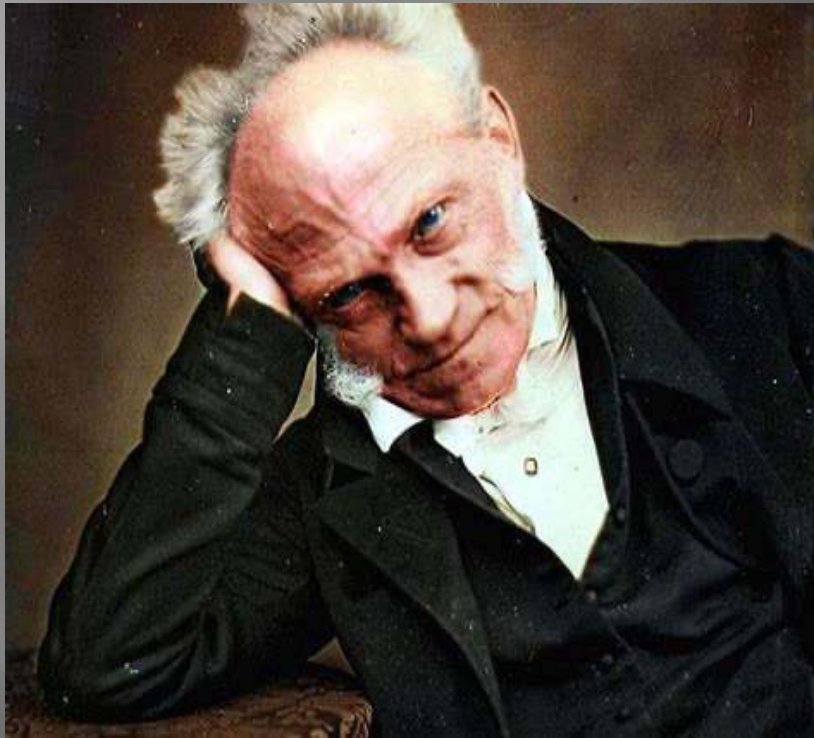


# *The World as Will and Representation*



*“In my opinion the praise of  
one man of genius fully makes  
good the neglect of a  
thoughtless multitude”*

Arthur Schopenhauer

*Not merely that the world exists, but still more that it is such a miserable and melancholy world, is the tormenting problem of metaphysics.”*

Arthur Schopenhauer



*“Will for life is the most real of all things that we know, indeed the core of reality itself”*





*“What will aims at and achieves in human beings is indeed essentially no more than its goal in animals: nourishment and propagation. But through the organizations of the human beings, the requirements of achievement of that goal were so greatly enhanced that an enhancements of the intellect was necessary”*

Arthur Schopenhauer

## *Final Destination*

*“Life itself is a sea full of rocks ...that man avoids with the greatest caution and care, although he knows that, even when he succeeds with all his efforts and ingenuity in struggling through, at every step he comes nearer to the greatest, the total, the inevitable and irremediable shipwreck ... namely death. This is the final goal of the wearisome voyage, and is worse for him than all the rocks that he has avoided.”*

Arthur Schopenhauer







*“What makes death so frightful to us is not so much the end of life, since this cannot seem to anyone particularly worth regretting, but rather the destruction of the organism”*

Arthur Schopenhauer

*...living being does not suffer an absolute annihilation  
through death, but survives in and with the whole of nature”*

Arthur Schopenhauer



## *Life*

*“What might otherwise be called the finer part of life, its purest joy, just because it lifts us out of real existence and transforms us into disinterested spectators of it, is pure knowledge, pleasure in the beautiful, genuine delight in art, which remains foreign to all willing.”*







## *Escape from the Will*

*“Whereas to the ordinary man his faculty of knowledge is a lamp that lights his path, to the man of genius it is the sun that reveals the world.”*

Arthur Schopenhauer





*“Consequently, a way from within stands open to us to that real inner nature of things to which we cannot penetrate from without...”* Arthur Schopenhauer



## *Genius*

*“The objectivity of cognizance, and in the first instance of perceptual cognizance, has innumerable degrees, which rest on the energy of the intellect and its separation from the will, and the highest of which is genius”*





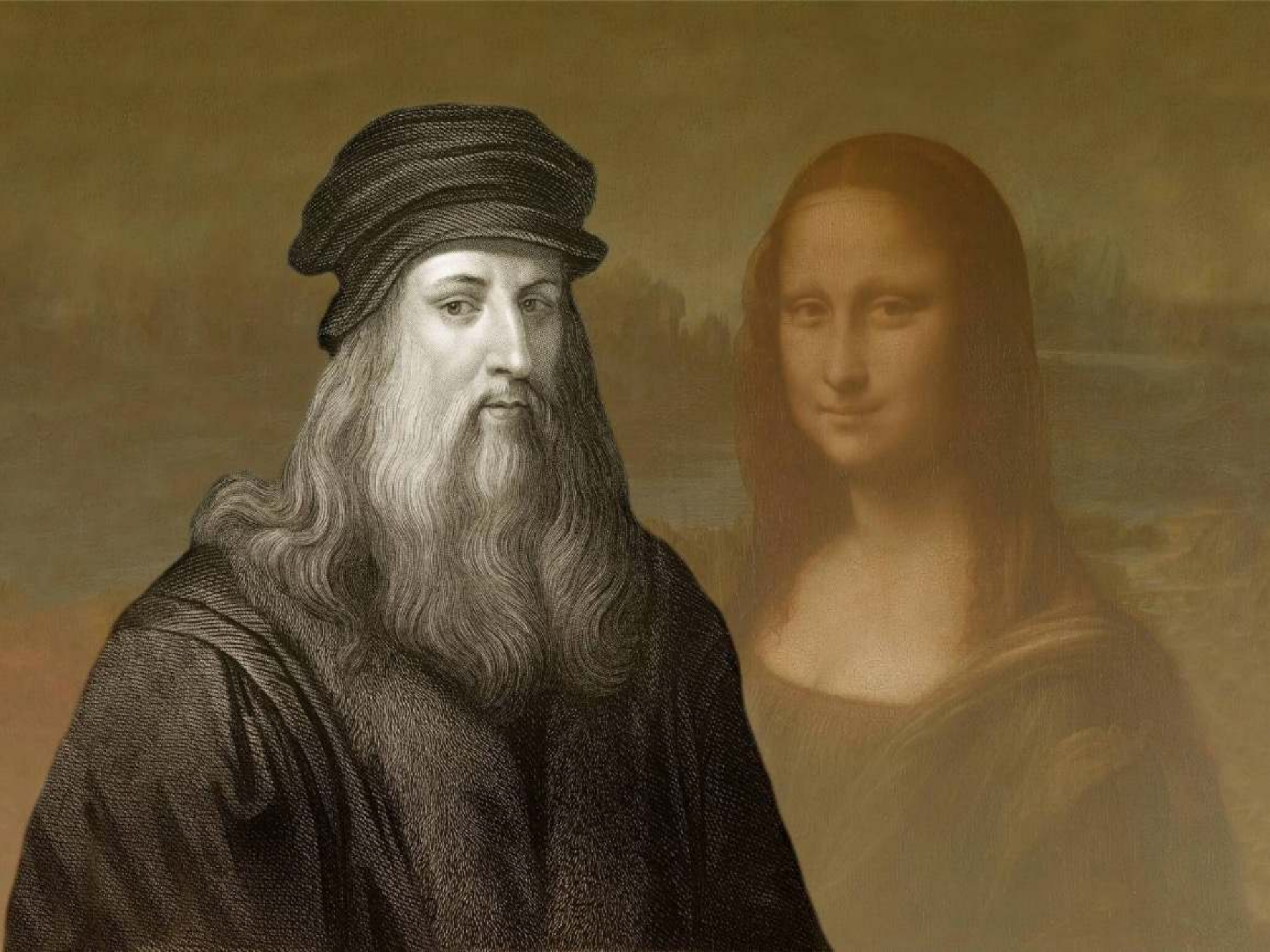
*“...enhancement of intelligence ...is a progressive detachment of intellect from will, which occurs complete, although only as an exception, in genius; therefore the latter can be defined as the highest degree of the objectivity of cognition”*

Arthur Schopenhauer



*“...pleasure in the beautiful consists, to a large extent in the fact that, when we enter the state of pure contemplation, we are raised for the moment above all willing, above all desires and cares.....From this we can infer how blessed must be the life of a man whose will is silenced not for a few moments but forever, indeed completely extinguished.”* Arthur Schopenhauer





## *“Asceticism*

*Nothing can alarm or harass him anymore, nothing can move him; for he has cut all the thousand filaments of willing which hold us bound to the world and which, as appetite, fear, envy, and rage, drag us...in constant pain. He now looks back, calm and smiling, upon the illusions of this world, ... ..Life as it forms now merely hang before him as a fleeting appearance, like a light morning dream to one who is half awake.”* Arthur Schopenhauer





*“Voluntary and complete chastity is the first step in asceticism or the denial of the will-to-live”*





*“...what remains after the complete abolition of the will, for all those who are still full of will, assuredly nothing. But conversely, to those in whom the will has turned and denied itself, this very real world of our with all its suns and galaxies, is nothing.”* Arthur Schopenhauer



## *Mysticism and Philosophy*

*“Mysticism is any guidance toward becoming immediately aware of that which neither perception nor concept, hence no cognizance at all reaches. The mystic contrasts with the philosopher by the fact that he begins from within, while the latter begins from without.” Arthur Schopenhauer*





## *Ethics*

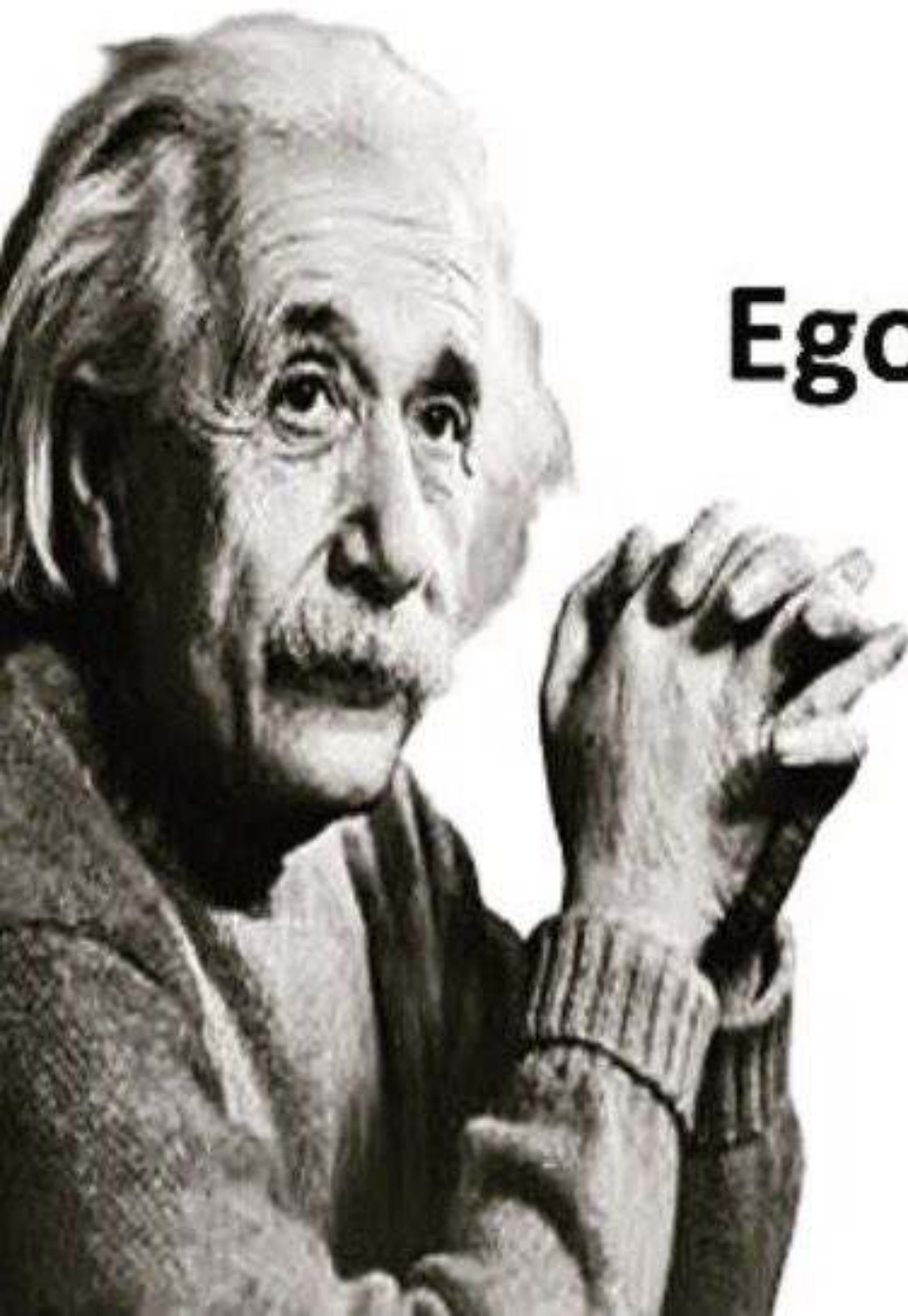
*“Peoples are really mere abstractions: only individuals exist in actual reality”*

*“In ethics the question is not of action and consequence, but of willing, and the willing itself only occurs in the individual”*

*"The only world everyone is actually acquainted with and knows is carried about by him in his head as his representation, and he is thus the center of the world...he finds himself to be the holder and possessor of all reality, and nothing to be more important to him than his own self."*







$$\text{Ego} = \frac{1}{\text{Knowledge}}$$

*"More the Knowledge  
Lesser the Ego,  
Lesser the Knowledge  
More the Ego..."*

**-Albert Einstein.**

## *Rationalism and Empiricism*

*“..space and time, in which the possibility of all plurality rests, are mere forms belonging to our perception”* Arthur Schopenhauer



*Reason - Objective knowledge*



*Empirical knowledge*





## *Immanuel Kant*

*“...what things may be in themselves, I know not, and need not know because a thing is never presented to me otherwise than as a phenomenon.”*

# Transcendental Idealism

Hume awoke Kant out of his "dogmatic slumbers"



The 'All-Pulveriser'

Immanuel Kant

1724-1804

Rationalism



Empiricism



# *Empirical realism vs. Transcendental idealism*

*“..space and time, in which the possibility of all plurality rests, are mere forms belonging to our perception”*





## Departure from Kant

*"We have immediate cognition of the thing in itself when it appears to us as our own body; but our cognition is only indirect when the thing in itself is objectified in other objects of intuition."* Arthur Schopenhauer



# *Connection to Greeks and the East*

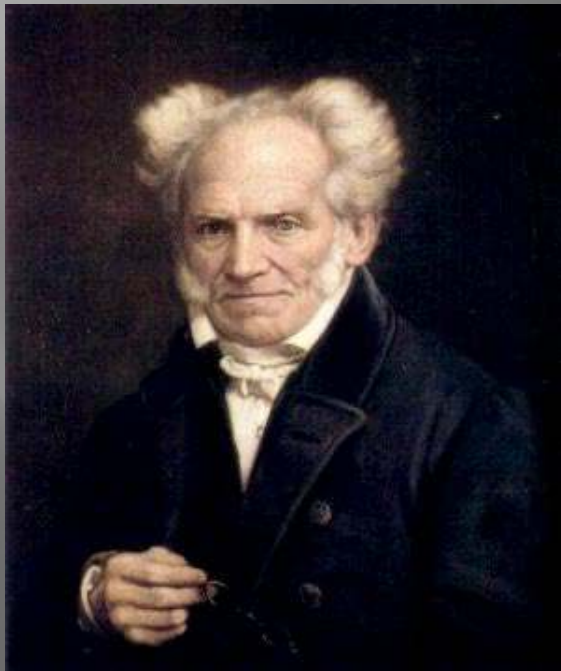


*“Everything in life proclaims that earthly happiness is destined to be frustrated, or recognized as an illusion. The grounds for this lie deep in the very nature of things.”*

*Vedas*

## Correlation to Buddhism

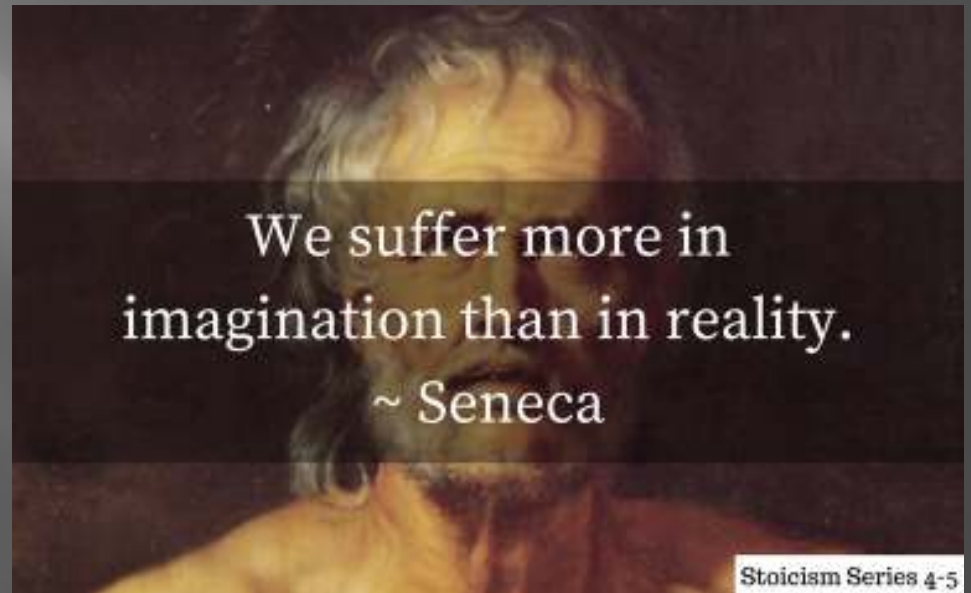
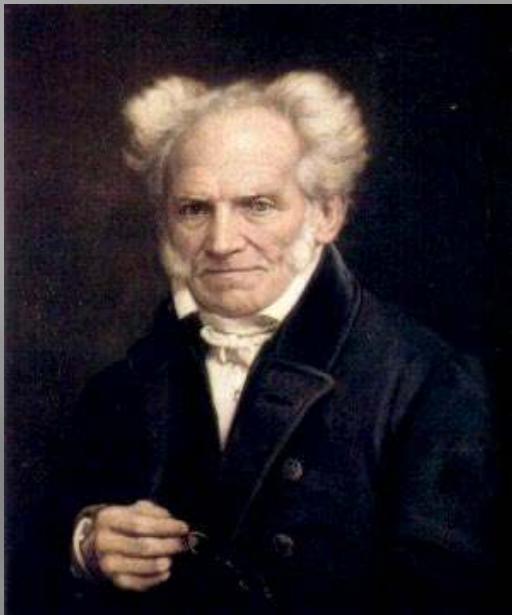
*“...a cognizing of things in themselves, in the strictest sense of the word, would be impossible, because where the essence in itself of things begins, cognition falls away, and all cognizance fundamentally and essentially pertains merely to phenomena”. Arthur Schopenhauer*





## *View on Stoics*

*“..Stoic equanimity which seeks to disarm every misfortune through readiness for them all and contempt for all in practice becomes the renunciation of the Cynics, which prefers to cast aside, once and for all, all expedients and alleviations...”. Arthur Schopenhauer*



*“..what previously possessed him completely and moved him intensely appears to him cold, colorless, and for the moment, foreign and strange; he is a mere spectator and observer”*



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## *Religion*

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*God who should presume to transform himself into  
such a world would certainly have been inevitably  
troubled and tormented by the devil.”*





## *Conclusion*

*For if anything in the world is desirable, so desirable that even the dull and uneducated herd in its more reflective moments would value it more than silver and gold, it is that a ray of light should fall on the obscurity of our existence, and that we should obtain some insight into this enigmatical life of ours, in which nothing is clear except its misery and vanity.”*

*“Subject to the limitation of human knowledge, my philosophy is the real solution of the enigma of the world.”* Arthur Schopenhauer

