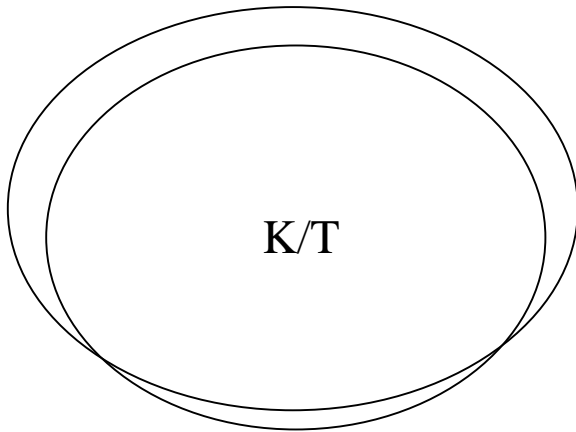


# Theosophy and Krishnamurti: Harmonies and Tensions

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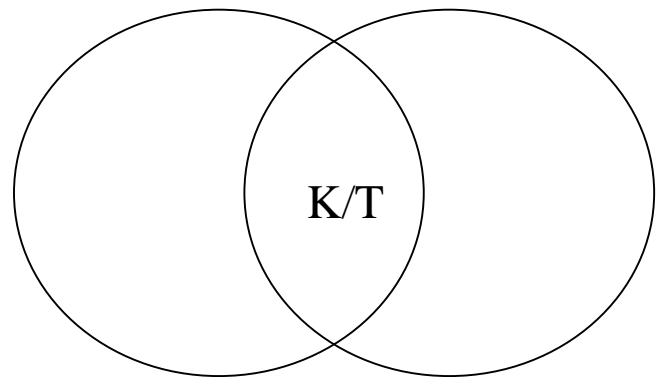
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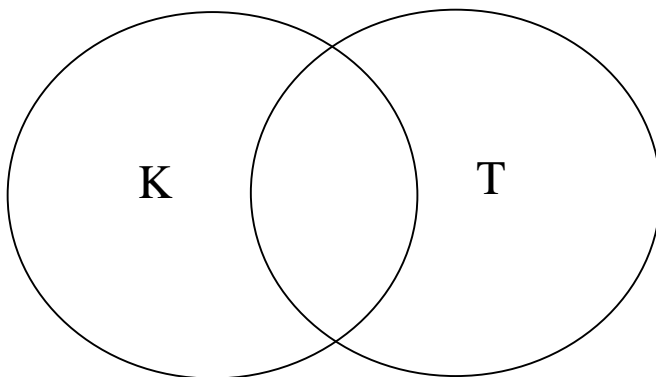
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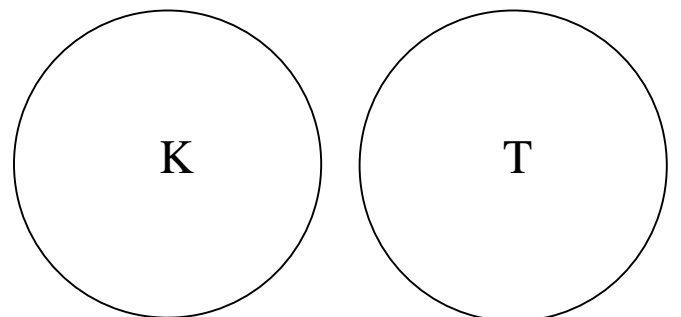
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Anrias/Scott/Hodson/  
v.d. Leeuw

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Krishnamurti/Prophet

## Theosophical Perceptions of World Teacher Project

	<b>Genuine</b>	<b>Not Genuine</b>
<b>Successful</b>	Annie Besant K (1980s) Radha Burnier Jean Overton Fuller Aryel Sanat	Rom Landau Ouspensky
<b>Failed</b>	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

<b>Category</b>	<b>Theosophy</b>	<b>Krishnamurti</b>
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"

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 <sup>th</sup> principle ... Supreme Soul"	"invention of thought"
	<b>Some agreements</b>	
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)

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