

# Elements of Christian Theology

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## Semantics

Postulates are axioms (assumptions) specific to a particular Science. Common Notions are axioms general to all Sciences. Propositions are statements demanding proof. Positions are statements available to exposition. A Lemma is a Position necessary to the exposition of a Position. A Porism is a Position which emerges from the exposition of a Position.

## Postulates

- 1- Human Birth is the instrument for visualizing the Divine Base.
- 2- The unique and potent capacities of this instrument are ratiocination and intuition.
- 3-- Human Birth is the Duty to cognize the Truth.
- 4- Truth has no second.

5- Anything can be defined, but nothing can be proven. The indefinable is the Seed, the Germ, of all definitions.

### **Common Notions**

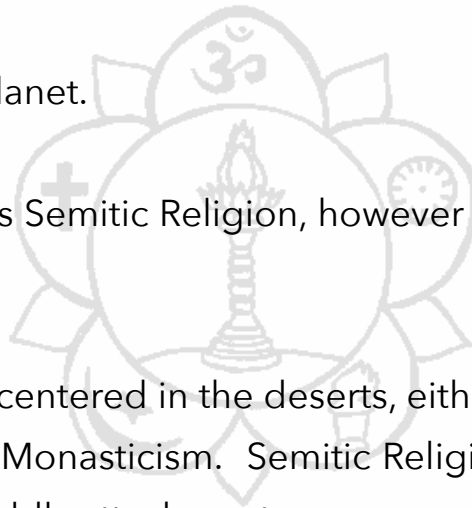
1- Western Civilization is a species of Vedic Culture, of Indian Spirituality.

2- India is the spiritual heart of this planet.

3- Vedic Culture created and sustains Semitic Religion, however denominated -- Judaism, Christianity, Islam.

4- Semitic Religion has always been centered in the deserts, either actual or virtual, and constituted as a phenomenon we may call Semitic Monasticism. Semitic Religion, in common with every religion, is founded on strict renunciation of worldly attachments.

5- Semitic Monasticism parallels Veda-inspired Greek Monasticism, which produced Greek Religion. Pythagoreans were a late flowering of Greek Monasticism who illustrate, to some extent, the qualities of Semitic Monasticism, also.



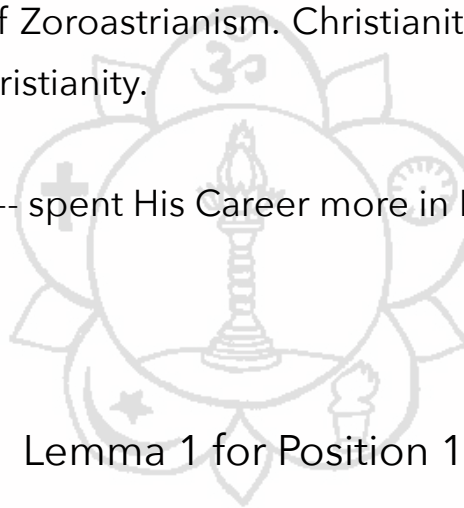
6- Abraham was a Persian, meaning, he was a representative of Vedic Culture and specifically of Zoroastrian Religion. Persian Language and Religion are species of Sanskrit and Vedas, respectively.

7- Semitic Religion has always been monotheistic because Vedic Religion, in which it arose, is monotheistic.

8- Judaism is based on the Sages of Zoroastrianism. Christianity is based on the Seers of Buddhism. Islam is based on the Prophets of Christianity.

9- Jesus -- His original name was Isa -- spent His Career more in India than in Palestine.

10- All time-fields are concurrent.



Lemma 1 for Position 1

Truth is Supreme Reality.

Lemma 2 for Position 1

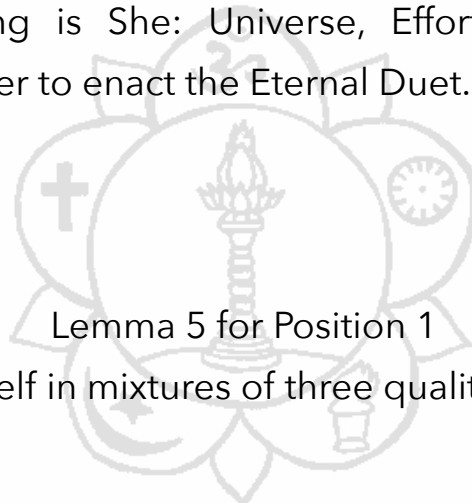
Truth is not asymptotic: It is not measured by a standard external to Itself.

Lemma 3 for Position 1

For the protection of the righteous, for the punishment of evil doers and for reestablishing Truth, Righteousness, Peace and Love, Supreme Reality wraps (envelopes) Itself in qualities, incarnating from age to age.

Lemma 4 for Position 1

So wrapped in qualities, Supreme Reality becomes God. The wrapped is He: God, Cosmos, Structure, the Base, Positive. The wrapping is She: Universe, Effort, Power, the Based, Negative. He superimposes She on Himself in order to enact the Eternal Duet.



Lemma 5 for Position 1

Supreme Reality wraps (conceals) Itself in mixtures of three qualities (gunas):

Thamas	Rajas	Sathwa
Torpor	Excitement	Equanimity
Inertia	Activity	Calm

Lemma 6 for Position 1

The Form, the Mixture of Qualities, as which Supreme Reality concretizes Itself for the benefit of the world is the Avatar, the Lord: He Who descends. The Transcendent God in Habiliments come to accept the devotion of and to confer Grace upon all beings.

Lemma 7 for Position 1

The Avathar is ever-present in India: The Lord is always residing in Bharat ("The Land with Attachment to God").

Lemma 8 for Position 1

The great deeds and ideas we admire are inseparable from those who put them into practice.

Lemma 9 for Position 1

The idea of an Avathar is a glorious deception.

Lemma 10 for Position 1

Supreme Reality is without qualities, without nature.

## **POSITION 1**

Revelation is Truth presented in and for itself by the penetrating purity of Sages.

Porism 1 for Position 1

The following are correlates of the three qualities (gunas) in which Supreme Reality wraps Itself in order to become God:

I am in the Light.	The Light is in me.	I am the Light.
Brahma	Siva	Vishnu
Dualism	Qualified Non-Dualism	Non-Dualism
Destruction	Creation	Preservation
I am the Messenger of God.	I am the Son of God.	I and my Father are One.
Christ	Father	Holy Spirit
Waking State	Dream State	Deep Sleep State
Elemental Principles	Inner Principle of Duality	Point Limit
Self-Confidence	Self-Satisfaction	Self-Sacrifice
No know.	Know no.	No no.
Body	Mind	Spirit
Unconscious	Conscious	Conscience
Homoiousias	Homoousias	Ousias

I am a person.

Karma Yoga

Works

Laity

Worship

Consummation

Parvathi

Shristi

Emergence

DaSoHam

Source

Gross

Husk

Thought

Earth

I am an extension of Divinity.

Bhakthi Yoga

Devotion

Clergy

Education

Creation

Saraswathi

Sthithi

Sustenance

SoHam

Stream

Subtle

Shell

Word

Sky

I am Brahman.

Jnana Yoga

Wisdom

Religious

Service

Preservation

Lakshmi

Laya

Mergence

(A)Ham

Ocean

Causal

Kernel

Deed

Ego

(with respect to Vamana Avathar)

Take one step toward Swami.

Swami takes ten steps toward you.

No need for any more steps.

Porism 2 for Position 1

Supreme Reality is stateless, quality-less, category-less, nameless, formless and not able to be described or understood.

**POSITION 2**

A thing and its nature is one and the same.

Lemma 1 for POSITION 3

Strength is calmness of mind.

Lemma 2 for POSITION 3

Consciousness is Truth. Truth is Bliss. Supreme Reality is Truth-Consciousness-Bliss: Sath-Chith-Ananda.

**POSITION 3**

Faith is the strength which binds the consciousness to the Guru, to the Teacher.

**POSITION 4**



Each individual has direct experience of the Avathar as one or more of four personalities: Mother, Father, Visitor, Guru.

### **POSITION 5**

Everything, latent and patent, is a decision of the Avathar.

### **POSITION 6**

Ego is the Divine Consort, the Inseparable Other, the Universe, mistaken for independent by the intellect, which asserts, I am this body.

### **POSITION 7**

Evil is an absence of Good. Good is an absence of Wisdom. Wisdom is an absence of God.

### **POSITION 8**

There are two types of knowledge, both illusion. One, called *vidyamaya*, clarifies the intellect, thereby contributing to the revelation of Truth. The other, called *avidyamaya*, tarnishes the intellect, thereby preventing the revelation of Truth.

## **POSITION 9**

The faculties and circumstances of this birth are impressions collected from deeds deliberately done in the previous birth.

## **POSITION 10**

Grace is a decision of the Avathar to remove one or more obstacles in the path of one or more aspirants.

Porism 1 for Position 10

When an obstacle is removed from the path of one aspirant, all beings benefit.

## **POSITION 11**

Salvation is Grace, earned and showered.

## **POSITION 12**

Unity, in the nature of things, has to be indicated by means of diversity. Unity cannot be gainsaid and diversity cannot be unified, on the one hand, or ignored, on the other. Diversity has to be harmonized by the practice of forbearance. This makes Unity appear, quite automatically.

### **POSITION 13**

There is no salvation outside the orthodox tradition.

### **POSITION 14**

The world is the realm of flux, the domain of the ever-changing, the ever-relative.

Lemma 1 for Position 15

Truth is the coincidence of thought, word, and deed -- mind, tongue, and hand.

Lemma 2 for Position 15

Righteousness is the strength which keeps the consciousness bound to Truth, which integrates thought, word, and deed.

Lemma 3 for Position 15

Peace is cessation of the mind's raving, its leaping about as a mad monkey, its agitations.

Lemma 4 for Position 15

Love is concentration on correcting our own faults and blindness to whether others have faults or not.

### **POSITION 15**

The world is carried upon four Pillars: Truth, Righteousness, Peace, and Love.

Lemma 1 for Position 16

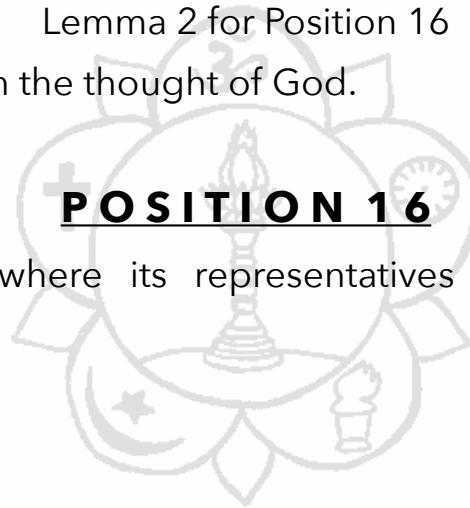
Discrimination is imbibing the permanent while leaving the transitory, relishing the eternal while shunning the ephemeral.

Lemma 2 for Position 16

Detachment is the mind immersed in the thought of God.

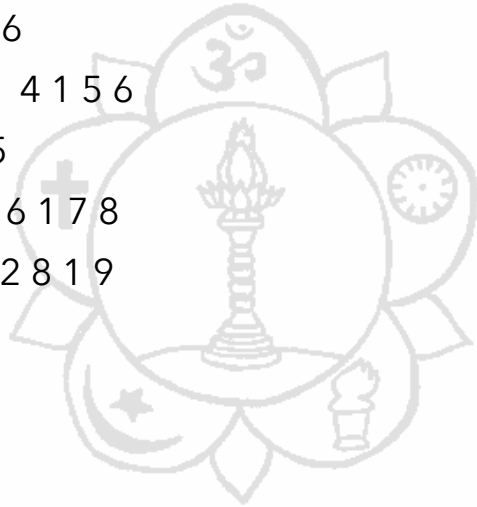
**POSITION 16**

The Christian religion flourishes where its representatives are models of discrimination and detachment.



### POSITION 17

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### POSITION 18

Mathematics is the semantics, not the syntax, of phenomena.

## **POSITION 19**

The Lord does not order and does not approve that the body, mind or spirit of any being be injured for the worship of Him.

## **POSITION 20**

Spiritual Practice (Piety, sadhana) is the discipline of limiting desire and cultivating resignation.

Porism 1 for Position 20

The end of Spiritual Practice is a clarified intellect, subtle and straight.

Porism 2 for Position 20

The success of a life of Piety is measured by the depth of penance at the moment of death.

## **POSITION 21**

Christian Religion is the Piety, crucifixion of the ego.

Porism 1 for Position 21

All Teachers, teachings, symbols, rituals, and customs associated with Christian Religion subserve this activity.

## **POSITION 22**

The power-charge, the live battery of culture is the hermitage, the monastery.

## **POSITION 23**

Sages reside in hermitages and found religions.

## **POSITION 24**

Sages have, to varying degrees, the qualities of foreknowledge, self-knowledge, and potency of will.

## **POSITION 25**

If at all, Sages reveal their plans and knowledge after events they intend to develop occur. Often, Sages leave the stage without revealing their activities or the meaning of them -- or even their presence.

Porism 1 for Position 25

Sages communicate in deeds, and these are apparent to few.

Porism 2 for Position 25

Sages do not preach. Their life is their message.

Lemma 1 for Position 26

A Family Preceptor (Guru) is God for the family.

**POSITION 26**

Sages founded Semitic Religion from their hermitages, using heads of families (Patriarchs) to propagate it.

Porism 1 for Position 26

The Patriarchs were tribal chiefs. The Sages were Family Preceptors.

Porism 2 for Position 26

The names of some gurus are in the text as Names of God: Elohim, El Elyon, El Shaddai, Yahweh, Fear of Isaac, etc.

**POSITION 27**

Sages of the Patriarchal and later periods had awareness of an incarnation of a Great One preparing among the families they were fostering.

**POSITION 28**



The incarnation of a Great One (Messiah) foreseen by Sages was Isa, later called Jesus and Christ.

### **POSITION 29**

Isa became aware that He was the Messiah during His 25th year, while He was in Tibet.

### **POSITION 30**

At first Isa declared, 'I am the Messenger of God.' Later, He declared, 'I am the Son of God.' Finally, He declared, 'I and My Father are One.'

Porism 1 for Position 30

These declarations illustrate the dualistic (thamasic), the qualified non-dualistic (rajasic), and the non-dualistic (sathwic) experiences, respectively.

### **POSITION 31**

Isa had powers associated with Divinity.

### **POSITION 32**

When He declared that wine in a certain cup is His Blood, He means that everything having blood is He.

### **POSITION 33**

The jealousy of religious and monastic officials produced the death of Isa by crucifixion.

### **POSITION 34**

After His resurrection from death, Isa returned to India and traveled as far as Malaysia.

Porism 1 for Position 34

He threw off the mortal frame at Srinagar, Kashmir.

### **POSITION 35**

When He was emerging in Supreme Reality, Isa said to St. John and other followers, 'He Who sent Me will come again,' and He pointed to a lamb. A lamb says, 'Ba-Ba.' Isa continued, 'He will have a crown of hair and wear a blood-red robe.'

### **POSITION 36**

The Parousia is of the *Pleroma*, the Avathar, Who has taken Human Birth with the Name and Form of Swami Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba.

Porism 1 for Position 36

Isa repeated is Sai.



**PERFERVIDUM INGENIUM SCOTORUM**