PB CONCEPT MAP

(PBGP: Item 3)

... the picture of "Reality"

There are moments when a human being may sit alone with Nature, when no sound intrudes, and all is quiet, pleasant, harmonious. If you will enter into this stillness with Nature and enter it deeply enough, you will find that it is associated with what most religions call God. *(Paul Brunton, PB)*

Consciousness or Mind *"in its quiescent state"* ... or **Mind in Itself**
... Infinite, Immutable, Unfathomable, Absolute, Pure, Benign, Eternal, One Mind...

The one infinite life-power which reveals itself in the cosmos and manifests itself through time and space, cannot be named. **It is something that is**. For a name would falsely separate it from other things when the truth is that it is those things, all things. Nor would we know what to call it, since we know nothing about its real nature. *(Paul Brunton, PB)*

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Consciousness or Mind *"in its active state"* ... or **World-Mind**
Universal Mind/Power/Energy/Intelligence/Wisdom; God, Source, Soul in the Universe...

Universal, Higher, Infinite Purpose ... or **World-Idea**
a self-expression of the World-Mind... a gradual process of manifestation...
Cosmos, Universe(s), All Existence...
it has never had a beginning and so will never have an end...

The World-Idea holds within itself the laws which rule the world, the supreme intention which dominates it, and the invisible pattern which forms it. Not only includes everything existent but also everything which is yet to exist. *(PB)*

There is a mathematical order in the Cosmos, a divine intelligence behind life, an Idea for human, animal, plant, and mineral existences. *(PB)*

Cosmic Order Universal Laws Providence / Grace "Will of God"	Timeless, Spaceless, Immaterial, Formless, Intangible, Impersonal, Unchanging...	Eternal Present *Eternal Now* *Eternal Here*

There is neither past nor future. There is only the present. Yesterday was the present to you when you experienced it, and tomorrow will be also the present when you experienced it. Therefore, experience takes place only in the present, and beyond experience nothing exists. *(Ramana Maharshi)*

< THE REALITY >
... Ultimate Truth or Reality, "the Real", the All, the Absolute, One or Nondual Reality...

This is the Reality that is hidden in me and you, in the whole universe itself. **It acts everywhere and exists eternally.** *(PB)*

The development of all beings from primitive amoeba to perfect spiritual consciousness is assured. *(PB)*

origin, nature, and destiny of human being

Human beings are what they are. Nothing can alter that. Out of the Infinite, Benign, Eternal Mind they came, to It they shall return. Meanwhile It is their very essence, that is, It is life. *(PB)*

glimpse

We are here in this world for a Higher Purpose than the obvious physical one of self-preservation, for even that is contributory to it. **We are here to evolve into** the consciousness of Overself. *(PB)*

the Highest Purpose [of earthly life] | **the Quest...** | **the Overself or Soul** ..."link", Real Self, *Atman*... Grace of the Overself

We cannot know the fullness of God's Consciousness, but we can know **the link which we have with God**. Call it the Soul, if you must, or the Overself if you prefer, but to catch a glimpse of this link is to be reborn. *(PB)*

The inner meaning of life does not readily reveal itself; it must be searched for. Such a search is the Quest. *(PB)*

Every verbal explanation really fails to explain the Overself unless and until we know it for ourselves within ourselves and as ourselves. *(PB)*

Inner Path or Short Path <<---->> **Outer Path** or Long Path

There is not one fixed rule for everyone. One person is suited for a little of the Short Path and more or longer of the Long Path; with the other person it is vice versa. With most people the combination is the best way. It depends partly on their feelings, their intuition, ... In the end, everyone must come to the Inner Path. (PB)

When we ask what is the purpose of the individual's existence, we shall find that the physical world can give us neither a complete nor a satisfying answer. *(PB)*

intermediates/advanced	higher stages		beginners/intermediates ... and the scene of life		
confluence of paths the need of a higher life subordinating the ego...	*direct way: self-inquiry* Who am I? What am I? transcending duality...		*efforts, struggles, fatigues, difficulties, satisfactions, disappointments...* *learnings, sacrifices, progress, attachments, habits, concerns...* *developing the personality..., "improving" the ego..., duality*		**Context** PB: ... we are only passengers travelling through this world.
completing studies: metaphysics, mentalism, *Advaita,* mystical and practical philosophy –intellectual understanding–	Let what comes come. Let what goes go. Find out what remains. *(Ramana Maharshi)*		ethics, moral, values... cultivate noble qualities, metaphysical studies, **Ideal of Balance**, Right Action	daily, active, practical, everyday life: inescapable demands, obligations, livelihood, duties, responsibilities...	external physical world: (phenomenal world) ephemeral earthly life, world of the five senses, materialism, trivialities...
Witness attitude: of yourself and the world appreciating Nature & art Self-denial/Altruistic Action	**creative Inner Stillness** *Wu-wei:* to let flow... the ego-thought vanishes... the Overself "settles" in us	What we learn from outside ourselves, from teacher or tradition, will never lead to our true fulfilment until we join it with what we learn in the stillness from inside ourselves. *(PB)*	**true meditation**: introspections reflections yoga / mindfulness	self-improvement: building of fine character, governing passions, **emotional Balance**...	the physical body: surface self, the "false self" intellectual, emotional "I" lower nature/mind
a spiritual awakening... "forget" the past, give up the ego & emotional attachment, forgive, do not condemn, **Equanimity** and true humility to know the "Great Truths"	mystical Intuition/Insight: ^v < **dynamic Balance** > v^ **Self-Knowledge** become your own teacher flashes of understanding **the inner guidance --->**		philosophical **teaching**: sift it critically, by **rational thinking**, open-minded attitude, and tested by experience. **<--- the outer guidance**	experiences, vicissitudes, trials and tests of life... PB: ..."It is better" not to rail at adverse events... ... we are being shaped into **<---** by life itself...	the "entity ego": (collection of thoughts) ego's transiency ego's tyranny/bondage destroy tyranny, not ego itself egoism is to be destroyed
Only humility destroys the dominance of the ego. *(Ramana Maharshi)*	advanced mystic, adept, rational philosophy, "genuine philosophy": Inspired Action	+ talent to communicate ==========>>>