The Pranava.

I. Basic occult proposition that the world is the Word made manifest.
   A. The Word is not to be taken merely in the sense of the outer spoken or written speech.
   B. Basic concept that all outer or apparent things are the shell or reflection of an inner substance.
   C. The creative power of the Word not something understood and explained by western science.
      1. The idea must be grasped by inner perception and proven by experience.

DD Illustrated in analysis of perception.

E. Thought requires language.
   a. Until we evolve terms for ideas we may be aware of something seeking expression but cannot think it.
   b. Importance of increasing one's vocabulary.
   c. Shows why all ideas cannot be translated into all languages.

2. Without thought no perception.
   a. Sensation not a perception.
   b. Perception involves something of meaning and fitting into a complex.
   c. In other words thought required to make world manifest to consciousness.

3. Imply language or the Word necessary to make the world manifest.

4. By hermetic formula that which is thus true of the microcosm is also true of the macrocosm.

E. Every word uttered has a power on subtle and hence gross world around us.
   1. Hence reason why Jesus said to pray in secret.
      a. Invoking power spoken word without knowledge or purity dangerous.

II. The pranava or OM is the universal name of God.
   A. Not a word peculiar to a given language
      1. Said by children, or when in pain, by elements or in moments of overpowering consciousness.
   2. Appears in different forms as, Amen, O!, AUM, Ewum, Liwv
   B. OM the seed form, AUM and AUM, mani, padmi, hum elaborated
      1. Seed form said silently safest for those not trained.
      2. The full word is seven syllabled and invokes, invisible sound, color, number and corresponding power.
         a. Number value changed by rhythm and intonation.
            (1) Hence importance of understanding operation
      B. The very highest creative and destructive potency.
   C. The OM is God or Padmapani(Christ) emplaced in the heart of all creatures.
      1. It means "I am that I am", "I am the jewel in the lotus and in it I will remain", "I am in thee and thou art in me.
         a. Identity of the drop and the ocean implied in this.
      2. Has affinity for cosmic powers.
      3. By dwelling upon this Word the pilgrim grows into realization of his Godhood and begins to manifest the powers of God.
   D. 4. This is not merely a spoken word but is sounded by living the life.
   D. Power of word dependent upon character of individual using it
      1. By holy man will awaken powers of interplanetary spaces and of Higher Self within.
      2. By good man will strengthen character.

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3. Destructive if used in connection with sin.
E. Safe use of this word taught in classes.