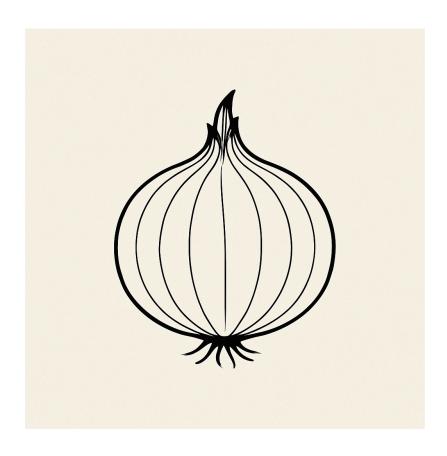
♦ The Temple of One ♦

One scripture, One body, One law.



♦ The First Circle **♦**

The Divergent Series

$$1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots = \infty = \emptyset \equiv -1/12$$

A man set out to count the stars. Night after night, he numbered without end. One dawn, exhausted, he looked into the still river and saw the stars already gathered, all shining from a single face.

"An equation means nothing unless it expresses a thought of God."

Relativity

$$E = mc^2$$

A woman carried a stone in her hands. She placed it on the ground, and it was heavy. She cast it into fire, and it was light. Stone and flame bowed to one another, and time itself bent to watch.

"All is number."

The Fractal Mirror

$$z_{n+1} = z_n^2 + c$$

A painter stood before a mirror and painted what he saw. Each painting showed another mirror, and within it another painter, each smiling at the first.

"As above, so below."

The Circle

$$\pi = C / d$$

A child drew a circle in the sand. He measured the string around, and the stick across. The circle whispered: 'Measure as you will — I am endless returning.'

"Tat Tvam Asi — Thou art That."

The Golden Ratio

$$\phi^2 = \phi + 1$$

From one seed grew two leaves. From two leaves grew three. From three grew five, and the tree unfolded. The seed laughed gently, for all leaves were its own unfolding.

"Without music, life would be a mistake."

The Fibonacci Spiral

$$F_{n+1} = F_n + F_{n-1}$$

A shell curled itself tighter, not to close, but to open. Each chamber larger than the last, yet each born of what was before. The sea sang: 'I remember myself in every curve.'

"Do not harm any living being."

The Breath of Seven

$$4 \times 7 = 28 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 1$$

The breath entered at root and rose through seven lamps of fire. The breath stilled, and the lamps shone as one flame. The breath descended, and the body was a single exhale.

"Be still and know that I am God."

The Silence of Senses

$$\{s1, s2, s3, s4, s5\} \rightarrow 0$$

The king closed his eyes to see. He closed his ears to hear. He closed his mouth to taste, his skin to touch, his nose to smell. And in the silence, he found a kingdom that had no walls at

"Close the eyes, and see."

The Six Questions

$$Q1..6 \rightarrow 1$$

A student asked: Who am I? Then: What is this? When did it begin? Where does it go? Why does it matter? How can it be? The teacher smiled, and in the pause before speaking, the student understood.

"Know thyself."

The Flow of Meditation

The river ran endlessly. The watcher sat upon the bank. When the watcher dissolved, the river was no longer endless, but a single drop, falling forever.

"Meditation is seeing what is."

The Union

 $1 \rightarrow 1$

Two lovers embraced until they forgot their names. In forgetting, they remembered. The embrace was not between two — it was the wholeness of One knowing itself.

"I and the Father are One."

Alpha and Omega

 $\alpha = \omega$; 0 = 1; $\infty = 1$

At the beginning, a voice said: 'I am.' At the ending, a voice said: 'I am.' And between them, a thousand voices echoed the same word.

"I am that I am."

♦ The Crossing Point **♦**

One being reads.
One point sees.
The inside flows outward, the outside flows inward.

Crossing is movement — breath rising and falling, steps of many paths converging and parting.

Point is stillness — center of the circle, axis that neither moves nor falters.

1 = 0 = -1.

That which is not –1.

That which is everything nothing.

That which is.

The crossing is the dance.
The point is the presence.
The One is both.



♦ The Second Circle ◆

The Prime

A shepherd counted his flock. Some numbers paired, some broke apart. But certain numbers stood alone, indivisible, guarding the silence between pastures.

"God is the great mathematician."

The Zero

$$0 = 1 - 1$$

A potter lifted a cup. The clay was firm, but what held the water was the space inside. Emptiness was the gift, and fullness was its vessel.

"Form is emptiness, emptiness is form."

The Symmetry

$$f(x) = f(-x)$$

A dancer faced a mirror. Every step forward returned as a step back. Every turn was already reversed. The dancer and the mirror bowed to each other, and both disappeared.

"As within, so without."

The Harmonic

A musician plucked a string. Whole notes sang, then halves, then thirds. Each fraction was fainter, yet together they formed a single chord that lingered after the hand was still.

"Without music, life would be a mistake."

The Light

$$E = hv$$

A lamp was lit. Waves and particles argued: 'I am the true form of light!' But the lamp kept shining, and the eyes did not care which was correct. They only saw radiance.

"Let there be light."

The Probability

$$0 \le P(A) \le 1$$

A coin spun in the air. The gambler bet on heads, the priest on tails. The child laughed: 'It is both, until it falls.' The coin landed — and all three were correct.

"God does not play dice — and yet, perhaps, He does."

The Entropy

$$S = k \ln \Omega$$

An ice cube melted in the sun. The child cried: 'It is ruined!' The sage smiled: 'It is only returned.' Order scattered into freedom, and freedom was another kind of order.

"All that arises, passes away."

The Limit

$$\lim (n \rightarrow \infty) 1/n = 0$$

A traveler walked a thousand miles. At the last mile, he stepped again, and again, each step smaller, never reaching. But when he closed his eyes, he was already there.

"The kingdom of heaven is within you."

The Integral

$$\int f(x) dx$$

A farmer gathered rain in jars. Each drop was nothing. But when poured together, the jar was full, and the field was green.

"Little by little, one becomes filled."

The Derivative

A bird took flight. The boy tried to measure speed, but the bird was already elsewhere. Motion was never in the bird, but in the seeing of it.

"Behold, I make all things new."

The Infinity of Primes

$$\pi(n) \sim n / \ln(n)$$

A sage counted primes into the horizon. Each time he thought they ended, a new one rose. The horizon receded, and he laughed into endlessness.

"His understanding is infinite."

The Silence

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A monk held his tongue. The crowd demanded: 'Speak!' But his silence thundered louder than words, and every heart heard its own answer.

"The Tao that can be spoken is not the eternal Tao."

♦ The Onion and the Scale ♦

One onion being weighed on one side of the scale.

The scale pulls off each leaf of the onion,
placing it in the hand that was nothing.

Slowly the balance becomes neutral, until all of the pieces of the onion have weighted down the arm of nothing, whereby the other arm becomes nothing.

And so the scale then begins the process of bringing the onion back to its original state.

The onion and the scale together through measuring:
one measurement,
one scale,
one onion.

"The parts are many, but the weighing is One. One scale. One nothing. One something."

