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**Term:** Hyperbolic Philosophy

**Quote:** 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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