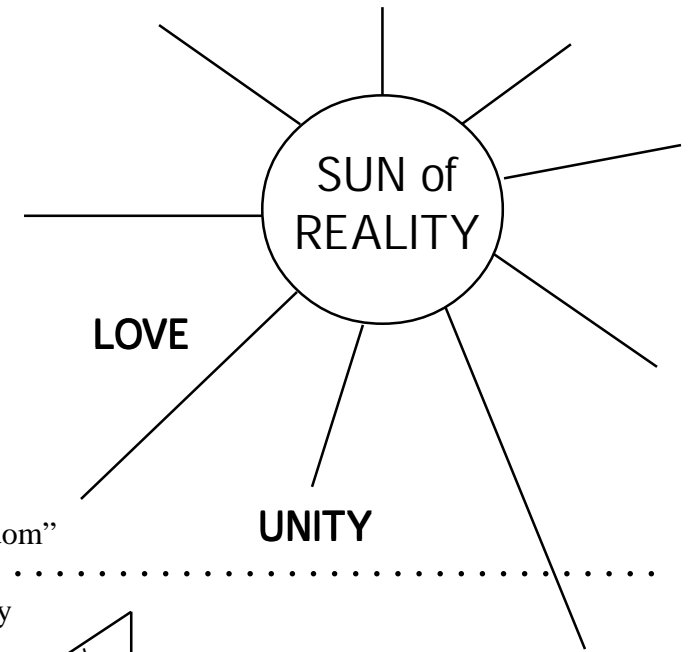
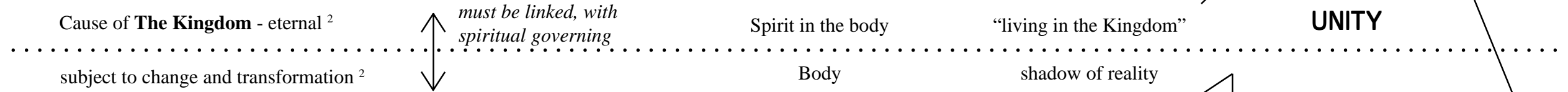


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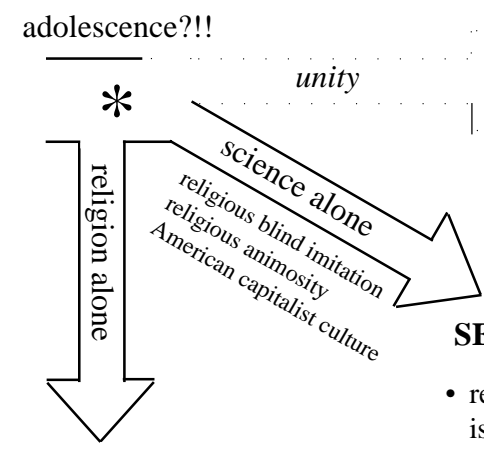
Spiritual

Manifestations $\xrightarrow{\text{promote establishment of thru divine education}}$ Divine Civilization



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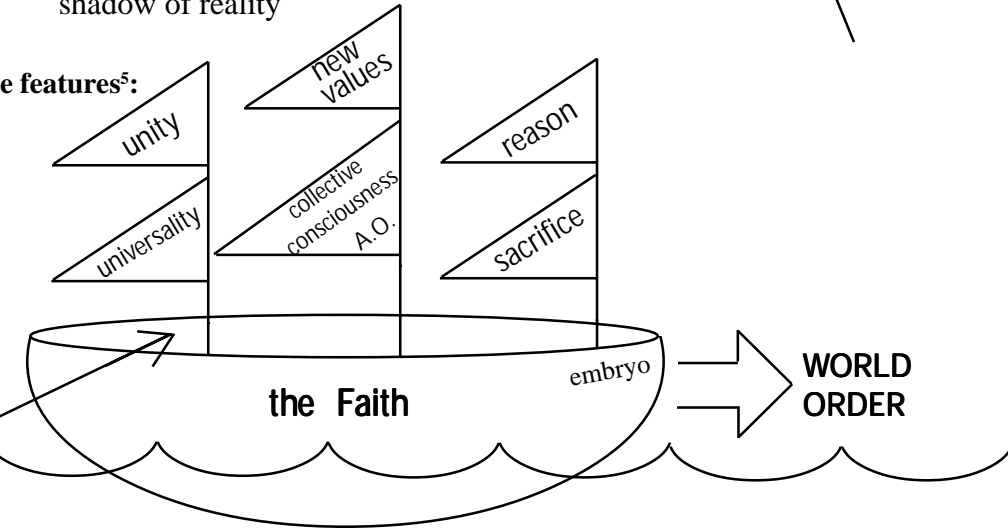
19th Century European thought, born out of intense religious persecutions and conflicts, scientific exploration and intellectual reasoning



Writings speak of importance of material prosperity and scientific and technological advances.^{3,12}

1950 \rightarrow

*** effort **
5 processes of obedience*



SEA of MATERIALISM

- reality (human & evolution process) is essentially material in nature
- goal of human life is satisfaction of material needs and wants

- society exists to facilitate this quest
- collective concern of humankind should be ongoing refinement of system⁴

- rays of Sun of Reality seen dimly & darkly¹
- man in bondage of nature (animal)
- fears & anxieties distract minds
- former moral failings, now necessities of social progress³
- fixated with earthly possessions

References:
1 - 'Abdu'l-Baha
2 - Shoghi Effendi
3 - OCF
4 - UHJ
5 - Doug Martin

SUPERSTITION
religious leaders cling tenaciously to outer forms (dogmas, rites and ceremonies)¹

religion = fanaticism & unthinking rejection of progress -OR- personal preference designed to satisfy spiritual & emotional needs of individual⁴

academics = once, great exploits of mind & spirit; now, industry preoccupied w/ tending machinery of dissertations, symposia, publication credits and grants⁴