

in Greek mythology, refers to a medium which was able to communicate with spiritual intelligence), and this oracle named Trophonius was able to communicate certain things to Apollonius. Apollonius went to this cave (in ancient times the cave, like in the Buddhist teachings, was underground, where the mysteries or secrets of the Godhead were revealed or unveiled), and in this cave Apollonius asked the question, "What, O Trophonius, do you consider to be the most complete and purest philosophy?" And Apollonius emerged after seven days with a volume which contained the tenets or the teachings of Pythagoras, called "THE GOLDEN VERSES OF PYTHAGORAS." Here is a sample of his verses:

1. First honor the Immortal Gods, as the law demands.
 2. Then reverence thy oath, and then the illustrious heroes.
 3. Then venerate the divinities under the earth, due rites performing.
 4. Then honor your parents, and all your kindred.
 5. Among others make the most virtuous thy friend.
 6. Love to make use of soft speeches, but deeds that are useful.
 7. Alienate not the beloved comrade from trifling offenses.
 8. Bear all you can, what you can.
 9. Take this well to heart; you must gain control of your habits.
 10. First over stomach, then sleep, and then luxury.
 11. And anger; what brings you shame do not unto others.
 12. Nor by yourself; highest of duties is honor of self.
 13. Let justice be practiced in words as in deeds;
 14. Then make the habit never inconsiderately to act.
- The list continues, but basically what it is can be understood when you think of the Confucian teaching of always doing the best to others in your surroundings. The idea is to always do unto others, what you would have them do unto you. That is the golden rule of all religions and all teachings. Before I go on, I would like to quote several more verses that caught my eye:
60. Father Zeus, O free them all from sufferings so great.
 61. Or show unto each the Genius, who is their guide!
 62. Yet, do you fear, for the mortals are divine by race
 63. To whom holy Nature everything will reveal and demonstrate.
 68. Let reason, the gift divine, be thy highest guide.
 69. Then should you be separated from the body and soar in the spiritual ether.
 70. Then will you be imperishable, a divinity, no longer a human!

Now, India and Egypt are the cradle of civilization and the cradle of spiritual science, also known as metaphysics. They have delved into the spiritual nature of the universe, and they have been able to bring out its secrets and reveal them to man. When Apollonius went to India, he brought back a volume of the original gospel, known as the Diegesis, and it was a book by Deva Bodhisatoua, and it was about man as he lives through the seasons. The first season of man is birth, that is the spring of man's life. The second season of man is summer or youth, when he starts growing and maturing, just like the fruit on the tree starts maturing. The third season of man is autumn or manhood, when he has reaped the harvest of all his previous work, when everything has come into fulfillment for him. The fourth season is winter or old age, when man starts declining in his years and gets ready to go over to the other side. These seasons continue in cycles and are repeated endlessly, as seen by man's reincarnations on earth and nature's renewal of life during the Easter season.

The idea of Chrishna or Krishna (as it is now spelled) has evolved in India since about 5,000 B.C. So it's been around for a long time. We have in our day and age the Hare Krishna gang, who go around in their yellow saffron robes chanting "Hare Krishna." Well, they are propounding the old idea about Krishna-consciousness which has been in existence a long time. In their sacred book, the Bhagavad-Gita, an eastern song of wisdom, we have the whole phil-