

# *Unity and Duality*



### **Man is a Unity only at his origin and at his end.<sup>1</sup>**

In-between, there is a ceaseless struggle between divine wisdom and its earthly reflection, truth and error. If he can emerge from the region of lust and iniquity victorious, he may rebecome what he was before and retire into the Silence and Darkness whence he came.<sup>2</sup>

### **Duality is illusion only within the span of a Great Manvantara.**

The phenomenal contrast of mind and matter is not only at the root of our present constitution but an essential of our terrestrial consciousness. Duality is illusion in the ultimate analysis; but within the limits of a Universe-cycle or Great Manvantara it holds true. The *two* bases of manifested Being — the Logos (spirit) and Mūlaprakṛiti (Matter, or rather its Noumenon), are unified in the absolute reality, but in the Manvantaric Maya, under space and time conditions, they *are contrasted though mutually interdependent aspects of the ONE CAUSE.*<sup>3</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (THEORIES ABOUT REINCARNATION AND SPIRITS) VII p. 198

<sup>2</sup> Cf. “Crowning achievement of the Great Sacrifice” in our Secret Doctrine’s Third Proposition Series. — ED. PHIL.

<sup>3</sup> *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (ABSOLUTE MONISM; OR, MIND IS MATTER) IX p. 16