## The Shape of Ancient Thought: Comparative Studies in Greek and Indian Philosophies

Thomas McEvilley





## Table of Contents

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS
viii

PREFACE
ix

A NOTE ON CITATIONS, TRANSLATIONS, AND TRANSLITERATIONS
x

A NOTE ON SANSKRIT PRONUNCIATION
xi

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE IN-TEXT REFERENCES AND ENDNOTES
xii

LIST OF ILLUSTRATIONS
xvi

LIST OF MAPS
xviii

Foreword HISTORY: COMPETITION OR COLLABORATION?
xix

Chapter One DIFFUSION CHANNELS IN THE PRE-ALEXANDRIAN PERIOD

Chapter Two THE PROBLEM OF THE ONE AND THE MANY

Chapter Five PLATONIC MONISM AND INDIAN THOUGHT

Chapter Four THE DOCTRINE OF REINCARNATION

Chapter Three THE COSMIC CYCLE

**EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION** 

Chapter Seven PLATO, ORPHICS, AND JAINS Chapter Eight PLATO AND KUNDALINĪ Chapter Nine CYNICS AND PASUPATAS Chapter Ten FIVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST Chapter Eleven THE ELEMENTS 300 Chapter Twelve EARLY PLURALISMS IN GREECE AND INDIA Chapter Thirteen SKEPTICISM, EMPIRICISM, AND NATURALISM Chapter Fourteen DIFFUSION CHANNELS IN THE HELLENISTIC AND ROMAN PERIODS Chapter Fifteen DIALECTIC BEFORE ALEXANDER Chapter Sixteen EARLY GREEK PHILOSOPHY AND MADHYAMIKA Chapter Seventeen PYRRHONISM AND MĀDHYAMIKA Chapter Eighteen THE PATH OF THE DIALECTIC Chapter Nineteen THE SYLLOGISM Chapter Twenty PERIPATETICS AND VAISESIKAS Chapter Twenty-One THE STOICS AND INDIAN THOUGHT 540 Chapter Twenty-Two NEOPLATONISM AND THE UPANISADIC-VEDĀNTIC TRADITION Chapter Twenty-Three PLOTINUS AND VIJNĀNAVĀDA BUDDHISM Chapter Twenty-Four NEOPLATONISM AND TANTRA Chapter Twenty-Five THE ETHICS OF IMPERTURBABILITY Afterword REMARKS TOWARD A CONCLUSION

Chapter Six PLATONIC ETHICS AND INDIAN YOGA

Appendix A THE ARYANS
657

Appendix B THE ARYAN INVASION
663

Appendix C BLACK ATHENA AND WESTERN XENOPHOBIA
666

Appendix D THE GOLDEN THIGH
668

Appendix E PHILOSOPHY AND GRAMMAR
672

LIST OF WORKS CITED
678

INDEX
703