

behind it all is the idea "two."

To believe that the phenomenal universe is other than hieroglyphics marks on the blackboard of time and space is as much illusion as to believe the figure "2" is other than a mark to indicate a mathematical reality.

Mind cannot grasp the absolute, so it creates symbols or language to indicate its conceptions of absolute existence.

2. Is the phenomenal universe an illusion? No. The phenomenal universe is a series of symbols (really in mind though apparently written on the blackboard of time and space). The phenomenal universe has no connection with reality; it merely indicates reality. It is the language of mind. One would not say the figure "2" is an illusion of mathematics. The belief that the figure "2" is a truth or reality of mathematics would be illusion; also the belief that the figure "2" indicated other than the idea "two" would be illusion. In the same way the belief that the phenomenal universe is reality is illusion; and the belief that the phenomenal universe is other than a symbol indicating harmonious ideas sustained by a principle of harmony is an illusion.

3. Who sees the illusion?

Mind. The mind which no longer thinks the rope is a snake is free from the snake illusion, but, if it