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Understanding Our Humanity

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*All things arise and cease
due to causes and conditions*

What do you think? What does it mean? What ought to be done?

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The mystery of our human nature remains as the supreme question of attaining self-knowledge. This same question remains as the holy grail of philosophy, science, religion and art. Without beating around any argumentative complications, here is a direct answer that we offer for deeper study or for further investigation.

For starters, we are of a sevenfold nature. It is sevenfold, because the nature of our humanity is, in reality, a unity. However, this unity is like a sheet of paper folded into seven parts, which is what we refer to here as the seven principles of our human nature. As we grow and unfold, the 7-principles are, in truth, a unity, the Oneness or cosmic wholeness experienced in unconditioned states of meditation or realization.

The unity of our humanity manifesting as the seven principles of our human nature is the master key to unlocking the mystery language or spiritual metaphors of the myths, legends and fables found in the ancestral writings and scriptures of the world religions.

Most of us have also experienced a dualistic nature. We feel we have the good and the bad within that at times battle each other. The "good" is our Spirituality. The "bad" is our Personality. (See *Chart A. The Seven Principles ...*)

Our dual nature as Spirituality and Personality can be understood further under other familiar names, such as: the higher self and lower self, the immortal self and mortal self, the soul and body, the spiritual self and material self, the unselfish self or selfless self and the selfish self or ego; the promised land and the land of bondage, the Sea of Galilee and Dead Sea, King Solomon and his Temple, Carpentry and Masonry, sword and scabbard, the beauty and the beast, the heavenly and the earthly, the wine and the cup, wisdom and folly, hero and villain; the light and darkness, dharma and karma, paradise and inferno, the tree of life and the tree of good-and-evil, the angel and the devil in us, and many other missed metaphors. But all are resolved by the unity or final union as the divine marriage.

Chart A. The Seven Principles Of Our Human Nature

N	Principles	Consciousness	Sanskrit
<i>Spirituality or the Real Self</i>			<i>Atman</i>
7	Volitional	Intentions	Atma
6	Intuitional	Virtues	Buddhi
5	Altruitional	Ideals	Buddhi-Manas
<i>Personality or the Unreal Self</i>			<i>Anatman</i>
4	Rational	Ideas	Kama-Manas
3	Emotional	Desires	Kama
2	Plasmal	Sensations	Linga-sharira
1	Physical	Senses	Sthula-sharira

The esoteric Sanskrit terms are included here merely to suggest the ageless nature of the teachings which have always been held in trust for humanity.

When we are true to our higher nature, Spirituality rules the Personality, and not the other way around. Our troubles can mostly be traced to this "other way around," where the Personality masks or fails to express our higher spiritual nature or divine possibilities.

As the senses, sensations, desires and ideas are more and more in accord with the spiritual ideals, virtues and intentions, so do we come to realize the higher potential of our Spirituality. This is the real meaning of taking the true refuge or of being saved from damnation.

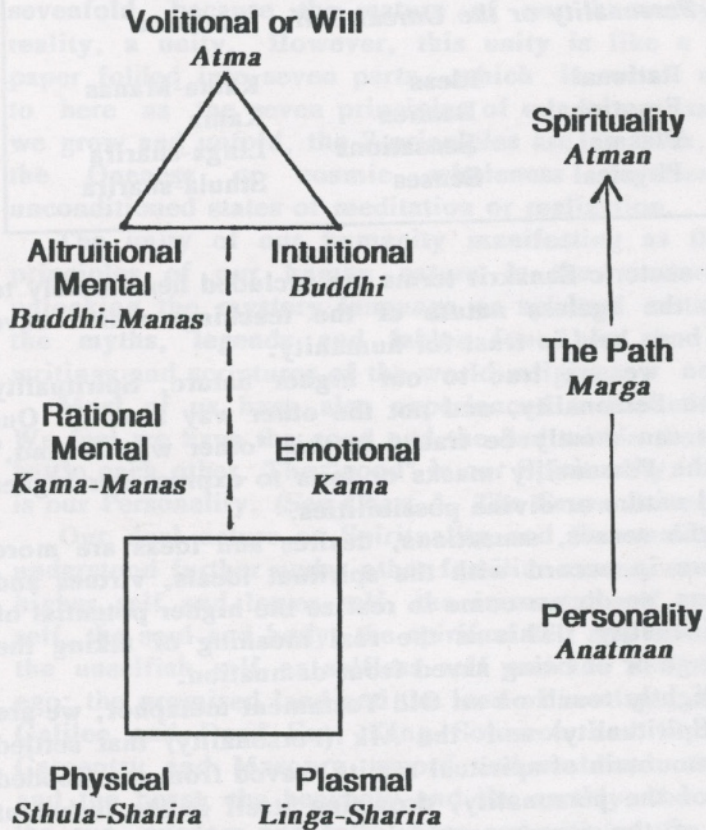
To slightly touch on an Old Testament metaphor, we are Noah (Spirituality) and the Ark (Personality) that settled on the mountain of spiritual reality, saved from the flooded waters of the personality, drowning itself in the turbulent misuse of the senses, sensations, desires and ideas that deny the higher safety ground of the spiritual ideals, virtues and intentions or, of the "Will of God" in religion; the ethical imperative of philosophy, or the great implicate order of the universe science hopes to unravel. ☆ ☆ ☆

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(See Chart A, inside page, for explanation.)

Diagram. The Seven Principles Of Human Nature



The diagram above has also been referred to as the Triangle and the Square or, the Upper Triad and the Lower Quaternary.