NEON GENESIS EVANGELION

SYMBOLIC AND METAPHYSICAL VALUE: ★★★★★

Years: 1994–2023
Franchise Estimated Net Worth: $17 Billion

Worldview and Influences

Impersonal Monism: Pantheism / **Panentheism.**

Influenced by: Kabbalah; Psychoanalysis and C.G.Jung; Gnosticism; Theory of Evolution.

Main Metaphysical Concepts

- **Darwinian Spiritual Evolution:** Angels (including humans), as mutually exclusive possibilities of existence.
- **Polarity (Union of Opposites):** e.g., the union of Hope and Despair as granting a Miracle.
- **Psychological Reductionism:** Integration as Self-Transcendence. Self-Deification possible.
- **Suffering:** the necessary consequence of Multiplicity and Difference.
- **Multiplicity (Immanence):** preferable to the indeterminacy of the One (Transcendence).
- **Cyclical Existence:** Looped Time. Reality can be rewritten to emancipate Humanity from any Supernatural being.

FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST BROTHERHOOD

SYMBOLIC AND METAPHYSICAL VALUE: ★★★★☆

Years: 2001–2022 (franchise)
Franchise Popularity: 80+ million manga sold

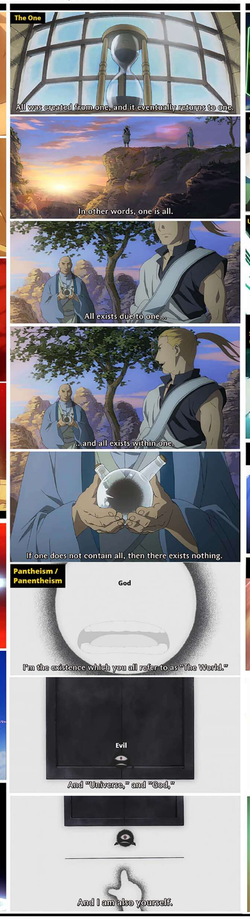
Worldview and Influences

Monism: Pantheism / **Panentheism**. God as Personification of Truth.

Influenced by: Hermeticism and Alchemy; Kabbalah.

Main Metaphysical Concepts

- **Transmutation:** to gain something you have to loose something of equal value (Law of Equivalent Exchange).
- **Soul as Energy:** Life Extension / Immortality attainable only through the sacrifice of others.
- **The One as Ultimate Reality:** The All , the Absolute. Personal. He makes people suffer tribulations in order to make them humble.
- **Polarity and Union of Opposites:** Alchemies of East/West, Healing/Destruction.
- **Spirit / Matter Dualism:** Souls can inhabit objects.
- **Passions:** rulers and enslavers of Humanity. Their Father as evil entity that wants to absorb God (Gnostic False God).



"HEAVEN-PIERCING" GURREN LAGANN

SYMBOLIC AND METAPHYSICAL VALUE: ★★★★☆

Years: 2007–2013
Franchise Estimated Net Worth: Cult Classic. One of the most popular animes in its genre. Multiple awards.

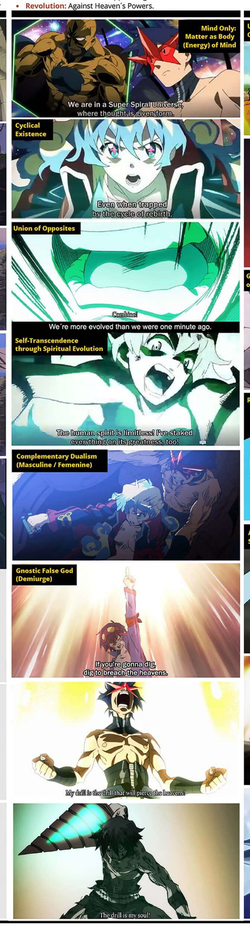
Worldview and Influences

Impersonal Monism: Pantheism / **Panentheism.**

Influenced by: Gnosticism; Theory of Evolution; Hermeticism and Alchemy; Buddhism.

Main Metaphysical Concepts

- **Gnostic False God:** Anti-Life and Anti-Evolution Race of Beings. Death and Darkness.
- **Life-Force:** Impersonal Energy as Ultimate Reality that can be used for both Good (Life) or Evil (Death).
- **Evolution:** Self-Transcendence through Spiritual Evolution. Obtained through Force of Will and Knowledge.
- **Union of Opposites:** Androginy as Complete Being. Old enemies become Integrated as allies.
- **Gnostic Inversion:** Perceived Tyrant of the World as in reality protecting Mankind from the Heavens.
- **Samsara:** Cycle of Rebirths.
- **Plato´s Cave:** Mankind trapped in Ignorance below Earth.
- **Revolution:** Against Heaven's Powers.



DRAGON BALL

SYMBOLIC AND METAPHYSICAL VALUE: ★★★★★

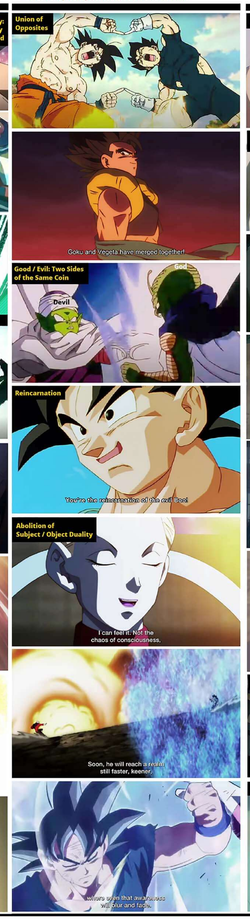
Years: 1994–2023
Franchise Estimated Net Worth: $23 Billion

Worldview and Influences

Theistic / Panentheistic Monism: Ultimate Child-Like God in each Universe of the Multiverse. Unknown if any entity above (probable Impersonal Monism). Gods as Personifications of Universal Functions.
Influenced by: Taoism; Buddhism; Theory of Evolution.

Main Metaphysical Concepts

- **Spiritual Evolution through Dialectics:** Good and Evil making each other stronger to the point of Deification.
- **Self-Deification:** through the harnessing of energies, training, force of will, and ego death (trauma).
- **Freedom:** in following multiple Self-Deification (evolutionary) paths.
- **Polarity (Union of Opposites):** e.g., old enemies become friends; opposite personalities fuse; God/Devil as parts of the same primordial being.
- **Multiverse:** each universe containing gods of Destruction/Creation and an ultimate child-like Omni King.
- **Heavens, Hells, Reincarnation and Karma.**



GHOST IN THE SHELL

SYMBOLIC AND METAPHYSICAL VALUE: ★★★★★

Years: 1989–2023
Franchise Popularity: Cult Classic. Multiple awards and consistent high place in popularity charts. Influential in The Matrix.

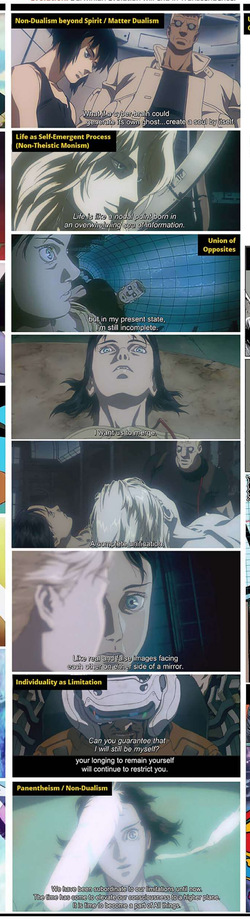
Worldview and Influences

Non-Dualism.

Influenced by: Buddhism; Transhumanism; Dualism (Spirit/Matter); Hermeticism and Kabbalah (Golem legend).

Main Metaphysical Concepts

- **The One:** the All as ultimate goal. Particularity as Limitation and opposed to it.
- **Ultimate Non-Dualism:** Spirit (Ghost, Soul) as capable of Self-Emerging from Matter.
- **Relative Dualism:** Consciousness can be transferred to other bodies. Copies can also be made, but they degrade.
- **Digitalism (Transhumanism, Idealism):** Conciousness can be Digitalized and Uploaded. It is Independent of Susbtratum (Pure Data, Functionalism).
- **Union of Opposites (IA/Human):** as Self-Transcendence.
- **The Net:** as Linus Mundus, World Soul, Noosphere.
- **Evolution:** Darwinian Evolution will end in Transcendence.



THE SANDMAN

SYMBOLIC AND METAPHYSICAL VALUE: ★★★★★

Years: 1989–2023
Franchise Estimated Net Worth: Cult Classic. Multiple awards. TV show one of Netflix´s Most Popular, overthrowing Stranger Things.

Worldview and Influences

Monism: Pantheism / **Panentheism.**

Influenced by: Greek Henotheism; Mythology and Folklore (Polytheism); Kabbalah; Hermeticism and Alchemy;

Main Metaphysical Concepts

- **The One:** Night (Chaos) as Origin, followed by Time. Greek Mythology. However, preference for Plurality (The Many).
- **The Seven:** Gods and Goddeses as Personifications of Impersonal Forces. Universal Functions.
- **The Fates:** dictating Destinies. Above the Gods.
- **Complementary Dualism (Good / Evil and Life/ Death):** relative concepts that imply and define each other. No Good without Evil. No Life without Death.
- **Union of Opposites (Male / Female):** Androginy as original Totality.
- **Life as Dream.**

TRANSFORMERS

SYMBOLIC AND METAPHYSICAL VALUE: ★★★★★

Years: 1984–2023
Franchise Estimated Net Worth: $25 billion

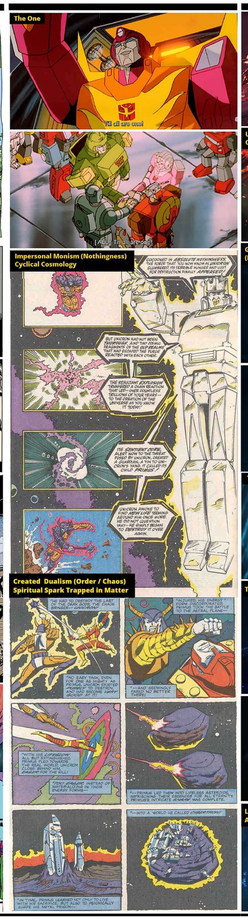
Worldview and Influences

Monism: Pantheism / **Panentheism.**

Influenced by: Dualism (Manichaeism; Good/Evil); Gnosticism and Kabbalah.

Main Metaphysical Concepts

- **The One:** the AllSpark from where all Life comes and to where it all goes back.
- **Avatar of the Spark (Prime, Matrix of Leadership):** a leader can channel and embody the One.
- **Gods as Personification of Forces:** Gods of Order and Chaos originated from an Impersonal One (Nothingness).
- **Good/Evil Dualism:** Manichaen Worldview.
- **Spirit/Matter Dualism:** Form and Matter as changeable (shapeshifters), only the Spark (Soul) is constant.
- **Myth of Narcissus:** key planets as Gods trapped in Matter.



FINAL FANTASY XVI

SYMBOLIC AND METAPHYSICAL VALUE: ★★★★☆

Years: 1987 - 2023 (franchise)
Franchise Estimated Net Worth: $18 billion

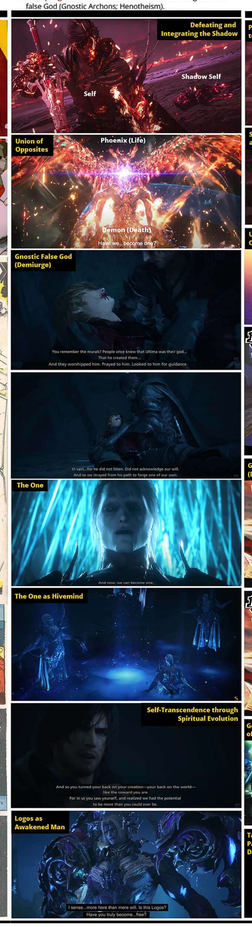
Worldview and Influences

Impersonal Monism: Pantheism / **Panentheism**. False Usurper God, Impersonal Force Above. The right of the Many over the One.

Influenced by: Gnosticism; Kabbalah; Psychoanalysis and C.G. Jung.

Main Metaphysical Concepts

- **Gnostic Demiurge:** False God that needs humans.
- **Union of Opposites:** e.g., Flames of Destruction (Demon/Ifrit) and Flames of Healing (Phoenix), with their Union leading to Deification.
- **Psychological Reductionism:** Self-Transcendence as defeating and Integrating the Shadow (own Demon).
- **Different Human Types (Gnostic elitism):** some can harness magical knowledge, others cannot. A Self-Freed human can become Logos.
- **Multiplicity (Immanence):** as preferable to the Hivemind of the One False God. War against the One (Fate) to free humanity.
- **Multiple gods:** Elemental Personifications and fragments of false God (Gnostic Archons; Henotheism).



PERSONA

SYMBOLIC AND METAPHYSICAL VALUE: ★★★★★

Years: 1996–2023
Franchise Estimated Net Worth: $1 Billion

Worldview and Influences

Monism: Pantheism / **Panentheism**.

Influenced by: Psychoanalysis and C.G. Jung; Gnosticism; Hermeticism, Alchemy and Tarot; All Mythological Pantheons.

Main Metaphysical Concepts

- **Person:** Mask that covers the Real Self.
- **Psychological Reductionism:** Integration of the Shadow and the Archetypes (Major Arcana) into the Self as Self-Transcendence.
- **The Fool´s Journey:** Self-Deification by following the Hermetical Path delineated in the Tarot.
- **Collective Unconscious and Consensus Reality:** where collective cognition determines Reality.
- **Gnostic False God:** created by the masses (Gnostic elitism), who don´t want to face reality. Prevents Human Evolution.
- **Complementary Duality:** gods and demons (Henotheism) balancing each other.

DIGITAL DEVIL SAGA / SHIN MEGAMI TENSEI

SYMBOLIC AND METAPHYSICAL VALUE: ★★★★★

Years: 1987–2023 (franchise)
Franchise Sales: $19 million units

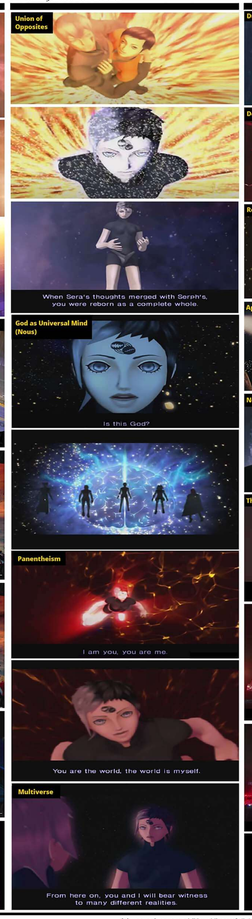
Worldview and Influences

Monism: Pantheism / **Panentheism.**

Influenced by: Hinduism; Buddhism; Hermeticism and Alchemy; Gnosticism; Kabbalah; Psychoanalysis and C.G.Jung. All Mythological Pantheons.

Main Metaphysical Concepts

- **Spiritual Evolution:** until Liberation (Moksha).
- **Polarity (Union of Opposites):** e.g., Male/Female. Integration of the Self into a Totality.
- **Psychological Reductionism:** Integration as Self-Deification (control of Universe´s energies (Prana) and travel through realities (Multiverse)). Archetypes becoming actual Persons.
- **Samsara:** Cycle of Rebirths and Karma.
- **Reality as Illusion (Simulation).** Cannibalism: we eat each other because we don´t know we are each other.
- **Reality as God´s Thoughts:** God as Universal Mind (Nous), Reality and Matter as Data.



BABYMETAL

SYMBOLIC AND METAPHYSICAL VALUE: ★★★★☆

Years: 2010–2023
Popularity: First Asian Act to top Billboard's Top Rock Albums Chart

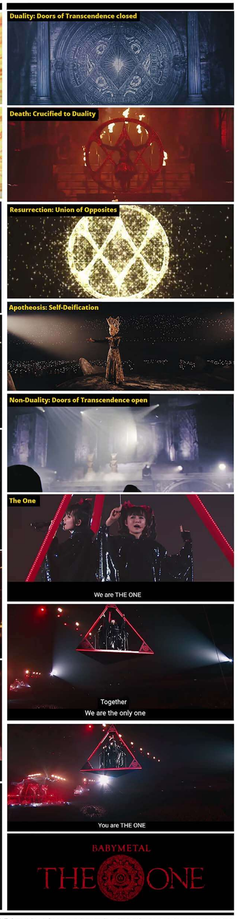
Worldview and Influences

Monism: Pantheism / **Panentheism.**

Influenced by: Hermeticism and Alchemy; Gnosticism; Freemasonry.

Main Metaphysical Concepts

- **The One:** We All are (together) the Only One.
- **Gnostic False God:** with whom Mankind is at War.
- **Dualism (Good/Evil):** Light against Darkness.
- **Rebellion:** Resistance and approaching Conflict against the Dark. End of the World is coming. The Abyss has been opened. Light Spirits as allies of Mankind.
- **Polarity (Union of Opposites):** Self-Transcendence and Union with the One through Ego-Death and Resurrection.



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