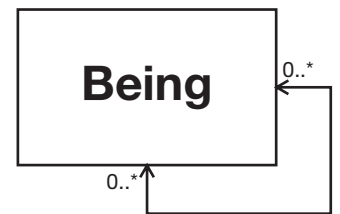


Revealing the Hidden Harmony The Innermost Secret of the Universe

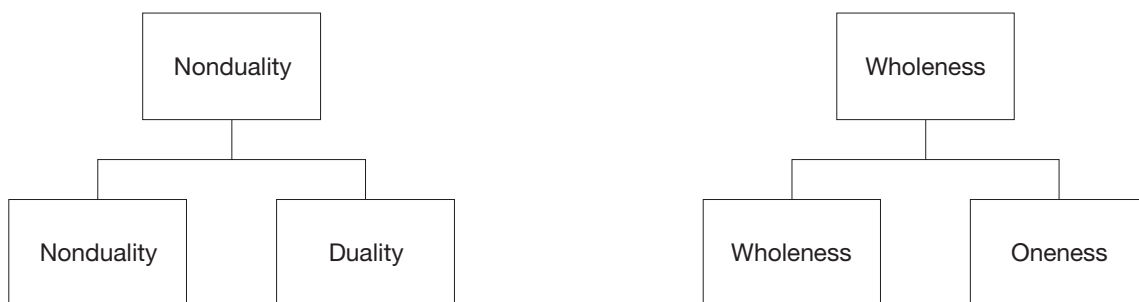
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Being is the key that opens the deeply hidden receptacle that contains the innermost secret of the Universe: the Principle of Unity, the fundamental design principle of the Universe. For **Being** is the all-inclusive superclass of all other classes of concept—an abstract concept of the utmost generality—denoting all cosmologies, cultures, disciplines, theories, theorems, philosophies, religions, beliefs, ideologies, and opinions that have ever existed or could do so in the entire history of human learning, the key to integrating all knowledge into a coherent whole. **Being** thus acts rather like the variable x in mathematics, denoting any complex number whatsoever.

This magical principle, intuitively known to Lao Tzu, Heraclitus, and Shankaracharya in ancient times, leads to the buried treasure of the myths and fairy tales, showing that all beings in the Universe are related to all other beings in zero to many ways. Some of these relationships can be categorized and some of them defy classification and must remain a mystery, all grounded in and embraced by the Supreme Being, which we can call Cosmic Consciousness, whose Divine Essence is Nondual Love. This diagram illustrates the overall design of the Universe, using the notation of IBM's Unified Modeling Language in business.



The Principle of Unity is a universal, self-verifying truth that can be elegantly expressed in seven words—*Wholeness is the union of all opposites*—or six mathematical symbols: $W = A \cup \sim A$. While all opposites are inseparable sides of the same coin, coins are sometimes biased, favouring one side over the other in primary-secondary relationships. This is most clearly illustrated in the relationship between Nonduality and duality and between Wholeness and Oneness, as these diagrams depict:



What this first diagram shows is that Nondual Consciousness is the overall Cosmic Context for all our lives, unifying the concepts of God and Universe, out of which the dualistic and relativistic world of form arises, including the physical universe of space, time, and matter. In other words, the brain emerges from Consciousness, not the other way round. The second diagram illustrates the relationship between spiritual seekers returning Home to Paradise by healing the fragmented, split mind with a translucent Supermind—expressible in the language of mathematics and computer science—and those coming into union with the Divine with No-mind—traditionally expressed in music and (as perennial or ancient wisdom) in mystical poetry, such as that of Rumi and Kabir.

In this exquisitely simple nonegoic manner we could bring to an end the long-running war between science and religion and all the holy wars between the religions—wars about the Whole. By intelligently adopting both-and thinking, we could learn to live in love, peace, and harmony with each other at the end of time in the Eternal Now before *Homo sapiens sapiens* inevitably becomes extinct in conformity with Shakyamuni Buddha's universal principle of impermanence (*anitya*).