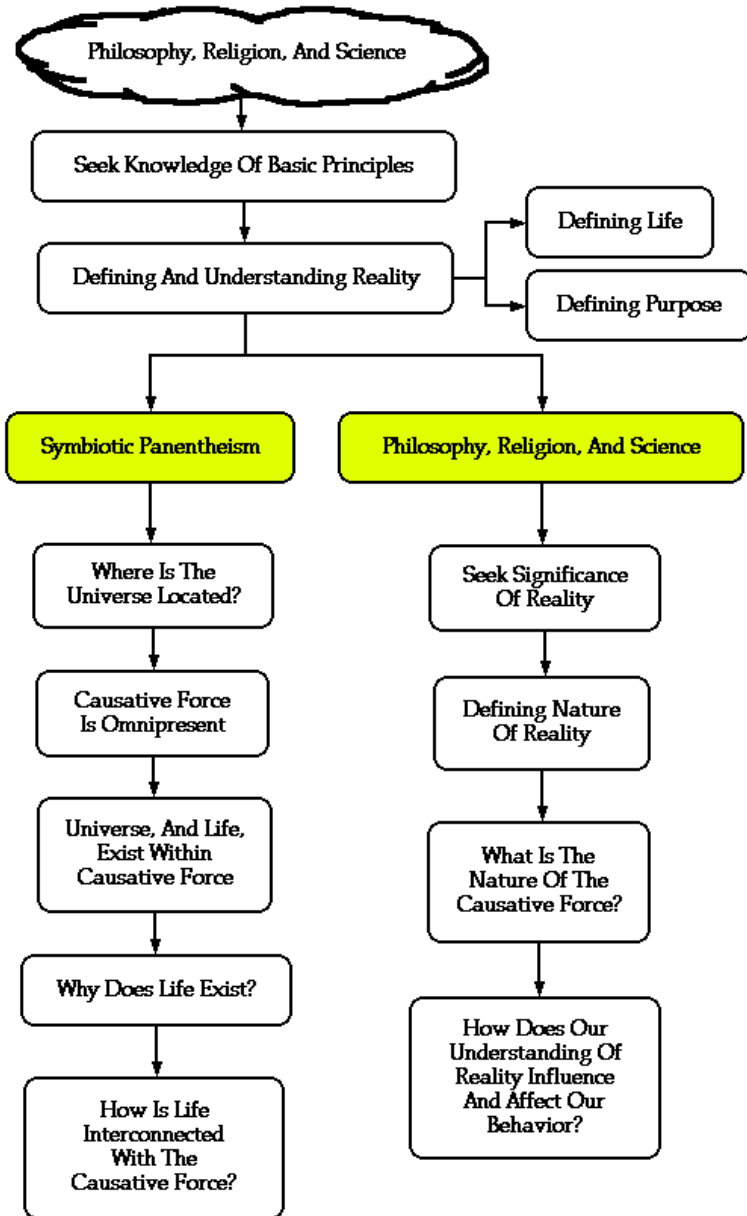
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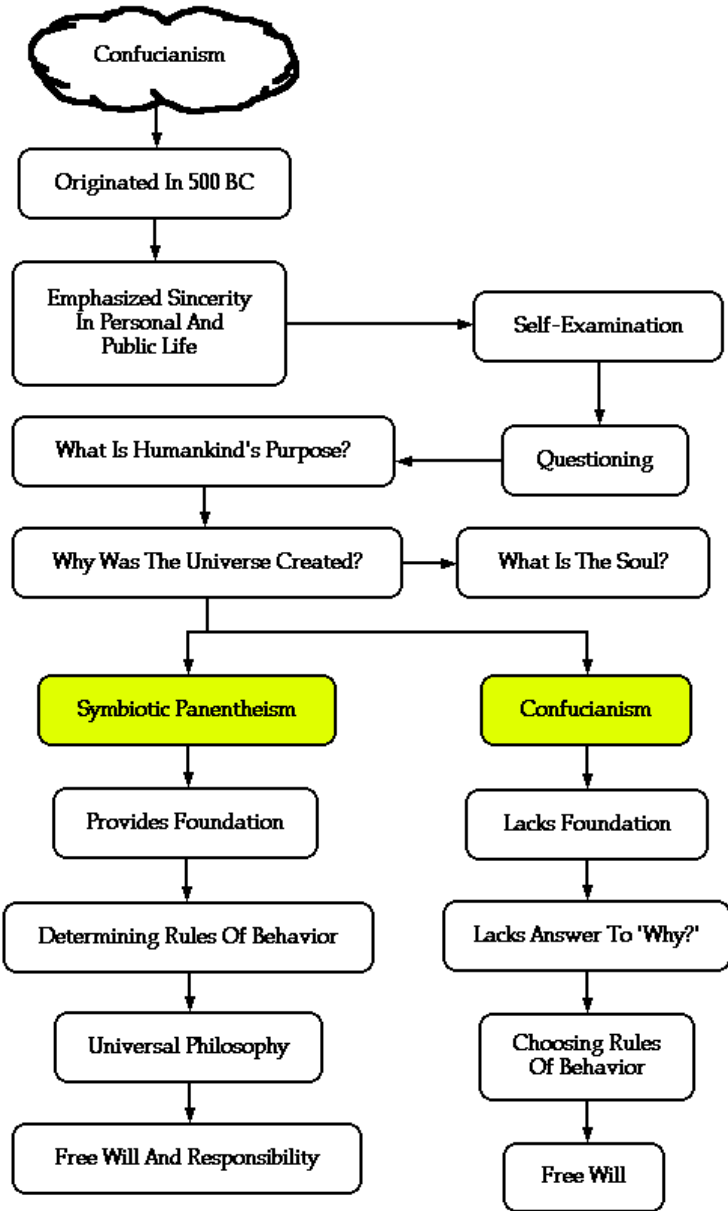
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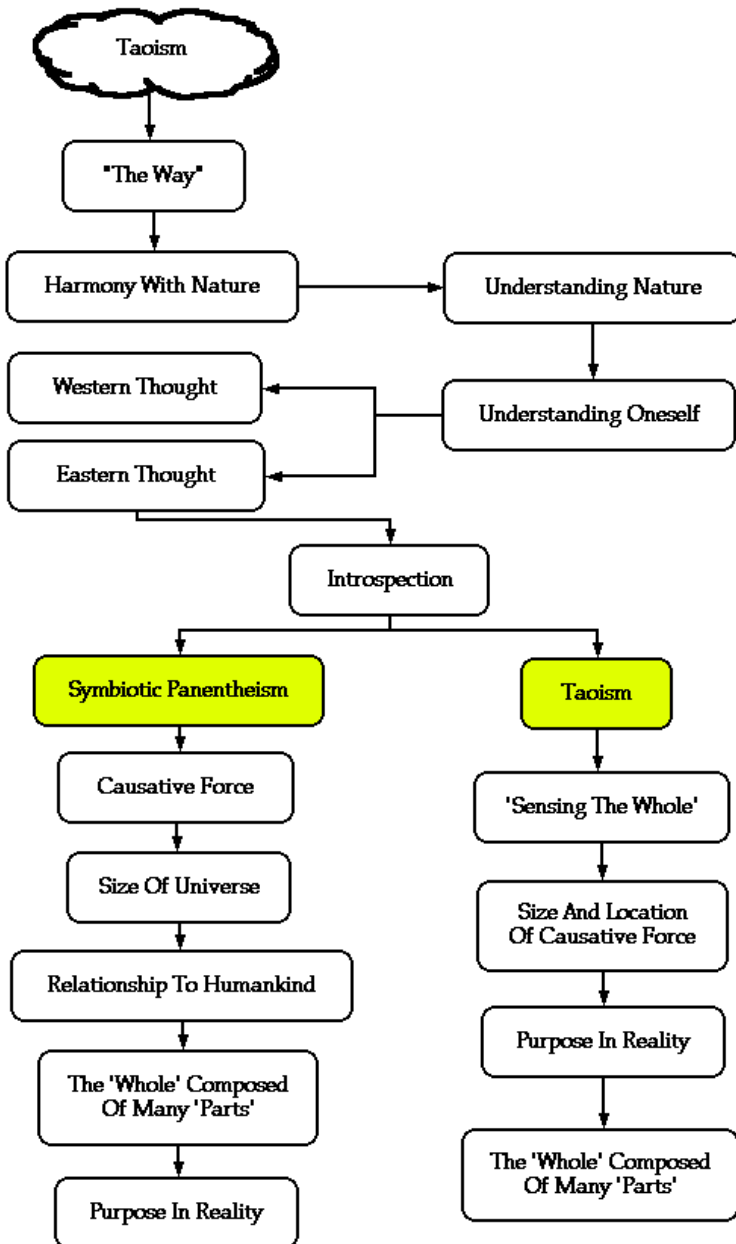
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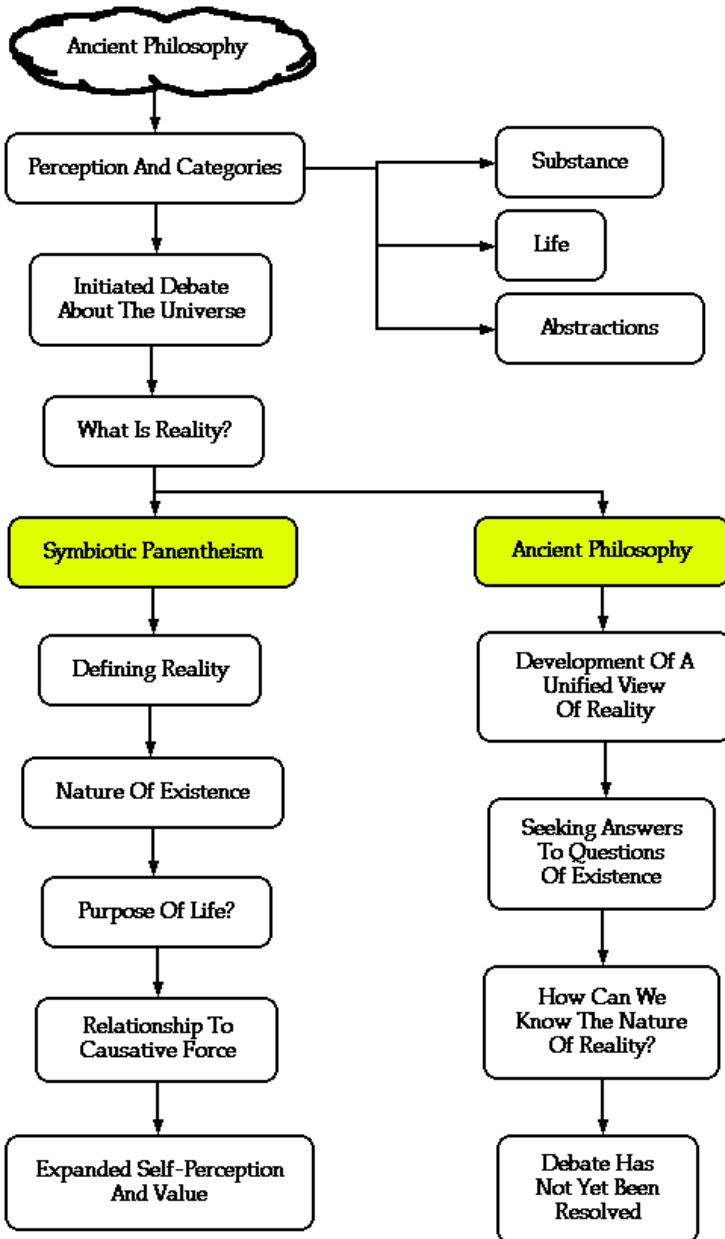
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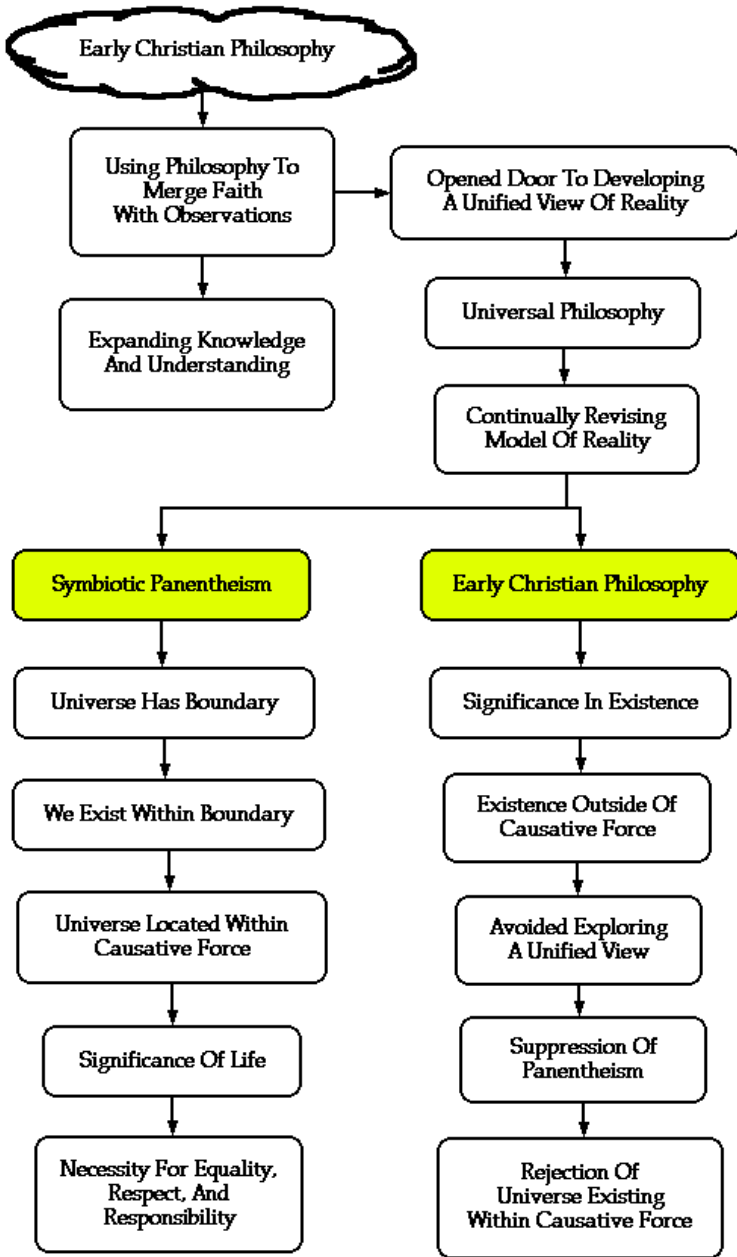


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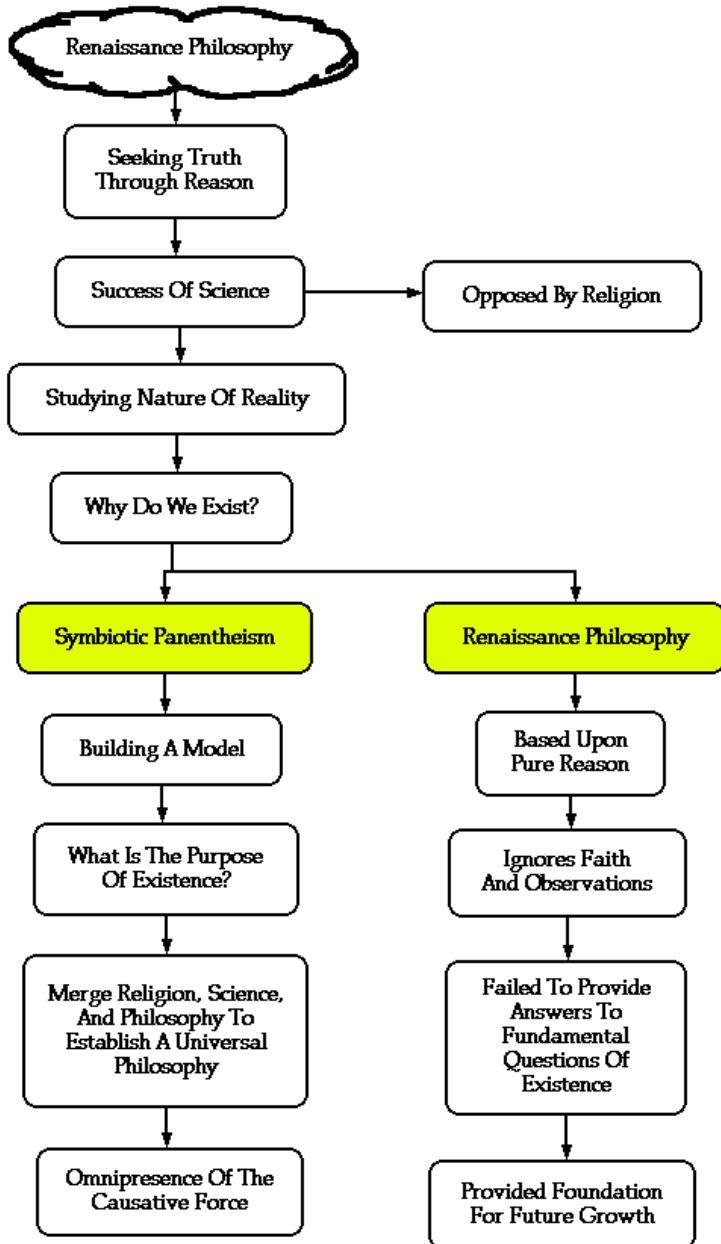
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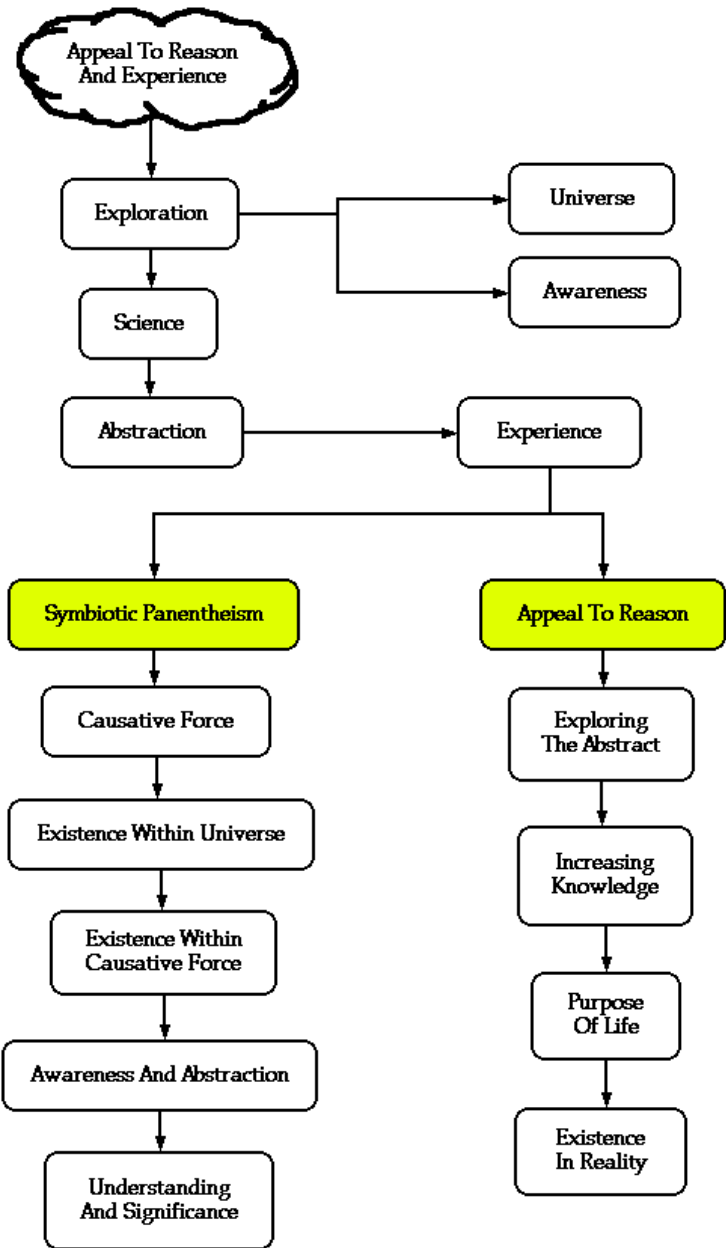
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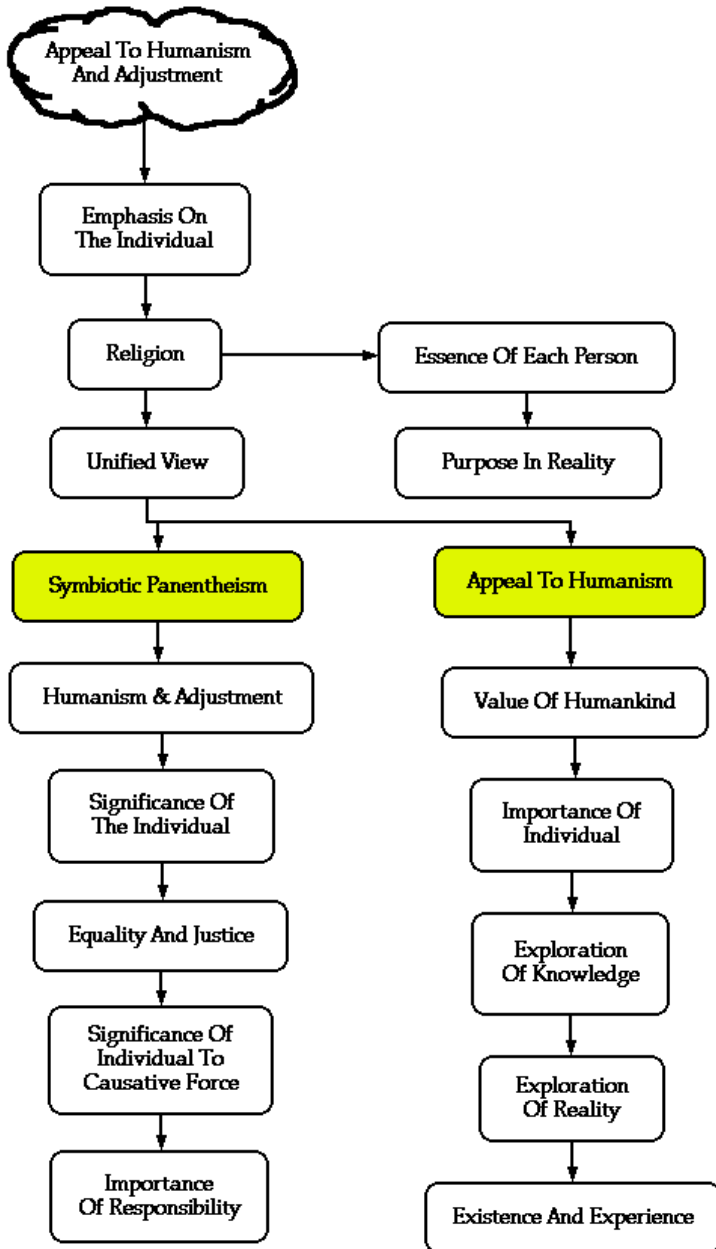
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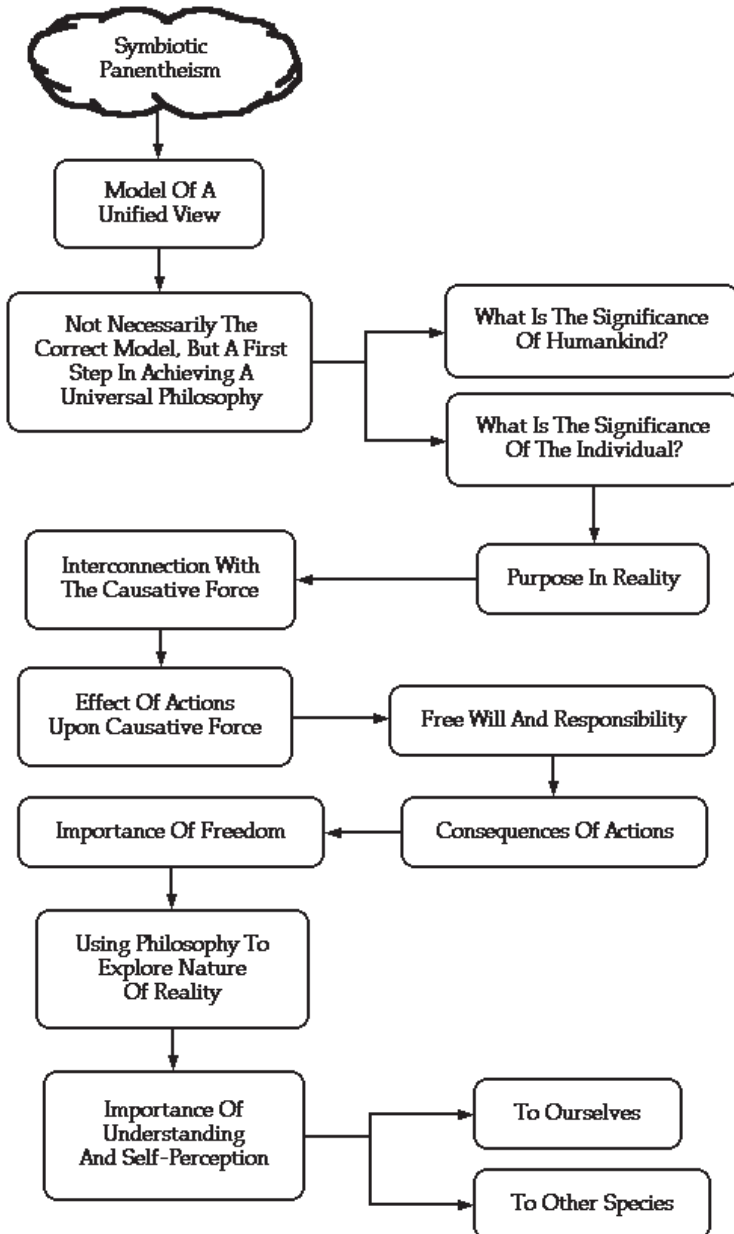
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Allah: God of Islam.

Anti-Matter: A form of matter that is similar to real matter. However, unlike matter, its atoms are composed of anti-electrons, anti-protons and anti-neutrons, rather than electrons, protons and neutrons.

Atheism: The belief that there is no God or gods, that Humankind does not have a divine Creator.

Atom: The smallest part of any element that exists. It is the basic building block of all matter.

Bigotry: An attitude or behavior showing intolerance and disrespect for another person or persons, because of their religious or political differences.

Brainwashing: A process whereby a person is forcibly indoctrinated into a belief system other than their own.

Christian: A person professing a belief in the teachings and philosophy of Jesus Christ.

Concept: A method of thinking whereby certain events are classified into individual categories, as opposed to a universal and all-embracing single category.

Creator: Also known as the First Cause, Causative Force, or God. Almost every culture on Earth professes a belief in a Divine Creator or First Cause, the Creator of Humankind.

Deja Vu: A feeling that an action or event occurred previously, though no memory of that action or event is present.

Disciple: A person who embraces and assists in spreading the religious teachings of another. The term is often associated specifically with the twelve Apostles, the original followers of Jesus Christ.

DNA Structure (*Deoxyribonucleic Acid*): The genetic material of most organisms. It plays a strong role in selecting and determining hereditary characteristics.

Equation: A mathematical concept. It expresses the relationship of previously defined variables with each other.

Eternity: Time without beginning or end. It is infinite. It has no boundaries.

Evolution: Usually associated with the field of biology and the teachings of Charles Darwin. It states that all living organisms evolve and change over time, adapting and improving to suit their environment in order to ensure their survival.

Free Will: The belief that we have control over our actions. Unlike determinism, it states that we can make choices and decisions about our behavior. Therefore, we are responsible for what we do.

God: An eternal being of immense power. Though worshiped differently by individual religions and faiths, many similar characteristics are ascribed to Him, such as infinite knowledge, wisdom, and goodness. He is regarded as the creator of the Universe.

Hedonism: The belief that the seeking of pleasure is the most important goal in life.

Hinduism: Practiced mostly in India, its religions, philosophy, and practices are characterized by a belief in reincarnation and a supreme being of many forms.

Holocaust: Occurring in Europe during World War II, it was the genocide of millions of Jews and others by Adolf Hitler and the members of the Nazi Party.

Humankind (*see Mankind*): All of the people on the planet Earth, irrespective of tribe, culture or faith.

Inquisition: Tribunal held in the Roman Catholic Church in 1483. Its mission was to suppress heresy and witchcraft. Torture and cruelty were used to extract confessions from the accused.

Islam: Religion practiced by the Moslem people.

Judaism: Monotheistic religion of the Jewish people. Its source of inspiration is the Bible.

Linear Philosophy: Methodical way of thinking, characterized by a step-by-step approach upon a single line of thought.

Mankind (*see Humankind*): All of the people on the planet Earth, irrespective of tribe, culture or faith.

Medical Morality: Field of enquiry into the morality of medical decisions, practices, and ethics.

Millennia: A span of a thousand years. The Millennium is seen by many as a time of major change and upheaval in Humankind's affairs.

Muslim: A person professing a belief in the teachings and philosophy of Islam.

Omnipotent: Possessing complete and absolute knowledge.

Omnipresent: Being present everywhere simultaneously.

Omniscient: Possessing complete knowledge. Knowing everything knowable.

Panentheism, Symbiotic: A metaphysical model based upon true omniscience. Panentheism places the Universe within God, therefore the Universe becomes a part of God. Likewise, the individual becomes a part of God. Thus emerges the rationality for the respect due the individual.

Paradox: A seemingly contradictory statement that may in fact be true.

Parallel Universes: Two universes separated by a slim buffer. Because each universe has a different energy status, this buffer is necessary to prevent their mutual destruction.

Philosophy: A diverse and expansive field of human enquiry into the fundamental questions of existence. Its impulse is to construct a worldview that encompasses all of reality.

Philosophy, Universal: A belief system that is embraced by all of Humankind.

Physics: A branch of science dedicated to the study of matter and energy.

Predestination: The absence of free will. The belief that all our actions are made not by choice, but by a chain of events in which we are helpless participants.

Quadratic Philosophy: A non-linear approach to thinking about an individual idea or concept. It is all-embracing, inclusive, and broad in scope.

Racism: Behavior characterized by discrimination, based on the race of another person.

Reality: A concept which embraces everything possessing actuality, existence or essence.

Religion: Beliefs, values, and practices based on the teachings of a spiritual leader or Creator.

Ripple Effect, the: A concept which states that our actions, no matter how small, have a potential for great harm or good in the future.

Soul: An entity believed, by many, to exist only in living things. Many philosophers and theologians believe that its nature is immaterial and thereby immortal.

Subatomic Particles: Also known as 'elementary particles'. These are the fundamental constituents of all matter found within the universe.

Symmetry: An equal division, represented in similarity and balance, such as mirror-image.

Taoist: A person professing a belief in the teachings and philosophy of Lao-Tzu, a teacher who lived in China in the 6th Century B.C..

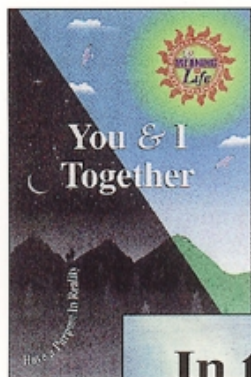
Truth: The absence of error or deceit. An accurate representation of reality, in accordance with the known facts.

Vindictiveness: Behavior characterized by spitefulness and revenge. The desire to hurt and to undermine another person.

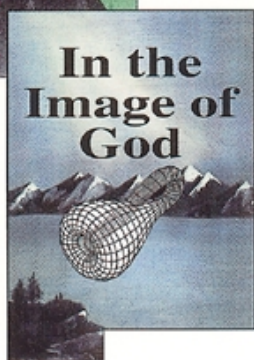
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