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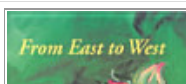
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A.A. Milne action activity agency alethic truth alienation already **anamnesis** aspect attention awareness basic become **Buddha-nature** causally **ceteris paribus** Chapter characteristic clear co-presence concept concrete singularity constituted **cosmic envelope** cosmos Cottlestone course creation **creativity** **critical realism** critique demi-reality **dharma** dialectic discourse dual **dualistic** emancipatory **embodied personality** emergent energy enfolded everything exactly existence experience fact **fact-value distinction** feel fulfilment ground ground-state qualities **heteronomy** holistic human immediately implicity implicit ingredient insofar **intentionality** intuitive involves judgement **karma** **Koan** means mediation **metonymic** mind mis-identification mode **morphogenesis** nature negative emotions **negentropic** ness **non-dual** object **ontology** perceive perception philosophy of meta-Reality **physi** physical potentially presupposes principle **realisation** realm reciprocity reflect reflexivity relative reality right-action sciousness **semiotic triangle** sense situation split spontaneous structure thing thought tion totality **transcendence** **transcendental identification** transcendentially real transformative understanding unity universal self-realisation virtue world of duality

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Bhaskar is the originator of the philosophy of critical realism.

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