

MONISM

Monism in its simplest form simply say's "all is one." Monism presumes that all distinctions between people and objects (as well as between good and evil) are mere illusions.

Despite what our five senses tell us, we are all part of the "one" or the all (the universal mind, universal consciousness, the force etc.) and thus are ultimately destined for union (or more precisely, reunion) with it. The result of this "homecoming" is that individuality ceases to exist.

Thus, earthly wars, problems, and ailments are taught to be the result of a temporary failure to comprehend who and what we really are – a part of the universal all. We are one with the universe and one with the impersonal god, the universal mind or force. Hence, there is no authority over us other than impersonal laws – there is no personal god with whom we must give an account. There is no authority over us for, they say, we are a part of "godhead" ourselves and therefore are, in a real sense, gods – albeit, impersonal.

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