

Hindu doctrines confirm this. Better still, we have in our own Holy Books the following passage :

“Also the Holy One came upon me, and I beheld a white swan floating in the blue.

Between its wings I sate, and the aeons fled away.

Then the swan flew and dived and soared, yet no whither we went.

A little crazy boy that rode with me spake unto the swan and said :

Who art thou that dost float and fly and dive and soar in the inane? Behold, these many aeons have passed; whence camest thou? Whither wilt thou go?

And laughing I chid him, saying : No whence! No whither!

The swan being silent, he answered : Then, if with no goal, why this eternal journey?

And I laid my head against the Head of the Swan, and laughed, saying : Is there not joy ineffable in this aimless winging? Is there not weariness and impatience for who would attain to some goal?

And the swan was ever silent. Ah! but we floated in the infinite Abyss. Joy! Joy!

White swan, bear thou ever me up between thy wings!”

(LXV. II. 17-25.)

But the phrase may also be interpreted as if it read “with purpose unassuaged” i.e. with tireless energy. The conception is therefore of an eternal motion, infinite and unalterable. It is Nirvana, only dynamic instead of static—and this comes to the same thing in the end.

The obvious practical task of the magician is then to discover what his will really is, so that he may do it in this manner; and he can best accomplish this by the practices of Liber Thisarb or such others as may from one time to another be appointed.