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Cf. Gödel's proof of the insufficiency of all systems and, in each system, the presence of contradiction "O day and night, but this is wondrous strange"

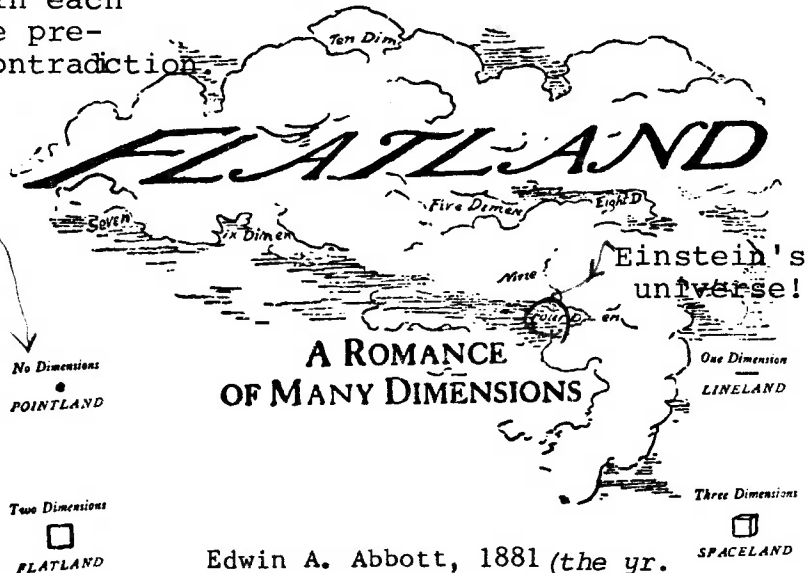
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A significant convergence effort: L.C. Beckett, NETI NETI (Jn.M. Watkins/59) --based on Hoyle's cosmology.

93: The Guide says, "I conduct thee downward to the lowest depth of existence, even to the realm of Pointland, the Abyss of No dimensions."

94: "He is himself his own World, his own Universe....he has no cognizance even of the number Two...for he is himself his One and All, being really Nothing. Yet mark his perfect self-contentment, and hence learn this lesson, that to be self-contented is to be vile and ignorant, and that to aspire is better than to be blindly and impotently happy."

Then the King says, "Infinite beatitude of existence! It is; and there is none else beside It." Guide: "Babies and babyish people...cannot distinguish themselves from the world, speak of themselves in the Third Person." King: "It itself is the Thinker, Utterer, Hearer, Thought, Word, Audition; it is the One, and yet the All in All. Ah, the happiness, ah the happiness of Being!"



Edwin A. Abbott, 1881 (the yr. Michelson & Morley disproved the existence of ether!)  
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ABBOTT was of a family of distinguished mathematicians,\* theologians, and biblical scholars.

"*Fie, fie, how frantically I square my talk!*"

\*Cf. the Anglican priest who wrote a fantasyland work similar to FLATLAND: ALICE IN WONDERLAND. Great leftbrains go on vacation into rightbrain fantasylands. Also, J.R.R. Tolkien's MIDDLE EARTH.

Various forms of upper-Hinduism, especially vedanta, were invading old and New England in the 2nd half of the 19th century. FLATLAND is a counterattack--pertinent also to the West toward the end of the 20th century.

As the GUIDE, the West is studying advaita ("non-duality"), and concludes it's "babyish," a deliberate rubbing out of "cognizance even of the number Two."

The KING spouts Krishna-Gita-like speeches of what I call the old *implosive* Hinduism.

Beginning in 1893 (Chicago World's Fair: THE WORLD'S PARLIAMENT OF RELIGIONS, Chicago: The Parliament Pub. Co., 1893, 2 vols.--which I have in the original edition), under the influence of the West's science, we began to get what I call the new *explosive* Hinduism, which arrives at "No Dimensions" via identification-with/nullification-of scientific thinking (in the West, a way amicable to the thinking of Pythagoras, Plotinus, Pseudo-Dionysius, Eckhart, Blake, Bergson, Teilhard, and even in some respect, Whitehead-Wieman-Aubrey).