

Reality

Spiritual

Manifestations

Cause of **The Kingdom** - eternal ²

subject to change and transformation ²

*promote establishment of
thru divine education*

Divine Civilization

*must be linked, with
spiritual governing*

Spirit in the body

“living in the Kingdom”

Material

*19th Century European
thought, born out of
intense religious persecutions and conflicts,
scientific exploration and
intellectual reasoning*

adolescence??!

* *unity*
religion alone
science alone
religious blind imitation
religious animosity
American capitalist culture

Writings speak of importance of
material prosperity and scientific
and technological advances.^{3||12}

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SEA OF MATERIALISM

- reality (human & evolution process) is essentially material in nature
- goal of human life is satisfaction of material needs and wants

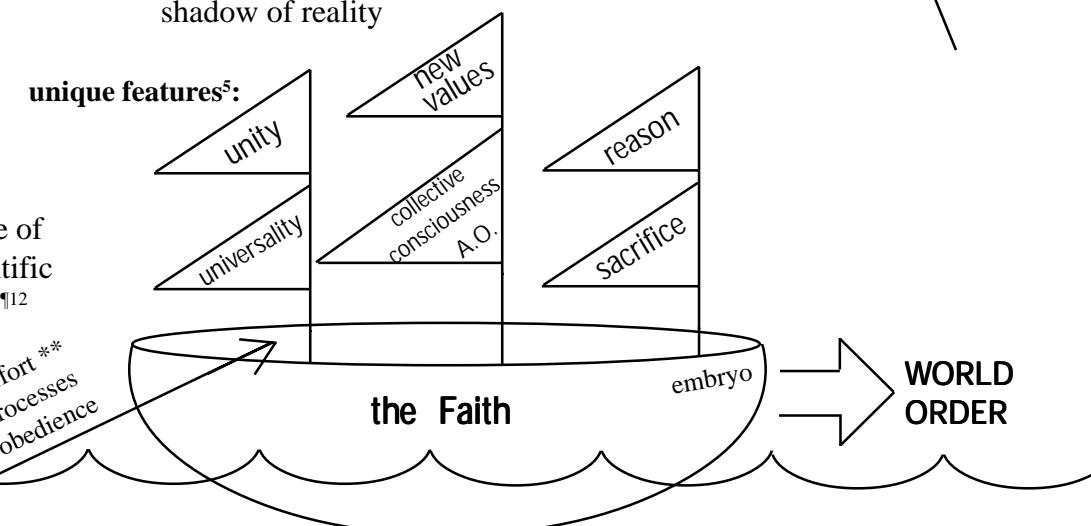
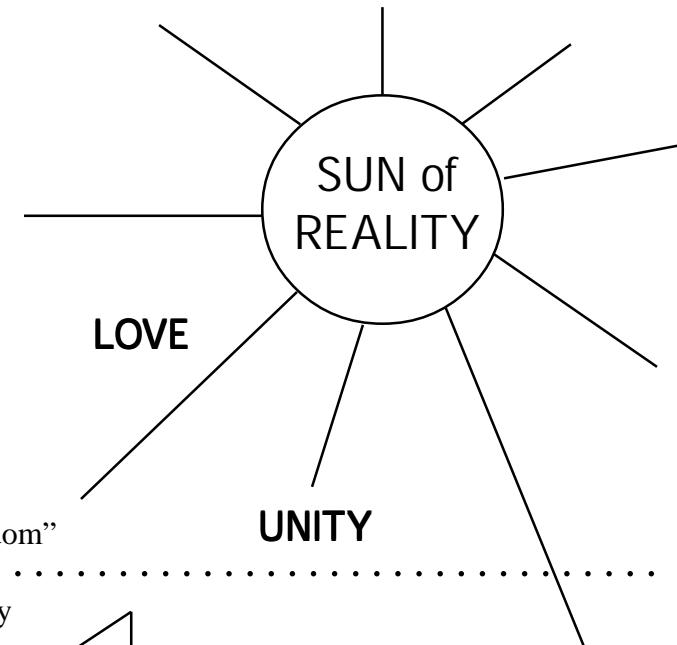
SUPERSTITION

religious leaders cling tenaciously to outer forms (dogmas, rites and ceremonies)¹

religion = fanaticism & unthinking rejection of progress -OR- personal preference designed to satisfy spiritual & emotional needs of individual⁴

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- rays of Sun of Reality seen dimly & darkly¹
- man in bondage of nature (animal)
- fears & anxieties distract minds
- former moral failings, now necessities of social progress³
- fixated with earthly possessions

academics = once, great exploits of mind & spirit; now, industry preoccupied w/ tending machinery of dissertations, symposia, publication credits and grants⁴