FOURTH DIMENSIONAL CONSCIOUSNESS

I. Introducing concept of fourth-dimension.
   A. In recent decades the idea has been basis of much speculation and suggested interpretation of the unusual.
   B. It plays an important part in general theory of relativity.

II. Discussion of the concept in the mathematical sense.
   A. Has been derived from mathematics.
   B. Ordinary geometrical interpretation
   C. Sense used in neo-geometry - critical sense.
      1. Implies idea of degree of freedom.

III. Usual metaphysical interpretation.
   A. Idea that it involves another dimension of physical extension.
      1. Introduce through idea of flatland, etc.
   B. Criticism of this line of interpretation.

IV. The real metaphysical interpretation is that of transcendence in Consciousness.
   A. Discussion of the nature of ordinary consciousness.
      1. Dependent upon sense-perception.
      2. Is relative knowledge - implying knowledge in terms of parts.
      3. Requires the primary contrast of Knower, Known and Knowledge
   B. Elaboration of this kind of knowledge does not produce a qualitatively different kind of knowledge.
      1. Thus science, however far elaborated, remains relative knowledge.
      2. This relative knowledge is known as three-dimensional knowledge.
      3. Most religious concepts of the heaven and infernal worlds are no more than extensions of this conceptual form.
   C. Fourth-dimensional consciousness is the type which integrates
      2. Transcends sense and relativity.
         a. It is thus super-sensuous immediate apperception, in which Knower, Known and Knowledge become one
      3. Illustration of the caterpillar transformed to butterfly.
      4. Plato's story of the men in the cave.

V. Discussion of whether this kind of knowledge is possible.
   A. Evidence of its reality found in the life and works of men like Jesus, Buddha and all other realized men.

VI. Method by which such knowledge may be acquired.
   A. It is not attained through expansion of superficial knowledge and experience.
      1. Development in the sense of outer power does not lead toward the realization.
         a. Thus progress in the ordinary sense is no help.
      2. In general it is more difficult for one to attain who has a very rich outer life.
         a. Significance of the story of Jesus and the rich young ruler
B. If developed man can attain transcendence he can offer larger fruitage to world than others.

B. This transcendent knowledge consists of an inner deepening.
1. It is not so much in nature of new attainment as of the removing of restriction so that the inner or eternal man may be made manifest to outer consciousness.

C. The means for achieving this end lies in Yoga.
1. The essence of Yoga discipline is the removing of outer barriers which hide the Inner Man.
   a. In the midst of much outer noise delicate and profound musical values cannot be heard.
   (1) Thus also the noise of external-sense consciousness drowns the inner voice.

3. Yoga discipline accomplishes this end through many technical means, designed to meet needs of different students.
   a. Mantra Yoga taught in this work of especial simplicity in application.

VII. Values of the Realization of Fourth-Dimensional Consciousness.
A. It resolves all problems of the Soul and Life.
B. It gives progressive command over all environmental conditions.