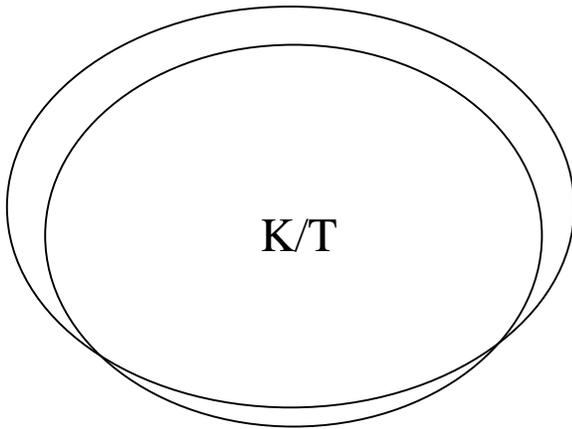


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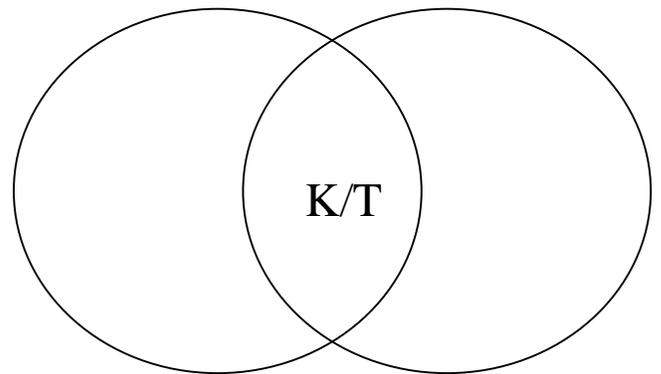
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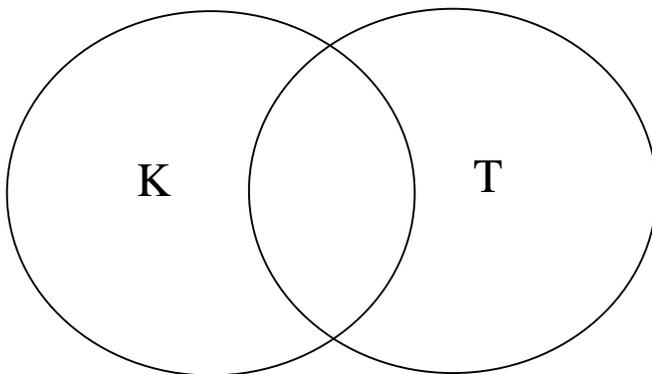
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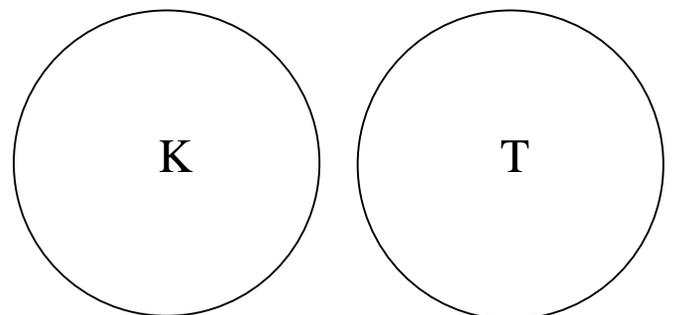
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Krishnamurti/Prophet

Theosophical Perceptions of World Teacher Project

| | Genuine | Not Genuine |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Successful | Annie Besant K (1980s) Radha Burnier Jean Overton Fuller Aryel Sanat | Rom Landau Ouspensky |
| Failed | C.W. Leadbeater Geoffrey Hodson Scott/Anrias Alice Bailey Ballard/Prophet | Rudolf Steiner A. Smythe E.L. Gardner K (1930's) |

Comparison between Theosophy and Krishnamurti

| Category | Theosophy | Krishnamurti |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| Motto | "There is no religion higher than truth" | "Truth is a pathless land" |
| Aspects of truth | "some portions ... proclaimed" | "truth has no aspects" |
| Theoretical vs. personal | "truth by direct experience" | "... through observation" |
| Comparison | "Contrast alone ..." | "... is not understanding" |
| Higher and lower selves | 3-fold nature of Self | "an idea, not a fact" |
| Reincarnation | Part of "pivotal doctrine" | "immaterial" |
| Spiritual path(s) | Many or One | "Truth is a pathless land" |
| (Spiritual) Evolution | "perpetual progress for each incarnating Ego" | "Doesn't exist" "Life can not have a plan" |
| Ladders | "No single rung of the ladder ... can be skipped" | "the ladder of hierarchical achievement, is utterly false" |

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| Masters | "undeniable existence" | "Your own projections" |
| Mediators | Send out periodically | Exploiters |
| Nationalism/Patriotism | To be awakened | Absurd and cruel |
| Ceremonies | "have their place ... [and] use | "illusions" "no avail" |
| Vows | "for ever binding" | To exploit people |
| Secret doctrines and Occultism | Wisdom-Religion of the Mahatmas | Rejected as "utterly valueless" and "discarded" |
| Theosophy | "aggregate of the knowledge and wisdom that underlie the Universe" | "your conception of wisdom is utterly false ... your theories are utterly valueless" |
| Theosophical Society | "storehouse of all the truths" | "based on ... exploitation" |
| Religions | "complementary" | "divide and destroy" |
| True religion | "a bond uniting men together" | "discovery of man's total process" |
| Brahman | "impersonal supreme and uncognizable Principle of the Universe" | "invention of thought" |
| Atman | "Universal Spirit ... 7 th principle ... Supreme Soul" | "invention of thought" |
| | Some agreements | |
| Personal God | "gigantic shadow of <i>man</i> " "a bundle of contradictions and a logical impossibility" | "thought has created god" |
| Oneness of consciousness | "Consciousness is one" | "of the rest of mankind" |
| Personal self/ego/'me' | To be renounced | To be dissolved |
| Consciousness | Atman-Buddhi-Manas, Monad-Ego-Self | Intelligence-Individuality-mind (tentative) |

(For footnoted version visit: http://www.alpheus.org/html/articles/krishnamurti/TSL_Column.htm)