2-ism As a Religion

Genesis:

In the very beginning, before anything existed, there existed absolutely nothing. Absolutely nothing of the world or reality that we as sentient beings now know, or at least believe that we know, existed. No atoms or other very small particles where present, no air or gas of any kind, just complete and totally absolute nothing.

Although it may be hard to imagine such a moment, because not even time existed, just completely nothing, NOTHING existed.

But because NOTHING existed, 2ism existed. Because nothing could exist, then NOTHING existed, and thus 2ism began to work on the NOTHING.

NOTHING was now something, because NOTHING in itself is a thing, and hence SOMETHING existed.

The SOMETHING which was the NOTHING stirred, driven by the basic tenants of 2ism, because 2ism existed in that NOTHING existed and now SOMETHING existed.

Slowly, the SOMETHING was affected by the effects of 2ism and other things were brought into existence, one of the first was TIME, which marked the progress of NOTHING into SOMETHING. With TIME came the PAST and FUTURE, TIME had in itself the PRESENT, and so 2ism continued to affect the NOTHING.

So now things existed, TIME with its PRESENT, and the PAST with its FUTURE. As the present became the past, TIME looked to its future, and continued to grow and change and begin to affect the NOTHING.

With the passing of time, the NOTHING shrank, as the SOMETHING grew, and slowly more things began to exist, each governed by 2ism, and with an opposite brought into existence to balance each new thing that existed. TIME itself was affected, because as the PAST grew, the FUTURE shrank and thus the NOTHING may yet return.

Foreword:

The author of this discussion, Trevor Stevens, was born in England in the year 1966, and has primarily worked within the Computer Industry. His experiences and knowledge within this field have lead to an overwhelming belief in the presence of duality in daily life, and the formation of 2-ism as a basis for a personal religion. He was officially raised under the Baptist faith, mainly due to

the availability of a Sunday School, to which he was taken each week, and subjected to the repeated teachings of the various youth leaders present at the time. However, rather than support or try to instill an established religion into him as a young child, it was mainly thought that it was a means to and ends, namely to grant the parents time to themselves.

Under the structure of the Baptist faith, he was taught the various beliefs, stories and parables that lead the religion, and of the presence of a God figure, who had created life the Universe and everything else.

From a very early age he rebelled against these teachings, mainly due to the blossoming understanding of Logic that was forming in his mind.

Belief was a difficult thing to equate, despite the various attempts at education made by the various teachers in school.

The various subjects taught in school were in themselves made complex. Mathematics was hard enough to understand and learn, but it often was made harder by the obvious questions that it raised. For example: If 2+2 did equal 4, then who determined what 2 was, and for that matter why 2 and 2 together made 4.

The result was that, the things being taught had to be taken as statements of fact, things to be accepted, remembered and considered at a later date. If he had not done so, then his education would have been a very slow process indeed, and considering the abilities of the teachers at the time, would most likely have been abandoned entirely.

Religion was treated to the same tempered indifference. Originally taught in school as a compulsory subject, and then followed up during the following years with the almost standard subliminal programming that we all receive in our daily lives.

The personal realisation of the presence of 2-ism and the formation of it as a potential personal religion has taken most of the author's life. It has only been in the recent years that the desire to record any details about the subject has arisen. No traumatic event has triggered this, rather a slowly growing realisation and the increased ability of the author to actually author something, has prevailed.

Introduction:

How do you go about introducing a potential religion?

Firstly, to borrow a quote from a fully established and well documented mainstream religion:

RELIGION -- (Latin: religio, ligo, "to bind together") A way of seeing, thinking, and acting inspired by questions about what things mean: i.e. Where did we come from?, What is our destiny?, What is true?, What is false?, What is my duty or obligation?, What is the meaning of suffering?, What is the meaning of death?, How shall we live? (Ezekiel 33:10)

This quote raises various points and questions that I will attempt to answer to a greater or lesser degree. These replies are not exhaustive, and made be open to amendment from time-to-time.

To start with, 2-ism is a very simple idea to accept, at the most basic level it deals with the idea and principles of duality and of the nature and effect of the number 2.

2-ism is a religion that can be held too along side any other established religion, but is fundamentally behind, below, beside, above and in front of any other established religion. In short, it totally surrounds and includes any other religion or belief.

It IS the fundamental structure of existence as it is known by human kind.

The term 'Religion', has many meanings, and has often been changed or altered by the individuals or groups that have sort to ever define it, or be defined by their definition of it.

The definition above relies as much on the original meaning or translation of the actual word, as it was taught to us in times gone by. In Latin, it is translated as 'to bind together'. In other languages it may be translated into something different, but still a form of the same basic idea of a belief or set of beliefs that an individual or a group may share.

So what is a 'belief'?

Again, to borrow a quote:

An unproven assertion based on one or more fundamental assumptions. The assertion may be unprovable.

The definition of a 'belief' appears to be vague, although it is something that we all share the ability to understand the basic structure of.

2-ism is fundamentally a belief in two states of being.

Because of the many diverse forms of languages that are available to us, it is understandable that not everyone will be able to translate this rudimentary attempt at an explanation of 2-ism to his or her own means of communication.

Regardless of the ability of a 'Being' (Definition: a living thing that has (or can develop) the ability to act or function independently) to translate or not to translate this explanation, the underlining principle of 2-ism is unavoidable, since 2-ism does exist and it does effect everything that we do or know.

It is deeply acknowledged that as 'Human Beings', we all have the right to 'believe' anything and everything. And that a 'Religion' and be a very strong guiding influence on us as 'Human Beings'.

2-ism does not contradict any of these other 'Beliefs', it supports them all, and can be held alongside them.

It was stated above:

'2-ism is fundamentally a belief in two states of being.'

For the purpose of this statement, the term 'states' is can be defined as a condition of existence in conjunction with the term 'being'.

Put in a plain and simplified way:

Does it exist or does it not exist

This is 2-ism at its most basic level.

Definition:

Let us revisit this quote:

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Allow me to break each part down, attempt to relate it to 2-ism, and explain how 2-ism effects us, and begin the formation of a religion, or a 'binding together'.

A Way Of Seeing:

Can 2-ism be seen?

As humans, sentient beings, we 'see' in a number of ways. Often 'seeing' is not only the physical optical/electrical/chemical process that our eyes perform, but can also be a theoretical process or thought process tied together with feelings.

The well documented physical optical process of 'seeing' lies above the principle of 2-ism, as does the more theoretical or 'spiritual' processes.
As fully developed humans we are born with two eyes, and whilst this can be said to be an actualisation of the number 2 in our reality, it is not the main

requirement. Because of the diversity of the human specie, some of us were born without the physical presence of eyes or the use of the ones that we were granted. Thus, if a person is born blind can they 'see'?

The theoretical, spiritual, or feeling related form of 'seeing' is a subject best left to others to explain. It is enough that many people, whom are born blind, turn blind or in some way loose the means to optically 'see', report that they can 'see' a point of view. This form of seeing must surely be feeling related more theoretical in its approach or under possible heading of spiritual.

2-ism is a foundation for the act or understanding of seeing; it ignores the physical requirement of eyes to perform the optical process or the theoretical requirement of intellect. Rather, the realisation of 2-ism is that you either see or you don't see.

A Way of Thinking and Acting:

For me, at least, this subject has required a lot of thought, certainly in order for me to try to translate my thoughts on 2-ism for you, the reader.

Greater minds than mine could possibly explain the way in which our brains actually 'think'. Generally, the electro-chemical behavior within our brains results in a process that we deem as 'thought'. To explain the preciseness of 'thought' in beyond my ability, but to relate 'thought' to 2-ism may not be.

Human Beings are deemed as 'sentient'; borrowing yet another quote:

Self-aware, choice-making consciousness. Humans and cetaceans (dolphins and whales) are the two sentient species on earth

We are 'self-aware' and have choice-making consciousnesses. Being self-aware we are acknowledging a simple principle of 2-ism, in that we exist and that we know that we exist. A famous quote once said:

'I think, therefore I am'

There is a duality to this idea and to this quote, firstly the process and then the belief, two states or two conditions.

As for 'choice-making', well what is 'choice' if it's not the embodiment of 2-ism.

From time-to-time, I have attempted to explain my ideas about 2-ism to friends, sometimes these discussions have lead to both parties entrenching themselves in their own beliefs. Most of the arguments against 2-ism have centered around 'choice', and the unwillingness to accept the fact that when you get right down to it, there are only two choices.
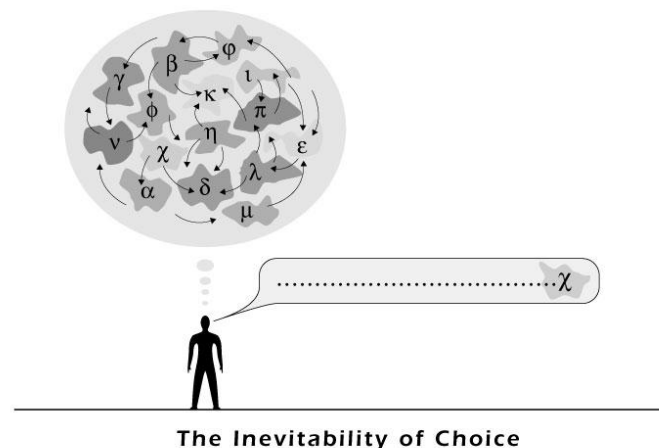
Do we get up or stay in bed?
Do we buy this television or that stereo or that fridge?

Does this sum add up to 11, 44 or something else?
Does my God exist?

There are, if we think about it, an infinite number of choices that we can make in any given situation. Despite all of the many choices that we face, there are only ever two simple choices to make or be made, the essence of 2-ism.

Let's take the examples above.

- Do we get up or stay in bed? --- A simple instance of 2 possible choices.
- Do we buy this television or that stereo or that fridge? --- Initially this appears to have three states, but there are only two in the end. Buy it of don't but it.
- Does this sum add up to 11, 44 or something else? --- Again, this could have multiple states, but the result of the sum will either be correct or incorrect.
- Does my God exist? --- Sorry for throwing this one in, but it is a good one. Either your God exists or does not exist, is there proof of either state.

The Inevitability of Choice

This is by no means an exhaustive explanation, and I may revisit 'thought' later.

Inspired by questions:

Where did we come from?
What is our destiny?
What is true?
What is false?
What is my duty or obligation?
What is the meaning of suffering?
What is the meaning of death?

How shall we live?

All of these questions, and the many more that each possible answer could engender are within the scope of 2-ism. 2-ism does not need to answer every question in the most direct way possible in order to be at the root of everything. 2-ism only needs to be the choice between this answer or that answer, or to be the existence of an answer or non-existence of an answer.

Two such inspired questions that I have often pondered are:

Do parallel worlds exist?
Does time travel exist?

My firm belief in 2-ism provides me with a possible answer for both of these questions.

Consider the image of a man walking along a path, and use the 'path' to indicate the passage of the man through 'time'.

With 2-ism, there are only ever two final choices: do or don't, true or false or yes and no. This basic idea can be seen in Figure 1.1, and the my basic beliefs about Parallel Worlds and Time Travel are further indicated by Figure 1.2 and 1.3.
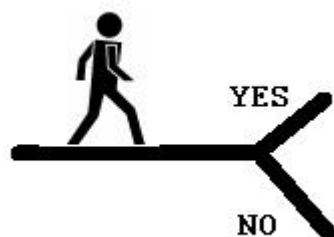

Figure 1.1

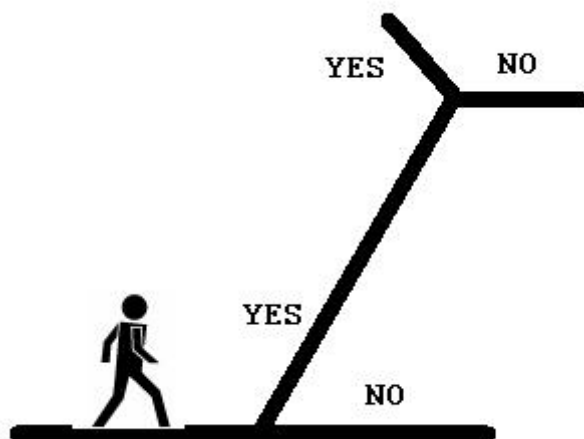Here the Being has two basic choices, does He/She/It go one way or the other.

For example:

If I buy this television which costs 1/3 of my money, then I'll only have 2/3 of my money to pay the bills this month.

If I do so, then I might not have enough money next month, and what if my car breaks down in the meantime. So maybe I had better not buy it until I can actually afford to cover all of my bills and any possible bills. Or maybe I'll just put it on my Credit Card and worry about it later.
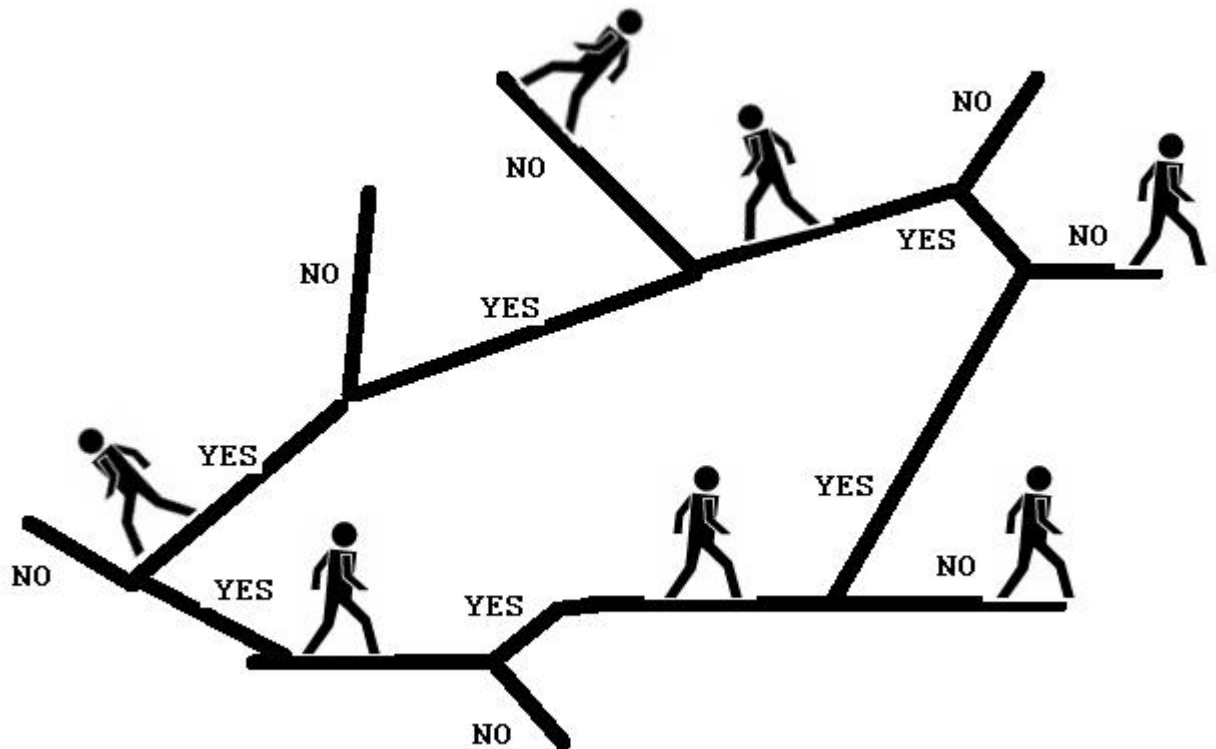
One way or another the Being makes a choice and takes one of the two possible paths, in this case either YES or NO. Either choice maybe the right or wrong choice, in making the choice the Being 'alters' the path that He/She/It is traveling along. Thus an 'Alternative' path (time-line) is created.

Figure 1.2

This is a progression of the above, to show that the Being will sooner or later come across another point of 'Choice', and again will either go one way or another. In this figure, I have chosen to use the 'NO' option to indicate that the Being has come back into a 'straighter' path, but this time He/She/It is different than He/She/It was before and therefore is not back on the earlier 'straight' path, but a possible 'parallel' one. Hence the possibility of a 'Parallel World' is brought into existence.

Figure 1.3

This is a further progression of Figure 1.1 and 1.2. As you can see, things begin to get complex due to the various choices made by the Being.

Is it possible that the Being could make a set of choices that inevitably lead Him/Her/It back to an earlier point in His/Her/It's path or time-line?

Under 2-ism, it is. It may not be an immediate thing, and it could take an almost infinite number of choices, but it is possible. It is also possible and indeed very likely that at some point or another, the path/time-line could even cross over itself. Thus Time Travel is/could be possible.

Would we, as Human Beings, recognise these events?

Ever had d'vu? Or dreamt about yourself in another existence/time, and woken up confused that you are not that person?

******** More to be written, when time allows! *********

Summary:

2-ism exists.
2-ism does not exist.

This duality or contradiction is the foundation stone for 2-ism to exist and for it to rule our every moment of existence.

Everything that we do in life, as humans, always has two simple states of existence.

For example:

When we think about doing something, there are always only two choices namely: do it or dont do it.

Please email me, if you would like to chat about 2-ism