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# Vedic Monistic Polytheism and Its Role in World Peace, Conservation and Interfaith Tolerance

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# A Big Question – Root of Conflicts

*What is the Ultimate Truth?*





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# Sri Vallabhācharya: A Revivalist of Vedic Theory of Monistic Polytheism (Shuddhādvaita Brahma-Vāda)



14<sup>th</sup> Century Acharya - A Great Vedic Theologian and Philosopher

A Personified survival kit of the Vedās

A Unique Path of Devotion (Bhakti) : Pushtimārg



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# Our Journey

## Monistic Polytheism

- Brahman: The Ultimate Reality
- Meta-physical & Theological Conclusions

## Līlā

- Fearless Rejoicement: Basis of Mutual Tolerance
- Philosophy of Philosophies

## Making Peace Possible

- Levels of Peace
- Defining Peace
- Means of Attain Peace: Vedic Perspective
- Causes of In-tolerance
- Making Peace Possible : Interfaith



# Brahman: The Ultimate Reality

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## The Infinite Conscious Being



**Creation**

**Sustainment**



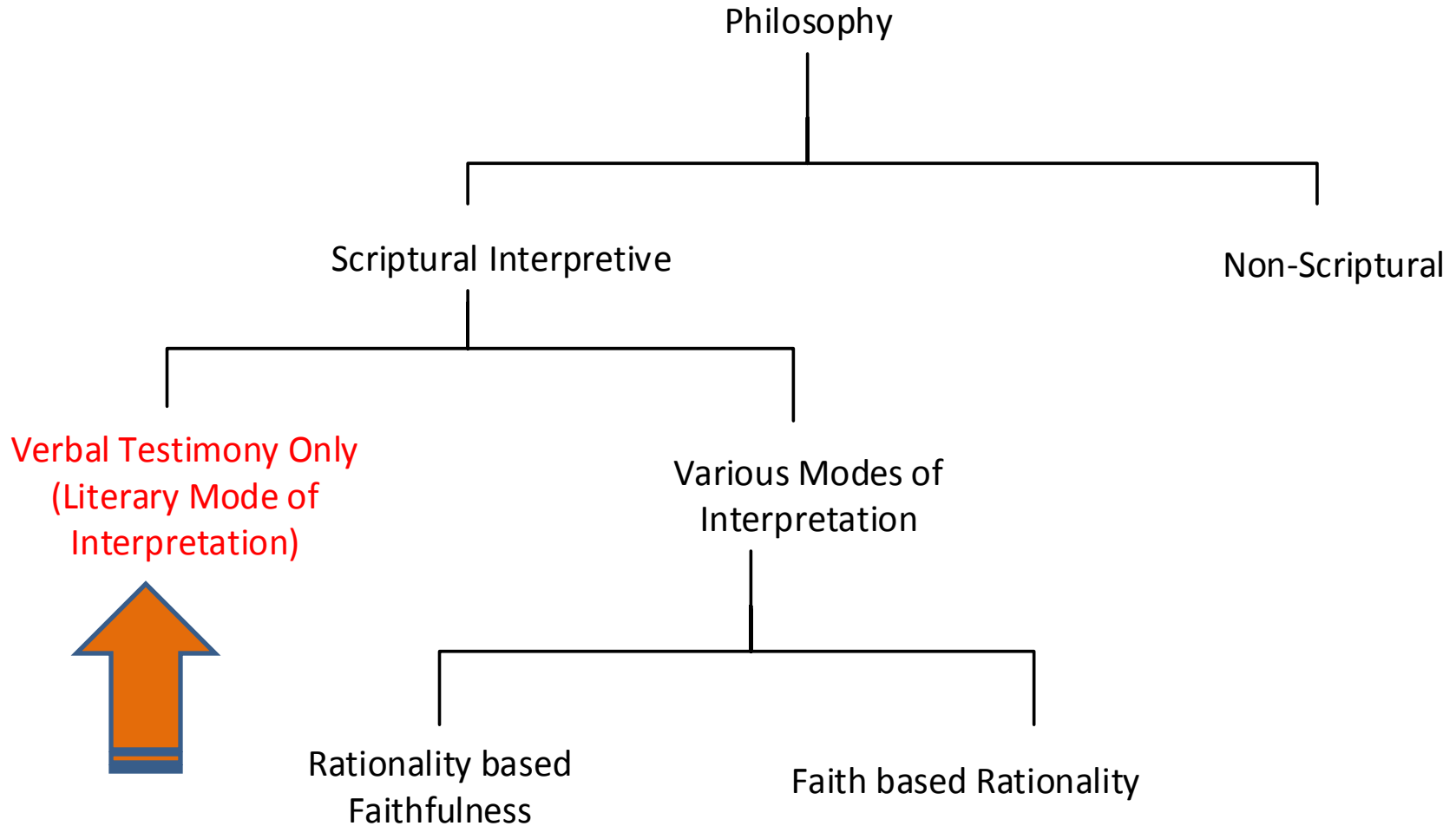
**Dissolution**





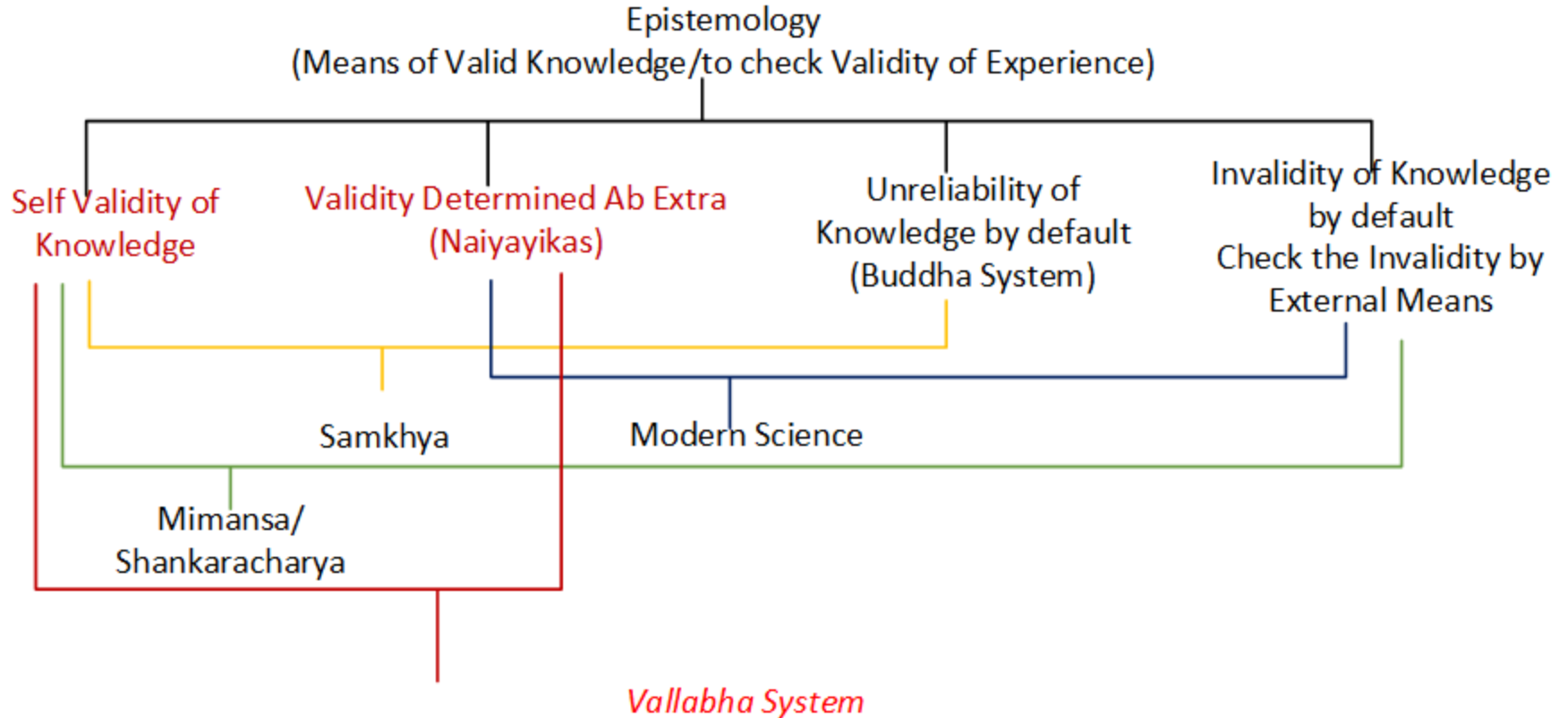
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# Epistemology





# Epistemology: Validity of Knowledge



*Vallabha System*

*Self Validity - Validity of Experience cannot be checked (No Means available) – Theory of Coherence*  
*Validity Ab-Extra - Validity of Experience can be checked (Means available) – Theory of Correspondence*

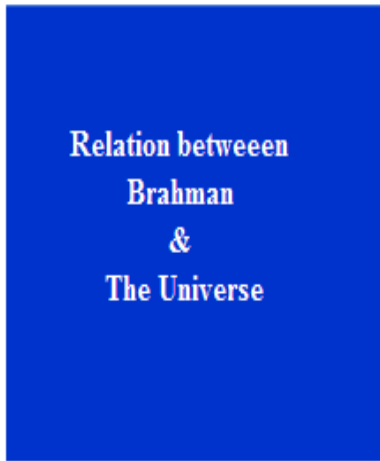


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# Metaphysical and Theological conclusions

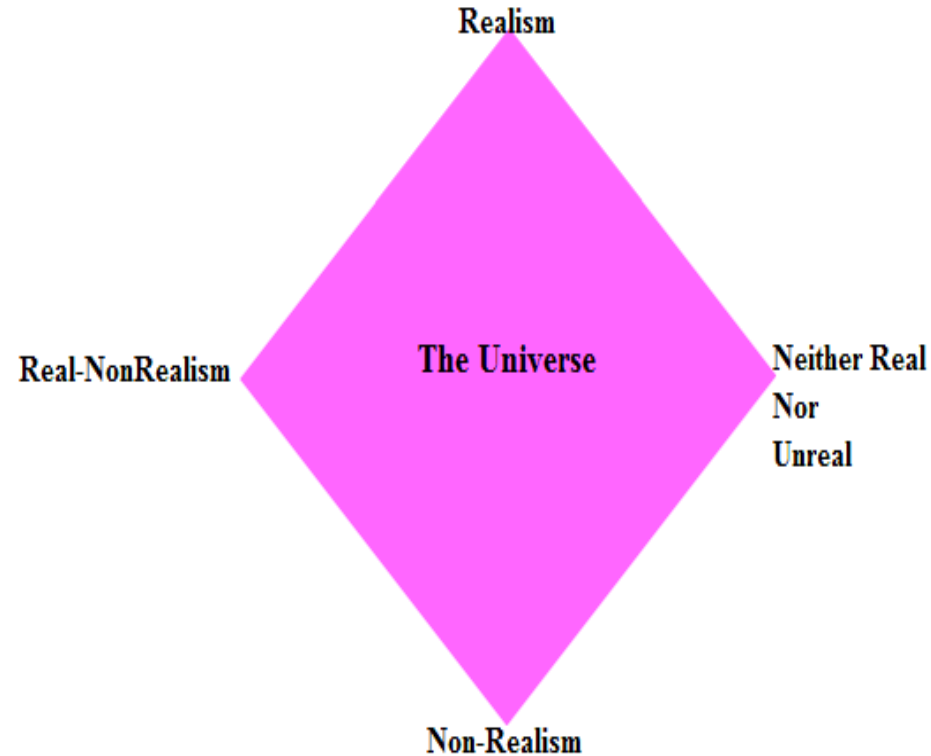
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Neither Dual



Absolute Dual

Absolute Non-Dual





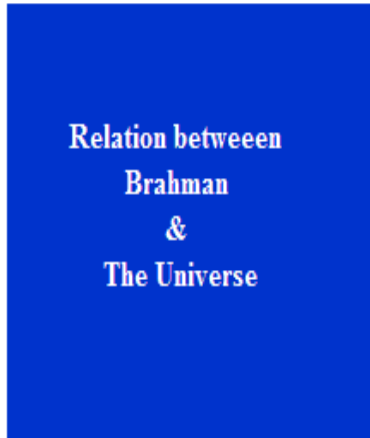


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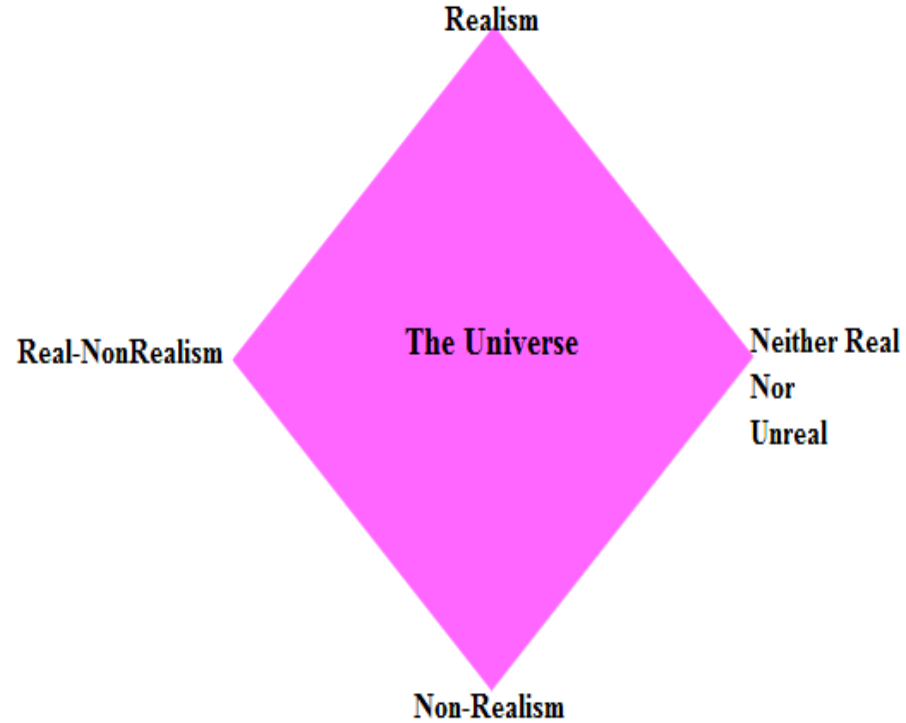
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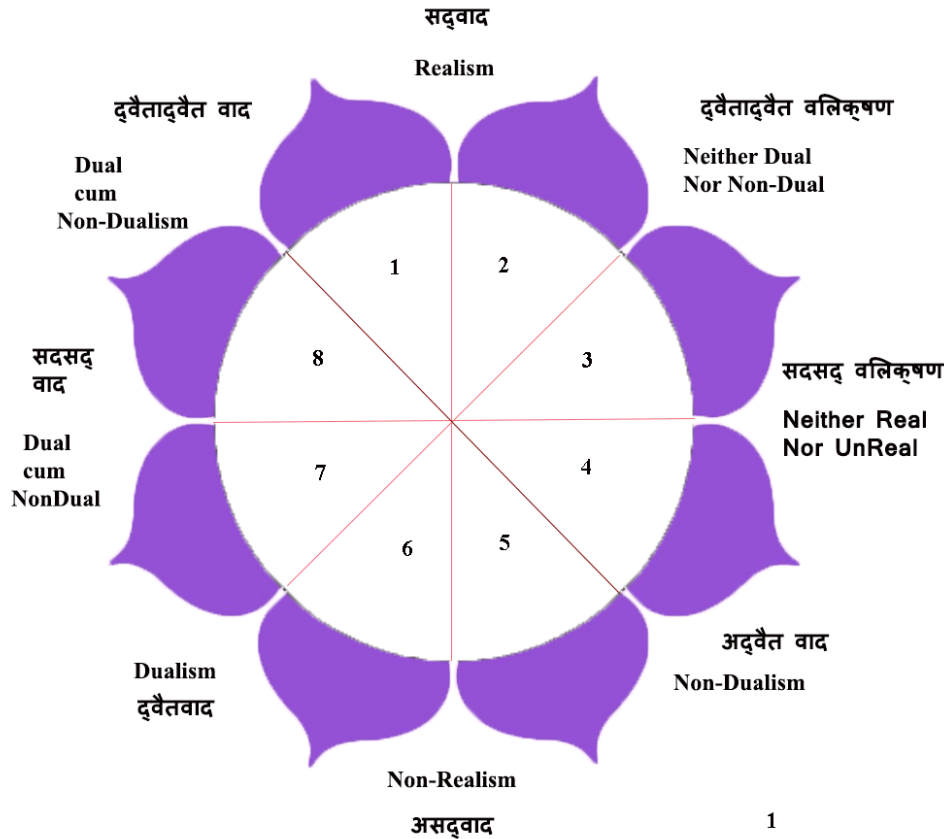
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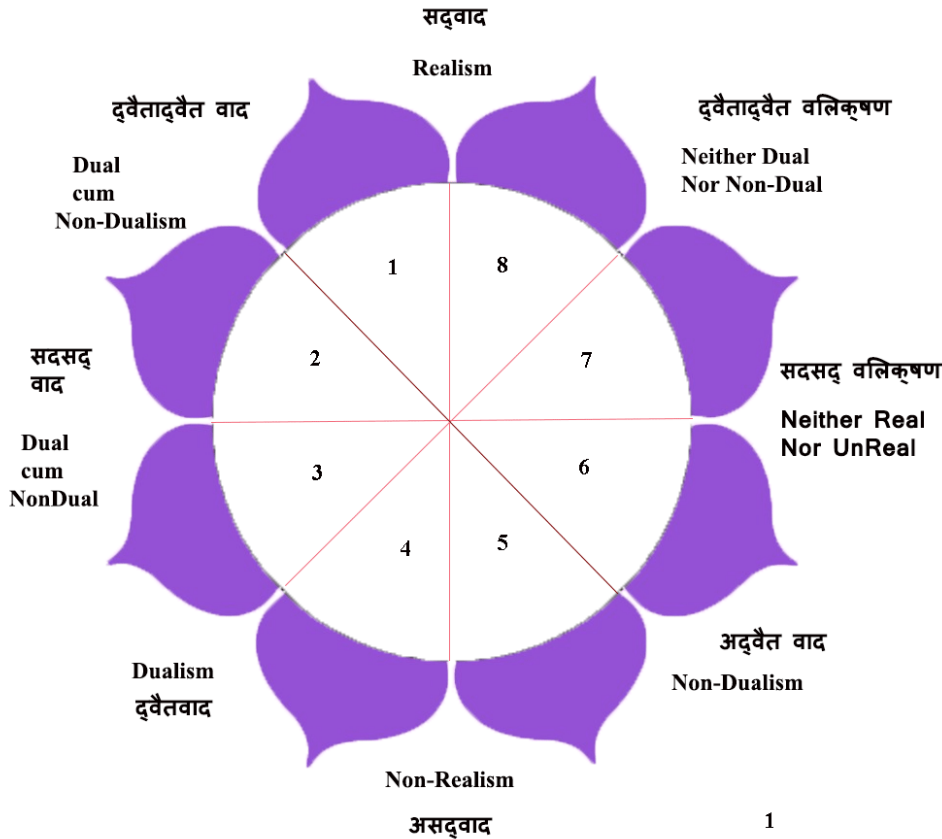


1. *Realism+Dual-NonDualism = Bhaskar, Ramanuj, SriKanth, Nimbarka*
2. *Dual-NonDualism + Real-Unrealism = Sri Pati, Vigyanbhikshu*
3. *Real-NonRealism+Dualism = Madhva*
4. *Dualism + Unrealism = ??*
5. *Unrealism + NonDualism = ??*
6. *NonDualism + Neither Real nor Unreal = Shankar*
7. *Neither Real Nor UnReal + Neither Dual Nor Non-Dual = ??*
8. **Neither Dual nor Non-Dual + Realism = Vallabh**



# Monistic Polytheism

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*Realism + Neither Dual  
Nor Non-Dual = Monistic  
Polytheism/Substantial  
Identity.*

**Unity: Substantial**

**Multiplicity:**

*Formal/Qualitative/Funct  
ional/Nominal*

Examples

- *Gold and Ornament*
- $A = B$



## Component Theories – Monistic Polytheism

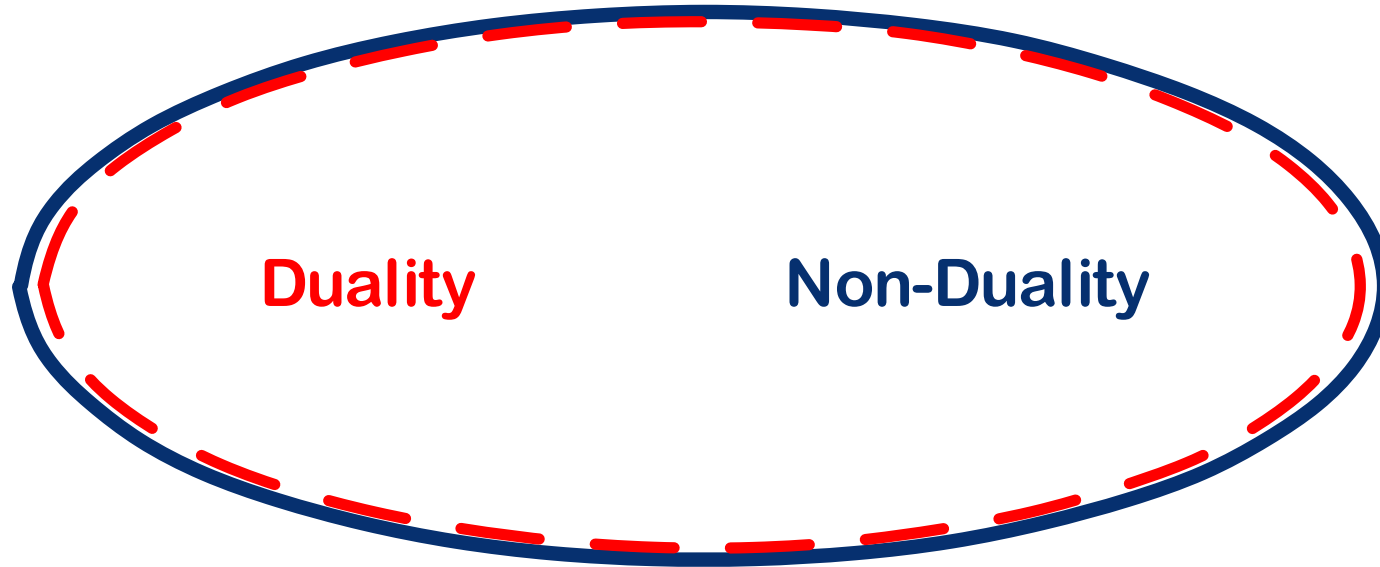
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- ➡ Brahma-Vāda
- ➡ Theory of Co-Incidentia of Contradictorium
- ➡ Theory of Non-duality of Material and Efficient Cause
- ➡ Theory of Eternal Presence of Cause in the Effect
- ➡ Theory of Eternal Presence of Effect in the Cause
- ➡ Theory of Manifestation and Unmanifestation
- ➡ Theory of Substantial Identity
- ➡ Theory of Unmodified Substantial Transformation
- ➡ Theory of Creation as part of Divine Willful Sport



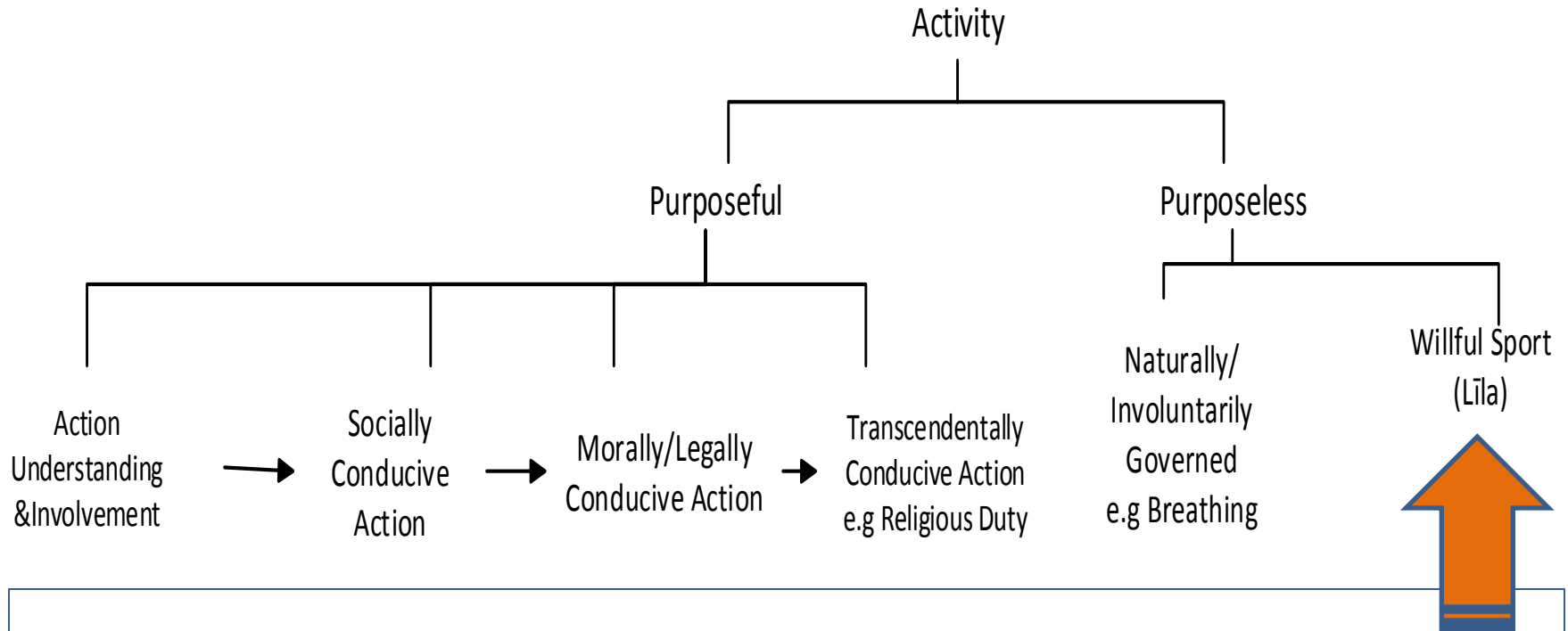
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# Monistic Polytheism





# Fearless Rejoicement: Līlā

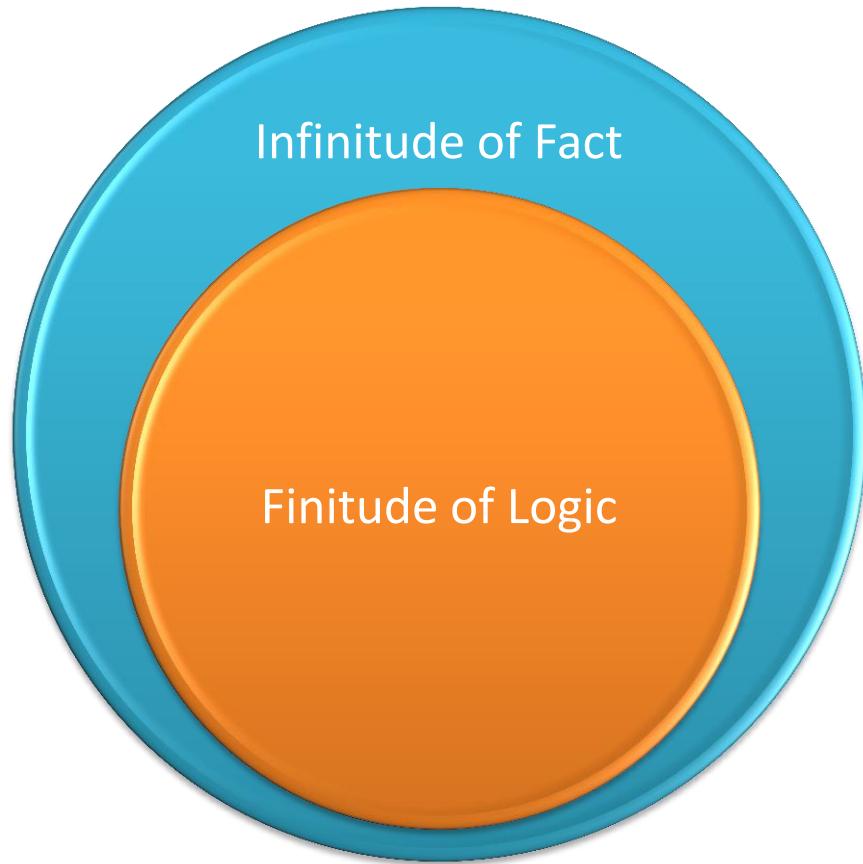


- *Non-Duality -> Fearlessness*
- *Duality -> Sportive*
- *Duality Tolerant Non-Duality = Monistic Polytheism*



# Basis of Mutual Tolerance

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*All Philosophies describes  
PARTIAL Truth of Brahman  
NO philosophy can TOTALLY  
describe Brahman*

*Sri Vallabhacharya*

*“When philosophers argue – ‘I don't choose to analyse this particular case in the same way that you have,’ it is simply my own insurmountable energies that are motivating their analytic disagreements.” (Srimad Bhagatava Mahapuram 11.22.4-5)*



# Defining Peace

*Peace = Absolute Cessation of Pain  
+  
Attainment of Bliss*

Individual Level



Institutional Level

*(Social, Religious, Political,*

*Legal, Moral)*



Philosophical Level

*(Scientific, Theological, Metaphy*

*sical)*



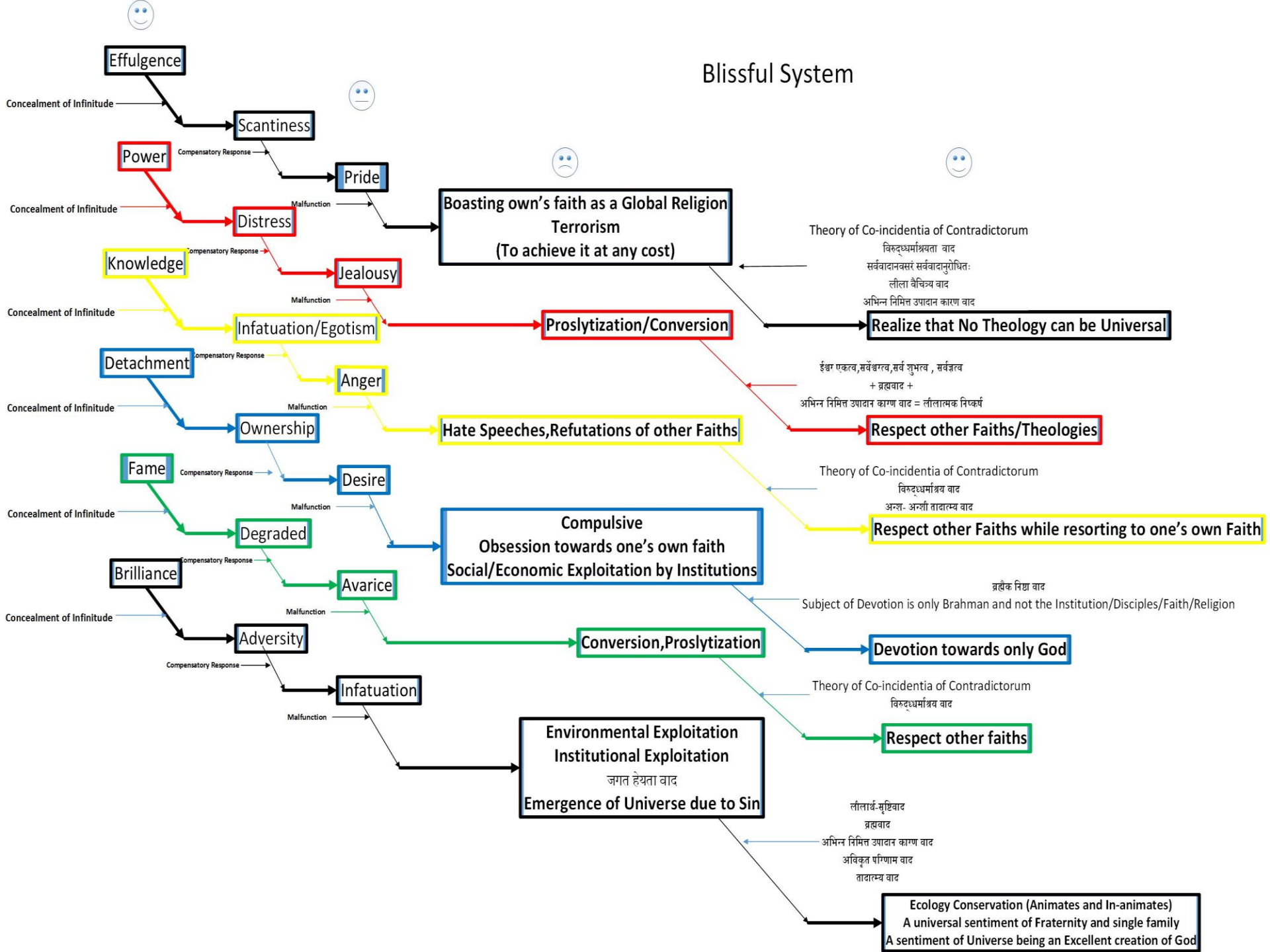


# Different Views about Individual Level Peace

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| System                     | Characteristics of Peace  |   |
|----------------------------|---|---|
|                            | दुःखः अभाव (Absolute Cessation of Pain) ->  | सुखः प्राप्ति (Attainment of absolute Bliss)  |
| Materialism/Hedonism       | Don't believe in either in Absolute Pleasure or Pain  | Sensual Pleasure  |
| Nihilism/Voidism           | Emancipation arising from the extirpation of desire, & the stream of cognitions and impressions   | सर्व दुखं   |
| Jainism/ Seven Paralogisms | The absolute release from all actions by the decay of the causes of bondage and of existence  | Pure Omniscience  |
| Samkhya                    | A complete cessation of all pains and soul's existence in an unconscious connection with pure intelligence constitute absoluton   | Absence of bondage of conscious from unconscious  |
| Yoga                       | Intense concentration on the Supreme Soul. Removal of Sensual, Mental and Karmic Pain   | Indistinct Recognition Meditation. Pure Consciousness without any Subjective/Objective Feeling, memory or negative/positive emotional disturbance |
| Vedic – Orthodox           | Action (कर्म) - चित्त शुद्धि –Cure of Unhealthy Worldly Attachment by means of Sacrifices in Yagyas. Destruction of EGO   | Emancipation in terms of Realizing and Experiencing Duality by Healthy Attachment   |
|                            | Knowledge (ज्ञान) – Cure of Unhealthy EGO by means of realizing the principle of सोऽहं. Destruction of Attachment   | Emancipation in terms of realizing and experiencing Non-Duality with Brahman by healthy EGO   |
|                            | Devotion (भक्ति) – Total and artistic response of self-conscious part to the totality of the truth. Total Involvement into the multi-dimensional reality of Brahman. Relish the Creator and not the creation. Creator relishes its Creation. Healthy Treatment of अहंता & ममता (प्रपञ्च विस्मृति) | भगवद् आसक्ति<br>Total Involvement in to Brahman   |

# Blissful System





# Causes of Friction

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**Peace/Interfaith Tolerance**  
**Diversity of Faiths/Religions/Philosophies**

Primordial Desire To  
Monopolize the Right to Uplift ALL

**Uncontrolled Initiation to In-eligible  
Followers/Disciples**

Greed to want more disciples

**Primordial Emotion to Compete with  
Other Faiths/Religions/Schools**

Attachment toward Extrovert things  
Causing in-ability to tolerate failures to proselytize

**Loss of Inter-Religious Trust**

Anger ->Jealousy->Infatuation  
To achieve it by any means

**Animosity, Hate Speeches,  
Violence and Terrorism**

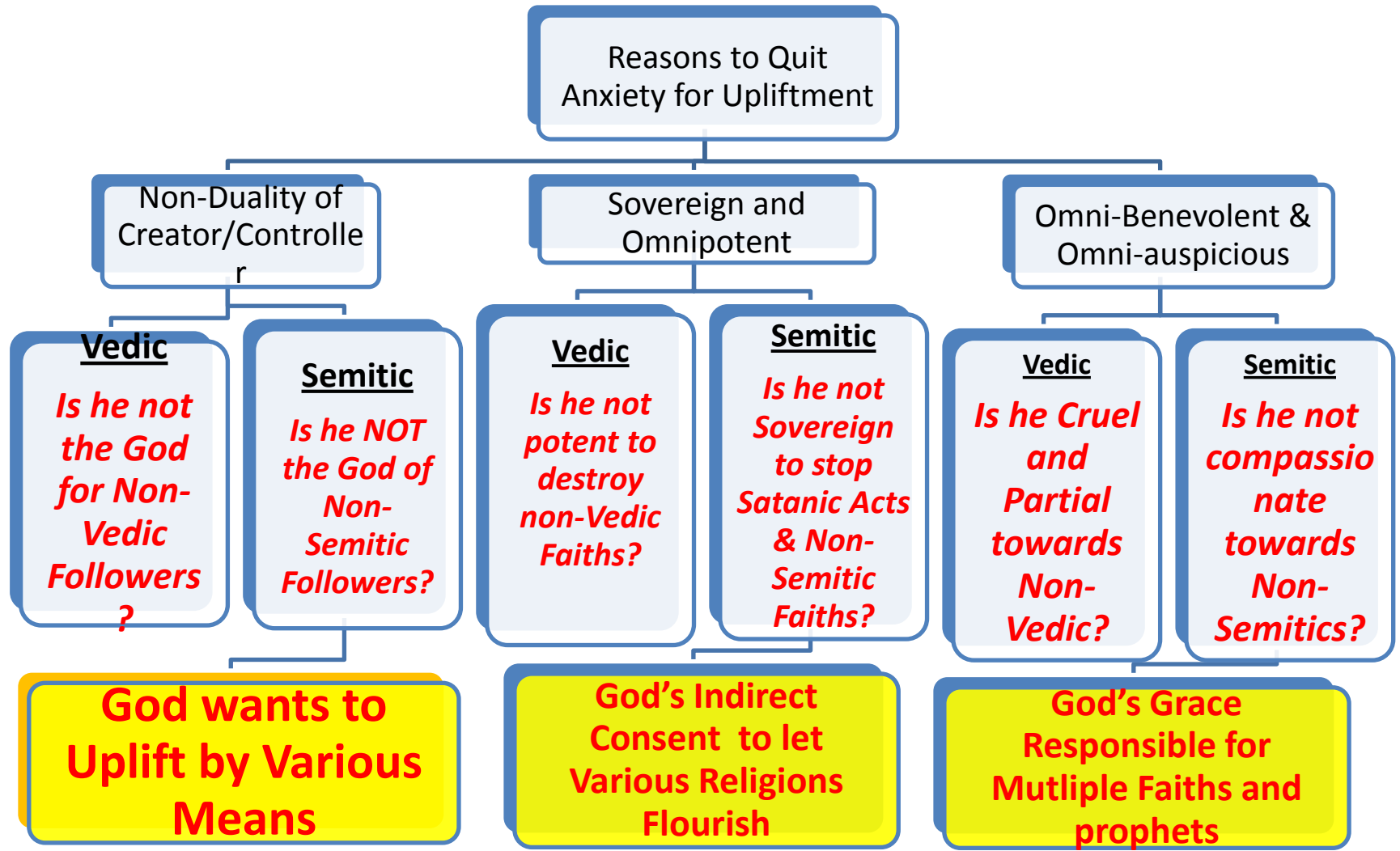
**Complete Identity Loss**

Attachment Keeps on Increasing



# Making it Possible...

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