**Main Influences For
The Way of Being**

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# INTRODUCTION

## Arrangements

The purpose to arrangements by *discipline* and by *concept*, includes cross-reference.

## Notation

#### An essential idea is in full caps

#### Significant influence; may be worthy of further study\*

#### Priority for further study\*\*

## Planning

### The document

1. Make a simple listing—the immediate need is to fill out gaps in what has influenced my thought. Here, there is no intent at completeness.

Continue

1. Cross reference influences and concepts (<concepts.html>, [system of human knowledge, reason, practice, and action](system%20of%20human%20knowledge%2C%20reason%2C%20practice%2C%20and%20action.html)).
2. Parallel up date with [topics and concepts for the way](..%5Cnarratives%5Ctopics%20and%20concepts%20for%20the%20way.html), the docs above, and the database.

Long term

1. Import of influences and concepts.
2. Simplify.

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# MAIN INFLUENCES BY CONTRIBUTION AND PERSON

This is the main division of the document. The subsequent divisions are resources.

Information includes area of contribution, dates, philosophical orientation if any, and optional: main concepts, works and schools.

## Humanities

### Philosophy

Metaphysics, epistemology, logic, and ethics; education; religion

#### Heraclitus

becoming

c. 535 BCE – c. 475 BCE

*Orientation*: materialist-empiricist

#### Parmenides\*\*

c. 500 BCE – c. 450 BCE

Philosopher of permanence—change is relative; known written work—a metaphysical poem *On Nature* (probably not its real name), which includes an argument that whatever is, is permanent—seemingly concluded as from thoughts such as: whatever ‘is’ is observed but what was or will be is posited; Being vs becoming

Though Parmenides is the first western philosopher to apply deductive a priori arguments, it is at least questionable whether the arguments were conclusive.

*Orientation*: idealist-rationalist

#### Socrates\*\*

c. 470 BCE – c. 399 BCE

Socratic method—dialogue that simulates imaginative critical thought

*Orientation*: idealist-rationalist

To add: Socratic method, reason

#### Democritus\*

c. 460 BCE – c. 370 BCE

atomism, cosmology

*Orientation*: materialist-empiricist

To add: atomism

#### Plato\*

c. 428 BCE – c. 348 BCE

Cosmology: Timaeus—a main source for Plato’s metaphysics; an account of the formation of the universe with an explanation of its beauty and order

Knowledge: Parmenides (theory of forms)

Politics: Republic
Being, becoming, power, philosophy as logic (or dialectic), metaphysics, and ethics

*Orientation*: idealist-rationalist

To add: Logic, logic, ethics

#### Aristotle\*

c. 384 BCE – c. 322 BCE

metaphysics, categories, logic

Logic [Organon]

Metaphysics [Ta meta ta physika]

*Orientation*: materialist-empiricist

To add: categories

#### Epicurus\*\*

c. 341 BCE – c. 270 BCE

principle of plenitude (without proof)

*Orientation*: materialist-empiricist

To add: principle of plenitude

#### Augustine\*\*

354 CE – 430 CE

*Orientation*: idealist-rationalist

To add: ontological argument, God

#### Samkara, Adi\*

c. 700 CE – c. 750 CE, speculatively

[Samkara, Adi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adi_Shankara) ([Advaita Vedanta](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Advaita_Vedanta))

Identity of Atman and Brahman; tat tvam asi

*Orientation*: idealist-rationalist

To add: Atman

#### Johannes Scotus Eriugena\*

c. 815 CE – c. 877 CE

universe as all that there is and that there is not over all time and space; being, nonbeing

*Orientation*: idealist-rationalist

#### Thomas Aquinas\*

1225 CE – 1274 CE

Aeternitas

*Orientation*: idealist-rationalist

#### William of Ockham\*\*

c. 1287 CE – 1347 CE

To add: superfluous universals (ockham’s razor)

*Orientation*: idealist-rationalist

#### Descartes, Rene\*

1596 CE – 1650 CE

Analysis of certainty and experience

Discours de la méthode [Discourse on Method], 1637

Meditationes de Prima Philosophia [Meditations on First Philosophy in Which Is Proved the Existence of God and the Immortality of the Soul; includes Decartes’ reflections on methodical doubt] 1641

*Orientation*: idealist-rationalist

To add: certainty

#### John Locke\*\*

1632 CE – 1704 CE

An Essay Concerning Human Understanding, 1690

Two Treatises of Government, 1690

Some Thoughts Concerning Education, 1693

*Orientation*: materialist-empiricist

#### Leibniz, Gottfried Wilhelm\*\*

1646 CE – 1715 CE

The monad (interiority of experience), necessity

*Orientation*: idealist-rationalist

To add: monad, necessity

#### Berkeley, George

1685 CE – 1753 CE

To be is to be perceived (esse est percipi), interpreted as *the object without influence on experience does not exist* rather than things exist only when perceived and certainly not as perception creates the object

*Orientation*: materialist-empiricist

#### Hume, David\*

1711 CE – 1776 CE

critic of induction as necessary

A Treatise of Human Nature: Book 1 Of the Understanding, Book 2 Of the Passions, Book 3 Of Morals, 1739–40

An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding (a rewriting of the first book of the Treatise which Hume repudiated as immature, with addition of the essay On Miracles), originally titled Philosophical Essays Concerning Human Understanding, 1748.

Essays, Moral and Political, 1741–42

An Enquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals, 1751

Political Discourses, 1752

Four Dissertations, 1757

Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion, 1779

*Orientation*: materialist-empiricist

#### Kant, Immanuel\*

1724 CE – 1804 CE

categories of experience are categories of Being

Critique of Pure Reason, trs. 1929, 1951, original German edition, Critik der reinen Vernunft, 1781, rev. ed. Kritik der reinen Vernunft, 1787

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Critique of Judgment, vol. 1, Kant's Critique of Aesthetic Judgment and vol. 2, Critique of Teleological Judgment, 1911–28, republished 1952, Critik der Urteilskraft 1790, 2nd ed. 1793

*Orientation*: idealist-rationalist

#### Hegel, Georg Wilhelm Friedrich\*\*

1770 CE – 1831 CE

The Phenomenology of Mind, 1807, trs. J. B. Baille, 1967

Science of Logic, 1812-1816 [Objective Logic, 1812 and Subjective Logic, 1816]

Encyclopedia of the Philosophical Sciences in Outline, 1817 [Logic, Nature, Mind]

The Philosophy of Right, 1821, trs. J. B. Baille, 1952

Lecture Notes on Aesthetics, Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of History, and History of Philosophy, written about 1823-1827

*Orientation*: idealist-rationalist

#### Schopenhauer, Arthur\*

1788 CE – 1860 CE

will, categories

On the Fourfold Root of the Principle of Sufficient Reason: a Philosophical Essay, 1813

The World as Will and Representation, in two volumes, Volume I, trs. E. F. J. Payne, 1958, original German edition, Die Welt als Wille und Vorstellung, 1819; Volume II, trs. E. F. J. Payne, 1958, the original German edition of Volume II appears with the second edition of the work in 1844 in which Volume I is essentially unchanged; a third German edition was published in 1859

*Orientation*: idealist-rationalist

To add: will

#### Mill, John Stuart

1806 CE – 1873 CE

*Orientation*: materialist-empiricist

#### Nietzsche, Friedrich\*

1844 CE – 1900 CE

critique of culture and convention, authenticity

The Birth of Tragedy, trs. W. Kaufmann, 1954; original German, 1872

Daybreak, trs. R. J. Hollingdale, 1982; 1881

Thus Spoke Zarathustra, trs. R. J. Hollingdale, 1968; 1883-5

Beyond Good and Evil, trs. R. J. Hollingdale, 1966; 1886

The Twilight of the Idols, trs. R. J. Hollingdale, 1968; 1889

The Anti-Christ, R. J. Hollingdale, 1968; 1895

Nietzsche against Wagner, trs. W. Kaufmann in The Portable Nietzsche, ed. W. Kaufmann, 1954; 1895

Ecce Homo, trs. W. Kaufmann, 1968; 1908

*Orientation*: idealist-rationalist

#### Husserl, Edmund

1859 CE – 1938 CE

Logical Investigations, trs. JN Findlay, 1970, from Logische Untersuchungeng, 1900–1

*Orientation*: idealist-rationalist

#### Alexander, Samuel \*

1859 CE – 1938 CE

space, time, God, categories

Space, time, and deity: the Gifford lectures at Glasgow, 1916-1918

*Orientation*: idealist-rationalist

#### Whitehead, Alfred North\*

1861 CE – 1947 CE

Philosophy of organism, process

The Concept of Nature, 1920

Science and the Modern World, 1925

Process and Reality, 1929, corrected ed. D. R. Griffin and D. W. Sherburne, 1967

Adventures of Ideas, 1933

Modes of Thought, 1938

*Orientation*: idealist-rationalist

#### Russell, Bertrand, Arthur, William\*

1872 CE – 1970 CE

Logicism, ostensive definition, theory of types, names and descriptions

A Critical Exposition of the Philosophy of Leibniz, 1900

The Principles of Mathematics, 1903

On Denoting, in Mind, 1905

Philosophical Essays, 1910

Principia Mathematica, with A. N. Whitehead, 3 vols., 1910-13, 2 ed., 1927

The Problems of Philosophy, 1912

The Theory of Knowledge, 1913, pub. Posthumously in Colledted Papers, v. VII, 1984

Our Knowledge of the External World as a Field for Scientific Method in Philosophy, 1914

The Philosophy of Logical Atomism, in Monist, 1918-19

Introduction to Mathematical Philosophy, 1919

The Analysis of Mind, 1921

The Analysis of Matter, 1927

An Inquiry into Meaning and Truth, 1940

Human Knowledge: Its Scope and Limits, 1948

My Philosophical Development, 1959

Autobiography, 1967-9

*Orientation*: materialist-empiricist

#### Wittgenstein, Ludwig\*

1889 CE – 1951 CE

logic, metaphysics, philosophical psychology

*Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*, trs. C. K. Ogden, 1922

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*Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*, translated by D.F. Pears and B.F. McGuinness (Routledge and Kegan Paul, London 1961).

His early classic.

*The Blue and Brown Books*, (Basil Blackwell, Oxford 1969).

From his middle period, these are preliminary studies for his later work.

*Philosophical Investigations*, 1953, translated by G.E.M. Anscombe (Basil Blackwell, Oxford 1963).

His late classic.

*On Certainty*, edited by G.E.M. Anscombe and G.H. von Wright, translated by Denis Paul and G.E.M. Anscombe (Basil Blackwell, Oxford 1979).

Like many of Wittgenstein's works, this was compiled after his death from notes he had made. In this case the notes come from the last year and a half of his life.Works of more general interest by Wittgenstein include these:

Culture and Value, translated by Peter Winch (Basil Blackwell, Oxford 1980).

These are notes from throughout Wittgenstein's life dealing with all kinds of topics hinted at by its title, including music, literature, philosophy, religion and the value of silliness.

Lectures and Conversations on Aesthetics, Psychology and Religious Belief, edited by Cyril Barrett (Basil Blackwell, Oxford 1966).

For 'psychology' read 'Freud', otherwise the title is explanation enough. Hilary Putnam has recommended the section on religion as a valuable introduction to Wittgenstein's philosophy as a whole.

*Orientation*: materialist-empiricist

#### Heidegger, Martin\*

1889 CE – 1976 CE

Being, becoming, being human, time

Being and time, 1927

*Orientation*: idealist-rationalist

To add: time

#### Popper, Karl Raimund\*

1902 CE – 1994 CE

scientific method (‘falsifiability’, necessity of testability)

The Logic of Scientific Discovery, 1959, trs. of revised and expanded version of Logik der Forschung, 1934

The Open Society and Its Enemies, 1945

Indeterminism in quantum physics and in classical physics, in British Journal for Philosophy of Science, 1950

The Poverty of Historicism, 1957

Conjectures and Refutations, 1963

The next three titles are the three volumes of Postscript to the Logic of Scientific Discovery: After Twenty Years, 1982 – 1983.

The Open Universe: An Argument for Indeterminism, 1982

Quantum Theory and the Schism in Physics, 1982

Realism and the Aim of Science, 1983

*Orientation*: materialist-empiricist

#### Quine, Willard Van Orman\*

1908 CE – 2000 CE

logic as empirical or synthetic

On What There Is, 1953

Word and Object, 1960

Ontological Relativity and Other Essays, 1969

The Roots of Reference, 1974

Theories and Things, 1981

Pursuit of Truth, 1990

Philosophy of Logic, 1970, 2 ed, 1986

*Orientation*: materialist-empiricist

#### Searle, John\*

1932 CE –

On consciousness

The Rediscovery of the Mind, 1992

*Orientation*: materialist-empiricist

#### Nagel, Thomas\*

1937 CE –

On consciousness, ‘what it is like’

What it is Like to Be a Bat, 1974

*Orientation*: idealist-rationalist

To add what it is like

#### Kripke, Saul Aaron\*\*

1940 CE –

Naming and Necessity, 1980

*Orientation*: materialist-empiricist

To add naming

#### Lewis, David\*\*

1941 CE – 2001 CE

modal realism, possible worlds

#### Lowe, E. J.\*\*

1950 CE – 2014 CE

Being, metaphysics, kinds of Being

Kinds of Being, 1989

More Kinds of Being, 2009

#### Chalmers, David

1966 CE –

On qualia

‘Qualia’ derives from the Latin ‘quale’ of what kind, was introduced by C. S. Lewis in 1929 in connection with sense-datum theory and its importance emphasized by David Chalmers in a paper *Absent Qualia, Fading Qualia, Dancing Qualia* (1995)

The Conscious Mind, 1996

*Orientation*: materialist-empiricist

To add qualia

## Concrete sciences

The concrete sciences

Mathematics, theoretical physics, functional and evolutionary biology, theoretical and experimental psychology, sociology, anthropology, political science and philosophy, economics

### Physics

#### Newton, Isaac\*

1642 CE – 1727 CE

#### Maxwell, James Clerk

1831 CE – 1879 CE

#### Einstein, Albert\*

1879 CE – 1955 CE

#### Schrödinger, Erwin\*

1887 CE – 1961 CE

#### Heisenberg, Werner

1901 CE – 1976 CE

#### Dirac, Paul Adrien Maurice

1902 CE – 1984 CE

#### Feynman, Richard\*

1918 CE – 1988 CE

### Biology

#### Darwin, Charles\*

1809 CE – 1882 CE

#### Mayr, Ernst\*

1904 CE – 2005 CE

### Psychology

#### Freud, Sigmund

1856 CE – 1939 CE

### Sociology

#### Weber, Max\*

1864 CE – 1920 CE

### Anthropology

Anthropology proper and study of belief including philosophy and nature of religion

#### Campbell, Joseph

1904 CE – 1987 CE

#### Nelson, Richard K

1941 CE –

Cultural anthropologist; *Make Prayers to the Raven*: A Koyukon View of the Northern Forest, 1983

### Religious study

#### James, William\*\*

1842 CE –1910 CE

#### Eliade, Mircea

1907 CE – 1986 CE

#### Smith, Huston Cummings

1919 CE – 2016 CE

#### Hick, John\*

##### 1922 CE – 2012 CE

### Political science

#### Marx, Karl

1818 CE – 1863 CE

### Economics

#### Keynes, John Maynard

1883 CE – 1946 CE

#### Samuelson, Paul\*

1915 CE – 2009 CE

### Technology

Especially language, writing, print; artificial intelligence and simulation; man-machine interface and integration; technology of civilization; technology of earth and space exploration.

#### Frank Tippler

1947 CE –

## Abstract sciences

Metaphysics and specific abstract sciences

### Metaphysics

### Logic

#### Frege, Gottlob\*

1848 CE – 1925 CE

referential meaning; logic, analytic philosophy, Platonist philosophy of mathematics

The Foundations of Arithmetic, trs. J. L. Austin, 1952; original German 1884

The Basic Laws of Arithmetic I, trs. and ed. Montgomery Furth, 1964; 1893

The Basic Laws of Arithmetic II, translations of extracts in Translations from the Philosophical Writings of Gottlob Frege trs. and ed. P. Geach and M. Black, 1980; 1903

*Orientation*: materialist-empiricist

#### Gödel, Kurt\*

1906 CE – 1978 CE

Limits to formal systems, is arithmetic synthetic

On Formally Undecidable Propositions of Principia Mathematica And Related Systems (Über formal unentscheidbare Sätze der Principia Mathematica und verwandter Systeme I"), 1931.

*Orientation*: idealist-rationalist

### Mathematics

### Computer science

### Linguistics

## Action

### Civilization

The ingredients of civilization ([http://www.historyworld.net/wrldhis/](http://www.historyworld.net/wrldhis/PlainTextHistories.asp?historyid=ab25)); Mesopotamia, Egypt > Indus > Aegean > China > America > Mediterranean > Regional civilizations > Global civilization

### Technology

### Politics

#### Alexander the Great

356 BCE – 323 BCE

#### Julius Caesar

100 BCE – 44 BCE

#### Gengis Khan

c. 1162 CE – 1227 BCE

#### Lenin, Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov

1870 CE – 1924 CE

What is to be done? Burning Questions of our Movement, 1929 trs. from the 1902 Russian

Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism: A Popular Outline, 1933, trs. from the 1916 Russian

#### Castro, Fidel

1926 CE – 2016 CE

### Economics

### Religion

#### Rishis of the Vedas

[Rishis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rishi) ([Veda](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vedas)) is a mythic ascription of authorship according to the Vedas

Rough dates:

1700 BCE – 900 CE

#### Mythic Sages of the Upanishads

[Mythic Sages](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Upanishads#Authorship) ([Upanishad](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Upanishads))

The Upanishads, like the Vedas, are of uncertain authorship and have been ascribed to mythic sates.

Rough dates

800 BCE – 300 CE

#### Valmiki

[Valmiki](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Valmiki) ([Ramayana](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ramayana))

The Ramayana is attributed to Valmiki. Rough dates of writing

450 BCE – 50 BCE

#### Gautama Buddha

c. 563 BCE – c. 483 BCE

#### Jesus

c. 4 BCE – c. 30 CE

#### Vyasa, Veda

[Vyasa, Veda](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vyasa) (traditional: [Mahabharata](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahabharata), [Bhagavad Gita](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhagavad_Gita))

[Bhagavad Gita](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhagavad_Gita)

Veda Vyasa is mythic with a very rough date:

3000 BCE

#### Samkara, Adi\*

[Samkara, Adi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adi_Shankara) ([Advaita Vedanta](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Advaita_Vedanta))

c. 700 CE – c. 750 CE, speculatively

#### Baker, Ian

*The Heart of the World*: A Journey to Tibet’s Lost Paradise, 2004

1957 CE –

# SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT

This division is in broad strokes. It is also selective and focuses on the main influences on my thought.

## Indian philosophy

### Original Hindu

#### Veda

#### Upanishad

#### Bhagavad Gita

### Āstika

The Āstika or Orthodox schools accept the authority of the Vedas.

There are six main schools but I list only the main influences.

#### Samkhya

#### Yoga

#### Advaita Vedanta

### Nāstika

The Nāstika or Heterodox schools do not accept the authority of the Vedas. The four main Nastika schools are Cārvāka, Ājīvika, Buddhism, and Jainism. The one with significant influence is

#### Buddhism

## Western philosophy

See [system of human knowledge, practice, and action](system%20of%20human%20knowledge%2C%20reason%2C%20practice%2C%20and%20action.html) and [history of western philosophy](..%5C..%5C..%5CArchive%20of%20old%20versions%5CHistory%20of%20western%20philosophy.html).

### Ancient

#### Atomism

#### Skepticism

### Medieval

#### Patrism

#### Scholasticism

### Enlightenment

… and after

#### Rationalism

#### Positivism

#### Idealism

#### British Idealism

#### Empiricism

### Modern

#### Analytic philosophy

#### Continental philosophy

#### Existentialism

#### Emergentism

#### Holism

#### Intuitionism

#### Language philosophy

#### Logical positivism

#### Logical empiricism

#### Materialism

#### Physicalism

#### Pragmatism

#### Process philosophy

#### Realism

# MAIN INFLUENCES BY CONCEPT

This is for use in the main division, [main influences by discipline and person](#_MAIN_INFLUENCES_BY).

## Being

### Becoming

Becoming, destiny, death, yoga, civilization, understanding, paradigm, truth

#### Writers on becoming

Heraclitus, Nietzsche, Whitehead

### Being

Being, sameness, difference, existence, verb to be, abstraction-concretion, ¿why Being?

#### Writers on Being and the real

Being: Parmenides, Plato, Aristotle, Kant, Hegel, Heidegger

The real: writers on Being and Samkara, Buddha, John Hick, Kant

### Experience

experience, consciousness, the given

experience and the world, canonical dilemmas (of experience), concept, intentionality, object, null object, concept meaning, linguistic referential meaning

#### Writers on experience

The phenomenologists: Franz Brentano, Heidegger, Edmund Husserl, Maurice Merlau-Ponty

On consciousness, recent: Searle, Chalmers, Nagel

On the world: see writers on Being, i.e. on the real

### Perfect categories

the real via abstraction, ideal categories (elements), all (universe), parts (beings), null (the void), power, reason, possibility, potential

#### Writers

Aristotle, Kant, Schopenhauer, Hegel, Husserl. Samuel Alexander

### Kinds of being

kind (of Being), mode (or level of Being), model (dynamic), conceptual model (linguistic)

#### Writers

See writers on Being and the categories

E. J. Lowe (*Kinds of Being*, 1989 and *More Kinds of Being*, 2009)

## Reason

reason, rationalism, possibility (kinds), limitlessness, necessity, argument (Logic), science, religion, value, art

#### Writers on reason

Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Descartes, Leibniz, Kant, Russell, Quine

## Metaphysics

metaphysics, possibility of metaphysics (by demonstrative example), existence of the void, fundamental principle, perfect metaphysics (dual abstract-concrete, with dual epistemology), consequences: identity, cosmology of identity and Being, Atman, Brahman

essential problem of metaphysics, ¿what has Being?, problems of metaphysics

#### Writers on metaphysics

Thales, Parmenides, Heraclitus, Plato, Aristotle, Kant, Hegel, Heidegger, Wittgenstein, David Lewis

### Real elements of Being

the real (via appropriate dual epistemology), real category, abstract-concrete, peak realization, perfect instrument, system of real categories: identity, dynamics, experiential modes

#### Writers on the real

See writers on Being, and on the categories

## Cosmology

cosmology, method, general cosmology (descriptive, paradigms, models of universe—of Being and identity)

cosmology of form and formation, transient, multi-step symmetry capture (greater probability of), form

physical cosmology(symmetry, dynamics, superposed residual indeterminism—e.g. quantum, models of cosmos), process, determinism (and indeterminism), causation, acausal process, mechanism (vs teleology); matter (Being), mind (Being-in-relation), modes of mind and matter

life, evolution

psychology, objectivity of experience, dimensions of experience, function, personality

agency, transformation, dynamics (intrinsic, instrumental)

value (axiology, aesthetics, ethics)

being human, becoming human, reflexive reason, life role, remaining human, time, death, authenticity, function role, tat tvam asi, transcendence; spirit

civilization, society, universal civilization, civilizing the universe, reason

#### Writers on cosmology

General—Plato, Kant, Hegel, Whitehead

Cosmology of formation and origins—classical metaphysics, Plato, Hegel

Physical cosmology and physics—Newton, Maxwell, Einstein, Schrödinger, Heisenberg, Dirac, and Feynman

Life, evolution—Darwin, Mayr

Psychology—Freud

Agency—

Value—

Being human, anthropology—Heidegger, Richard K Nelson

Civilization—

## The Way of Being

The Way of Being, the highest pursuit

aim of Being, endeavor, destiny, path

pragmatic agency, yoga (intrinsic—and as instrumental; meditation), way of life, catalyst, reason, mystic, Beyul, immersion, science, sciences (instrumental—and as intrinsic: immersive), technology

path, eternal process, the immediate and the ultimate, death, openness to the infinite, finite resolution of significant meaning, program, template

#### Thinkers, writers, actors for The Way

Buddha, Jesus, Samkara, Joseph Campbell

Frank Tippler, *The Physics of Immortality* (1994)