

---

---

S P I R I T O F T H E A G E S

---

T A B L E  
O F  
C O N T E N T S



---

---



## C O N T E N T S

### F I R S T V O L U M E

PREFACE .....	1
PROLEGOMENA .....	11

### P A R T O N E

#### P R O B L E M S A N D R E C U R R E N C E

##### B o o k O N E - I N T R O D U C T I O N

Chapter I. What is Metaphysics .....	37
Chapter II. Orientation to Metaphysics for the Modern Mind .....	57
1) The Structure of Science .....	62
2) The Structure of Religion .....	66
3) Science and Religion as Perennial ..	68
4) Science, Religion, Metaphysics .....	73
Chapter III. The Idea of the Good - Ethics as a Final Reality .....	77
Chapter IV. The Nature of Logic .....	80
Chapter V. Becoming as Making .....	83

---

---

TABLE OF CONTENTS

---

**PART TWO**

**THE RELIGIOUS COSMOS**

**Book TWO - THE RELIGIOUS MOSAIC**

Chapter VI.	Patterns of Explanation .....	87
Chapter VII.	Pre-reflective Reflection .....	91
Chapter VIII.	Unreflective Reflection .....	98
Chapter IX.	Transcendence and Immanence .....	101
Chapter X.	Nature and the Supernatural .....	105
	1) I Ching .....	109
	2) Hinduism .....	115
	3) Zoroastrianism .....	127
	4) Judaism .....	141
	5) Islam .....	150
	6) Buddhism .....	158
	7) Norse Mythology .....	171
Chapter XI.	The Wheel of Religion .....	190

**Book THREE - GREEK MYTHOLOGY**

Chapter XII.	Myth and Knowledge .....	201
Chapter XIII.	Philosophy of Mythology .....	204
Chapter XIV.	Illusion and Immortality .....	209
Chapter XV.	The Problem of Consciousness ...	218
Chapter XVI.	Homer and Hesiod .....	221
Chapter XVII.	Achilles and Odysseus .....	227
Chapter XVIII.	Zeus and Fate .....	273

PART THREE

THE GREEK COSMOS

Book FOUR - THE PRESOCRATICS

Chapter XIX.	The Mystery of Phenomena .....	281
Chapter XX.	The Problem of Change .....	285
Chapter XXI.	The Nature of Rational Inquiry .....	288
Chapter XXII.	The Suppositions of Presocratic Philosophy .....	292
Chapter XXIII.	The Phenomenology of Presocratic Philosophy as an Historical Purview from Within for Us .....	295
Chapter XXIV.	The Presocratic Philosophers: Positional Paradigms .....	301
1)	Thales .....	302
2)	Anaximander .....	304
3)	Anaximenes .....	308
4)	Pythagoras .....	311
5)	Heracleitus .....	314
6)	The Eleatics (a) Xenophanes .....	318
	(b) Parmenides .....	320
	(c) Melissus .....	328
	(d) Zeno .....	331
7)	Heracleitus and Parmenides .....	336
	Transition to subsequent Presocratics	345
8)	Empedocles .....	346
9)	Democritus (and Leucippus) .....	351
10)	Anaxagoras .....	353

---

TABLE OF CONTENTS

---

**Book FIVE - THE SOPHISTS AND SOCRATES**

Chapter XXV.	Transition to the Sophists and Socrates .....	359
Chapter XXVI.	Protagoras, Gorgias, Socrates .....	362

**Book SIX - PLATO AND ARISTOTLE**

Chapter XXVII.	Plato .....	373
Chapter XXVIII.	Aristotle .....	386
Chapter XXIX.	Transition to Later Greek Philosophy .....	402

**Book SEVEN - LATER GREEK PHILOSOPHY**

Chapter XXX.	Stoics, Epicureans, Skeptics .....	413
Chapter XXXI.	Neoplatonism .....	423

## SECOND VOLUME

### PART FOUR

#### THE CHRISTIAN COSMOS

##### **Book EIGHT - FAITH AND CONTINGENCY**

Chapter XXXII.	Creatio ex nihilo .....	431
Chapter XXXIII.	Sin and Salvation .....	437
Chapter XXXIV.	The Primacy of Theology .....	440

##### **Book NINE - DIVINITY AND CONTRARIETY**

Chapter XXXV.	Revelation and Philosophy .....	443
Chapter XXXVI.	Christian Doctrine and Speculative Paradox .....	447
Chapter XXXVII.	Creation and Proof .....	456
Chapter XXXVIII.	Christian Reconciliation .....	463

##### **Book TEN - MEDIEVAL SPIRITUALITY**

Chapter XXXIX.	The Incarnation and the Cross .....	469
	1) Creed and Council .....	476
	2) Development of Christian Doctrine .....	483
	3) Crescendo of Christianity – Dionysius and Bonaventure and Thomas .....	489
Chapter XL.	The Virgin Mary and Christ the King .....	524
Chapter XLI.	The Trace of the Trinity .....	532

---

---

TABLE OF CONTENTS

---

**PART FIVE**

**THE MODERN COSMOS**

**Book ELEVEN - MODERNITY**

Chapter XLII.	Religion to Science .....	541
Chapter XLIII.	God as deus ex machina - the Middle Ages to Kant .....	545
Chapter XLIV.	Kant .....	561
Chapter XLV.	Transition to Hegel .....	579
Chapter XLVI.	Hegel .....	587
Chapter XLVII.	The Hegelian Problematic and the Dusk of Modernity .....	615

**Book TWELVE - THE LAST PHASE OF  
MODERNITY**

Chapter XLVIII.	Principal Themes .....	623
Chapter XLIX.	The Cosmological Shift .....	632
Chapter L.	The Shifting Ground .....	635
Chapter LI.	The Modern Struggle to Live .....	655
	1) Ambiguity as Forms of Practicality .....	663
	2) The Assumptions of Ambiguity .....	669
	3) Nihilism and Meaning ...	671
	4) Meaning and Language ...	674

**Book THIRTEEN - THE METAPHYSICS OF  
MODERNITY**

Chapter LII.	Modern Assumptions .....	677
Chapter LIII.	Modern Being .....	679
Chapter LIV.	Modern Thinking .....	685
Chapter LV.	Schweitzer .....	687
Chapter LVI.	Modern Philosophy and the Way of Science .....	694

**PART SIX**

**BEYOND MODERNITY**

**Book FOURTEEN - LOGOS, COSMOI, VISION**

Chapter LVII.	Going Beyond .....	705
Chapter LVIII.	The Phenomenal-Historical Ellipse .....	708
Chapter LIX.	The Limits of Reconciliation .....	714
Chapter LX.	Existence and the Limit of Thinking .....	720
Chapter LXI.	Metaphysics as Perennial Problematic .....	725
Chapter LXII.	The Limits of Thinking .....	730
Chapter LXIII.	Thinking, Language, and Being .....	732

---

---

TABLE OF CONTENTS

---

PART SEVEN

MENTAPHYSICS

Book FIFTEEN - ALL AGES TO ALL AGES

Chapter LXIV. MENTAPHYSICS —	
The Wheel and the Keystone —	
Stardust and the Philosopher's Stone	
1) The Wheel of Life – <i>samsāra</i>	
and δίκη ..... 737	
2) The Keystone of Life ..... 748	
3) Stardust – the Body of Life ..... 760	
4) The Philosopher's Stone ..... 774	
SIGLA .....	779
GREEK WORDS AND PHRASES .....	785
CONCORDANCE .....	799