



Paul Brunton's Specific Glossary

This guide, taken from the document "Highlights 36" (ByStudyGuide), compiles terms and expressions along with their definitions, focusing in detail on the terminology used by Paul Brunton in his writings.

1 Mind in Itself; Consciousness or Mind *"in its quiescent state"*; ... Infinite, Immutable, Unfathomable, Undifferentiated, Absolute, Benign, Eternal...

PB's names: Mind, Mind Alone, Pure Mind, Great Mind, the Unique, the One without a Second, One Mind or Single Consciousness...

more names: Mind-essence, Over-Mind (or Overmind), Cosmic Mind, Ultimate Single Mind, Single Basis, One Ever-Existent Mind, First Mind, First Cause, Grand Mystery, Great Void, No-thing (or Nothingless)

a Presence, a Power, a Life, a Mind, Being, unique, not made or begot, without shape, unseen and unheard, everywhere and always the same, ever-existent, everywhere-diffused, all-inclusive Mind; Brahman (no manifested); without beginning or end, one absolute Power, one uncreated Essence, one primary Reality

2 World-Mind; Consciousness or Mind *"in its active state"*; Universal Mind/Power/Energy/Intelligence/Wisdom; God, Source, Soul of the Universe...

PB's names: World-Mind ... as the active function of Mind. Mind cannot be separated from its powers. The two are one.

other names: [Consciousness, Being, Self, Principle, Mind] Universal, Divine, Infinite, Silent, Primordial...; the Soul of the Universe, World-Soul, Divine Ideation, the Divine Source of all things, the First Intelligence, the Infinite Wisdom, Eternal Intelligence...; One Infinite Life-Power, Universal Life-Force, God's Great Silence, One Infinite Presence, Infinite/Absolute Being, Great Being, the Transcendent, Infinite Power/Love, Infinite/Universal Spirit...

more names: The Stoics pointed to Reason (Logos) as the divine spirit which orders the cosmos. Plato pointed to Mind (Nous) in the same reference.; The term Ultimateless was used by Lao Tzu, who also called it the Limitless; ... "Adi-buddhi" in the Nepalese-Tibetan esotericism

religious or philosophic terminology (Note: not all terms have the same equivalence, some represent more the "Mind in Itself", and others the "World-Mind" or have their own particularity): God, the Divine, the Creator, Godhead, Deity, Divinity, Gods, Goddesses, the One, the Almighty, the Unknown God, the Mother of all that exists, the Goddess Isis, the Father, the Lord, Yahveh, Jehovah, Alaha, Allah, Brahman (Brahma, Ishvara, Shiva, Vishnu), Yin and Yang, TAO, TAT CHI, TAT...

The names of God traditionally used in the Orient, such as the Compassionate, the Guide, the Answerer of Prayer, the Pardoner, the Patient, are helpful as objects of prayer or subjects of meditation.

Nature is just another name for God; God ever-existent and self-subsisting, birthless and deathless.

3 World-Idea; Universal Purpose; a self-expression of the World-Mind... a gradual process of manifestation: Cosmos, Universe(s), All Existence...

PB's names: World-Idea, World-Design; ... the One Base multiplying itself in countless forms... not as an act of creation, but of manifestation, a gradual process of manifestation

[process or cycle] cosmic, infinite, continuous

the divine idea or purpose of the Universe, the Infinite Purpose, the hidden pattern of life, the Great Cosmic Workings

4 Cosmic Order; ... Universal, Higher, Immutable Laws; ... Providence/Grace, "Will of God"

Cosmic Plan, Universal Order, a divinely-ordered universe, orderly structure and pattern, immense Cosmos, immense cosmic background

[law or laws] divine, eternal, cosmic, precise, of Nature, of evolution, of manifested existence, of space-time, the great Laws of Destiny

religious terminology: Providence, Grace or Divine Grace, Will of God, Divine Will, Higher Will, Supreme Will

5 qualities of the Consciousness/Mind, ... of Reality

Unfathomable, Intangible, Untouchable, Unapproachable, Unknowable, Undescribable, Unthinkable, Unapproachable, Ineffable, Indestructible, Undifferentiated, Unsullied, Undivided, Uncreated, Unindividualized, Illimitable, Immortal, Immaterial, Invisible, Impersonal, Changeless, Formless, Nameless, Omnipresent, Spaceless, Timeless...

6 Eternal Present: *Eternal Now* (it is outside time...) *Eternal Here* (it is nowhere in space...)

here and now; ... the great Silent Timelessness; timeless Now, motionless Now, a changeless, actionless Here; ... a continuous Now; ... an unbroken Now; ... without referring it to some future date; ... a sense of the total absence of time; ... "peeps into timelessness"

7 THE REALITY: ... the Ultimate Truth or Reality, "the Real", the All, the Absolute; the Unique, One or Nondual Reality

other names: Ultimate Energy, Supreme Reality, Highest Truth; the Absolute, the Void, the Eternal Silence behind all activities and evolutions, the Real, the All, the Permanent; Reality without duality; the Beautiful Reality, the One Reality alone...

"One without a Second" (non-duality or non-dualism)

all are the same, all are one entity, pristine, oneness, Unity, Universal, universality

8 origin, nature, and destiny of human being

we are dynamic centres of intelligence; consciousness of this time–space–matter world; individual consciousness, everyday consciousness

9 the Highest Purpose [of earthly life]

other names: Life's Higher or inner Purpose; ... [meaning or Purpose] of life; ... [Purpose] of the human incarnation, of human existence; ... the true, Real, spiritual, higher, final [Purpose]

10 the Quest

others names: The Secret Path, The Quest of the Overself; [Quest] Philosophical, spiritual, mystical, inner; for Truth... [the search for] Truth, Higher Truth, the Highest Truth, the Higher Self, the Overself...

put into religious terms: it is a need of finding God, a "divine call"; ... the way of spiritual self-discovery

11 the Overself or Soul; ... "link", Real Self, *Atman*; ... Grace of the Overself

other names: The "Self" or the "Being": Higher, Real, Spiritual, transcendental, essential, central, true, inner, inmost, innermost, deeper, deepest, interior, indestructible, undivided, ultimate, invisible, impersonal, universal, immutable, divine, godlike, benign... Christ-Self, True Self, Best Self, super-self, the deepest part of our being, the silent secret part of the self, the final essential self, the light-self, the parent Self, the real "I"-ness, hidden "I", the basic "I", the "me"-thought, the Ever-Perfect, Overself-God; the Overself's voice—Intuition; *Atman*; Plato's "Nous".

more names: the divine Soul, the imperishable Soul, the Great Spirit, the permanent core of selfhood, a ray or intermediary of the World-Mind, intersection link, indestructible link, the link which we have with God, mediating principle, God's deputy in our heart, Centre of our being, its own still centre, the great Unknown, the real essence, the Greater Consciousness, the higher individuality, the inner divinity, the "Inner Ruler", the "great Friend", "guardian angel", "protective guardian", the holy Spirit, the God-particle within us, "made in the image of God", the secret God within ourselves.

some definitions: From PB: "*It is this, the deepest part of his being, his final essential self, which is a man's Overself, and which links him with the World-Mind. It is this Presence within which evokes all his spiritual quality.*"; From the Roman Stoics: "*the divinity which is planted in his breast*" of Marcus Aurelius; "*your guardian spirit*" of Epictetus.

[sensed, suspected, felt] a higher plane of existence, the impersonal atmosphere of the higher nature

it will never let you down, forever present, be held in the back of the mind, as the unseen background, an unruffled witness of all our efforts, ever in the background of consciousness...

12 the Paths and stages of the spiritual Quest: Inner Path (or Short Path) and Outer Path (or Long Path)

other names: [philosophical, spiritual] path, way; ... a path pioneered, passage, pathway, the Quest's route

13 the external physical world (phenomenal world): ephemeral earthly life, the world of the five senses, materialism, trivialities...

other names: [world, life, existence] earthly, worldly, ordinary, terrestrial, mundane, external, transient, material, superficial; ... physical environment, [world of] five senses

14 the physical body: surface self, the "false self", intellectual, emotional "I"; lower nature/mind

[body] physical, earthly, commonplace; ... the body is in reality an object for the mind, an expression and channel, an instrument and vehicle of the self, a useful and efficient servant, our physical home; ... not neglect the muscular vigour and health of body, a diet of light and easily digested foods

names: [Self or Being] earthly, individual, lower, personal, particular, ordinary, everyday; the "little self", "false self"; limited or lower nature/mind

average, ordinary, conventional human being; ... the common people (or man); ... the Divine showing itself in a particular way...

15 the ego, the "entity ego": ego's transiency, ego's tyranny/bondage, to destroy its tyranny, not the ego itself; egoism is to be destroyed

def 1: is a [collection, set, series, structure, complex] of thoughts, mental tendencies, body, physical senses, memories, impressions, ideas, images...

def 2: is a reflection, extremely limited and often distorted, of the Higher Self; is the shadow-self accompanying the light-self

def 3: is the bustling circumference, the prosaic surface; ego-thought, ego-intellect, ego-personality, ego-incarnations; the ego is rather a channel serving our spiritual consciousness; the ego borrows its reality, its power of perception, its very capacity to be aware, from its association with the Overself

def 4: the personal ego is also a changing transitory appearance.

def 5: the ego's sphere of activity is fivefold—thought, imagination, memory, feeling, and action (strong ego or egoism: the instrument of evil powers).

16 event of dying: process of passing to another sphere of consciousness; "portal of death"

the death of the body, the exit from the body, when death claims the body, event of leaving the body at death, when the body has to be left, to desert the body, the end of life, it is time to come home, to prepare oneself for death

17 principle of recurring embodiment: transient existences; *Samsara*: cycle of death and rebirth

[many, accumulating, series, wheel, cycle of...] (re)births, (re)incarnations; ... cosmic cycle, constant process

to be (re)born again, many lives, successive lives on earth, repeated earth lives, serialized earth appearances of the ego, numerous incarnations which have been lost in time...

[Hinduism/Buddhism] *Samṣāra*: cycle of death and rebirth to which life in the material world is bound; ... the doctrine of Eternal Recurrence

[life] in the body, without the body, outside the body; ... current, previous, past, future [lives, births, or incarnations... on earth]

the wheel of life, the round of birth and death, death is only a transition...

21 Karma: Law of Consequences; individual & collective Karma; silent instruction: we reap what we sow...

[Law] of Recompense, Compensation, Retribution, Re-adjustment, of Reflection, of self-responsibility, of moral responsibility, of creative equivalence, of cause and effect; boomerang, atonement, to account, tenet of Karma; the unerring universal law of consequences, the iron law of compensation...

24 true meditation: introspections / reflections (in progressive stages...); yoga / mindfulness

[meditation] ordinary, advanced, mystical; ... to calm [tumult of] distracted, wandering, overactive, restless thoughts

forced willed attention, that is, concentration; ... self-control, right meditative immersion into oneself, the practice of mental quiet, of turning inward

26 communicator: spiritual, mystical philosophy; external instruction: teacher, guru, Master, Spiritual Preceptor, counsellor, philosopher, messenger...

more names: [spiritual, mystical, philosophical] disseminator, spokesperson, guide, prophet, medium, seer, instructor, pioneer thinkers, popularizer (epitomizer)

27 quester (or seeker), aspirant, student... : aspirant's individual need; learning attitude; valuable counsels of PB; ^^serve others^^

more names: seeker, learner, researcher, beginner, neophyte, novice, follower, devotee, disciple, mystical students, students of philosophy...

31 creative inner Stillness, *Wu-wei*: to let flow... the ego-thought vanishes... the Overself "settles" in us; ... the feeling of its presence

dynamic, creative, healing Stillness; ... Stillness of the mind; mental quiet, the mind's quietude; ... inner quiescence; ... Quietism

the great Silent Timelessness. the inner Silent, emotional calm, being at peace with oneself

"Wu-wei" definitions: intentionally "not doing", is unintentional doing [i.e.: inaction or non-expression of ego, or not interfering with egoistic will], letting go, letting-be, learning to "let go", "the doing of the heart", "detachment"

32 mystical Intuition/Insight: < dynamic Balance > ; Self-Knowledge, become your own teacher, flashes of understanding; -> the inner guidance

definitions for "mystical intuition": Inner Voice, Inner Word; the Voice of the Overself, the Voice of Inspiration, the voice of intuition; the Overself's whisper; intuitive assurance, guidance felt intuitively, intuitive recognitions of truth, the Overself's impersonal intuitions, truth-discriminating intuitions

33 advanced mystic, adept, rational philosophy, "genuine philosophy": philosophy of Truth or higher philosophy: Inspired Action

"active philosophers", the custodians of the higher philosophy; ... [inspired, true, genuine] philosophers, mystics, teachers, Masters...

34 goal, ultimate attainment: settled experience; freed from the ego's domination; "born again"; the culmination of a lifelong struggle

culmination, a firm footing, established experience (NOT merely an intellectual conception or emotional belief)

inner satisfaction, satisfying rewards, unshakeable principles, unalterable ethics, ennoblement of human relations

... the event called by Jesus being "born again"

35 UNDERSTANDING [philosophical, intuitive, permanent] of the Truth/Reality; complete certitude, unlimited true happiness, unbroken peace, **genuine Compassion...**

[understanding] inner, deep, intuitive, philosophical; Cosmic Knowledge

36 REALIZATION, Enlightenment or Liberation... non-duality state; Universal Unity; "One Real Life", Philosophical Insight is pure, "Divine Darkness"; *Nirvana*; ... our "Original state/nature", a Realized human being, a Sage; Inspired Life, **Impersonal Love...**

other names: Realization of the Overself, Self-Realization, ultimate/permanent realization, philosophic attainment; self-liberation, the great enlightenment, ultimate Enlightenment, enduring/permanent illumination

more "definitions": ... enter the Overself in full consciousness; ... full union with the highest being; ... recovery "our pristine state"; .. the duality collapses: no sense of separateness; ... a clear insight into the nature of Overself; ... the lower self has died only to give birth to a divine successor; ... Philosophical Insight is utterly pure; ... inner strength, divine joy, deep understanding, and unspeakable tranquillity; ... authentic inner peace, a wonderful atmosphere of unimaginable intense peace, "the peace that surpasses understanding"; ... a state of utter and perfect tranquillity; a strong feeling of release; a lasting Fulfilment; ... in that benign atmosphere, negative thoughts cannot exist.

The Sage: [the human being] realized, self-realized, liberated, enlightened; ... hinduism term: *jivan mukti*

meaning of the Jesus' phrase "The Kingdom of Heaven": country of the Overself, "the original nature" of human being...

meaning of *Nirvana*: The Buddhists call lasting enlightenment by the name of *Nirvana*

meaning of *Moksha*: In Hinduism, the Sanskrit term *Moksha* refers to spiritual liberation. The experience of *Moksha* refers to the liberation of the subject from the bondage of karma, meaning to transcend the spell of *maia* (illusion).

meaning of *Sahaja*: is continuous unbroken realization that as Overself he always was, is, and shall be. In Sahaja the ego is rooted out once and for all! It not only vanishes, but it cannot reappear. PB says: "I do not claim that sahaja yields ultimate reality: I only claim that it yields the ultimate so far *known to man*"