In regard to the principle of movement, three philosophies are possible.

1. **Elliptic philosophy.** Starting-point and stopping-point are not even ideal. Movement of nature recedes from no point, advances towards no point, has no definite tendency, but only flits from position to position.

2. **Parabolic philosophy.** Reason or nature develops itself according to one universal formula; but the point toward which that development tends is the very same nothingness from which it advances.

3. **Hyperbolic philosophy.** Reason marches from premisses to conclusion; nature has ideal end different from its origin.

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