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THE MOTTO OF THE WEST:

Πάντων χρημάτων μέτρον ἄνθρωπος.

Man is the Measure of all things.

(Protagoras, c. 500 B.C.)

THE MOTTO OF INDIA:

eṣa ātmā samaḥ pluṣiṇā samo maśakena samo
nāgena sama ebhis tribhir lokaiḥ . . . samo 'nena
sarveṇa.

This Ātman (the vital essence in Man) is the same
in the ant, the same in the gnat, the same in the
elephant, the same in these three worlds, . . . the
same in the whole universe.

(*Bṛhadāraṇyaka-upaniṣad* I, 3, 22, c. 1000 B.C.)

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