

*Before the soul can see,
the harmony within must be attained,
and fleshly eyes be rendered blind to all illusion.*

No man can swim unless he enters deep water.

*The universe is worked and guided
from within outwards.*

*When there were no churches, no creeds or sects,
but when every man was a priest unto himself.*

- Helena Petrovna Blavatsky

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“Wisdom belongs to none and all belong to Wisdom.”

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INTRODUCTION

HPB is one of the true initiates who had access to the visible and invisible worlds. HPB has been the grandest intelligence in the recent centuries. She had all the courage to speak the Truth in its original and was brave enough to destroy the dogmas of the East and the West. Had she been an Indian, she would have been acclaimed as an Avatar. The deeds she performed, the knowledge she shared, the way she dared the dogmatic religions and her will to present ancient most wisdom, her endurance to baseless, frivolous, attacks and criticism and her dedication to the plan are unparalleled. She is truly a Master and a diamond in the Jewel of hierarchy.

In order that her teachings reach the aspirants of truth, certain dimensions are presented in this book, which are but a sample that provide a taste of her expression and teachings. May the readers who called forth this book find it useful.

I thank all the co-workers that enabled realization of this simple and humble work.



KEY TO WISDOM

There is but one key to all sacred books. In all the world scriptures there is a strong presence of esoteric allegory and symbolism. There is a key for interpreting the allegory and symbolism without which no scripture ever reveals the esoteric knowledge. That key has been furnished by Eastern Hindu-Buddhist canons of occultism. It fits as well into every scripture, be it Egyptian, Greek, Chaldean, Persian, Hebrew, Mosaic, and Christian scriptures. There are but blinds in the scriptures to protect the wisdom from the profane.

The key to the scriptures is not available, generally, in the market. The self-proclaiming scholars and pandits know nothing of it; only the Mahatmas, the Yogis, the Adepts and the initiated disciples hold the key, even in this age of Kali Yuga. The modern scholars are like the blind who see not but assert, and such assertions are propagated faster in a superficial world. Untruth travels faster than the Truth in the world. Truth appears to be a fiction, if not more than fiction. Those who hold the key do not claim of its possession and those who do not, bark aloud from the tower tops. The approach of the modern orientalists and professors is in its infancy. They freely judge Panini, the greatest grammarian, Lord Buddha, Pythagoras, and the like.

The key to wisdom of the scriptures is man himself.



THE INCOMING FAITH AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

The knowledge has never been hidden. It is never kept a secret by the hierophants at any time. The initiates never hide knowledge, they are transparent and open to reveal, to those who seek. Sacred scriptures have been protected and guarded since there has been a relentless and forceful attempt to destroy them in the age of Kali. The seekers of Truth are too few. Others, who seek, know not how to seek and where to seek.

The days of Constantine were the days that brought about a turning point in human history. This was during 272 to 337 AD, when there was a supreme struggle to establish a religion of Nazarenes through destruction of the knowledge and the occult science, as existed at that time. The western world was throttled with the new religion, and the occult doctrines were sought to be burnt or mutilated, wherein contained the science of wisdom that proves the existence of a parent doctrine. The secret wisdom of today was openly taught in the temples of hierophants.

It was known that there was one fountainhead of wisdom, with ever flowing perennial source, which flowed in all directions into various streams and streamlets. The period of Buddha and Pythagoras and that of Neo-Platonists held high this wisdom,

which later withdrew itself into the cave temples, due to the onslaught of the incoming religion with a personified God. The Emperor Constantine was the chief instrument in moulding the new religion to suit his political needs. He therefore conceived with a few Nazarenes, a politically suitable doctrine of God, which is good enough for the masses, who are generally gullible. The wisdom science suffered distortion into a personal faith. Faith apart, the science of wisdom exists in relation to cosmogenesis and anthropogenesis.



OLD VS. NEW

Truly it looks as if since the world's creation there has been but one age of real knowledge on Earth – the present age. In the misty twilight, in the grey dawn of history, stand the pale shadows of the old sages of world renown. The noontide brightness of knowledge has only now arrived, to be known by all. The knowledge of the past has ever been useful to their direct successors, but the successors have coloured it, according to their comprehension. Such colouring has hidden the wisdom. The rishis and the sages of the old walked far over the arid fields of myth and superstition. They indeed have left a few landmarks over the precious minds of philosophers.

The ancients have at best prepared and fertilized the field of knowledge but the moderns have planted in that field seeds of negation and agnosticism. To say that the philosophers of the past entertained untenable conceptions and that they lived an uncultured way of life is only to exhibit one's own ignorance.

Many modern philosophers and scholars are acclaimed as most distinguished ones, while all of them, without exception have only dressed up the ideas of the old philosophers, whom they are ever ready to disparage.

For over twenty centuries, those who had read Plato have been aware that like most of the Greek and other noted philosophers, he had been initiated, but since he was tied down by the Sodalian Oath, he could only speak of certain things in real allegories. His reverence for the mysteries is unbounded.

Only initiates can understand the hidden meaning of the subject he dealt with. The speculations of Plato on the creation and the evolution of primordial men must be taken allegorically. The leading apparently incongruous features of Plato's teachings are that God is the Universal Mind diffused through all things and the dogma of the soul's immortality. Plato's piety and the great veneration he felt for the mysteries are sufficient for asserting that he would not allow his indiscretion to get the better of that deep sense of responsibility that is felt by every Adept.

"Constantly perfecting himself in occult mysteries a man becomes truly perfect".

HELL FIRE – SUN FIRE

Pythagoras placed the sphere of purification in the sun. He located the Sun in the middle of the universe. Symbolically, the central spiritual sun, the Supreme Deity, is meant by such placement. Sun is the centre, be it human constitution or solar system or system of the universe. Offering oneself to the sun in the centre enables one to purify oneself. Meditation upon the sun in the heart has been a usual Vedic tradition. As one plunges oneself into the depths of one's heart, the solar fire burns away the impurities in oneself.

By placing the sphere of visible fire in the middle of the universe, Pythagoras taught the heliocentric system, which pertained to the mysteries and was imparted only in the higher degrees of initiation. To consider the fire spots as hell is ignorance. Fire is meant for purification, and purification enables progression of souls, according to the law of evolution.

Hell fire, as it is frequently called, should also be understood as a place of purification. It is symbolic but not literal.

According to Vedic astrology, Pluto, the lord of death, is the son of the Sun. Pluto is not Satan or the devil of Christian dogma; he is the lord of death. His work is to purify the souls and prepare them to take to yet another cycle of incarnation.

In the plan of God, the souls have the opportunity to purify, rectify and to move forward. There is no eternal condemnation to hell.



PLATO

For over twenty-two centuries, everyone who read Plato has been aware, like most of the Greek philosophers, that he had been initiated. The speculations of Plato on creation, on the evolution of primordial men and on cosmogony must be taken allegorically. Unless the allegory and the symbol are known, the related wisdom is not revealed. Plato himself was displeased that the mysteries had become less secret during his time than it was formerly. He felt that the mysteries are profaned by putting them within the reach of multitudes. He would have preferred to guard the mysteries much more jealously than what he did. To one of his disciples he even stated: "You said, that in my former discourse I had not sufficiently explained to you the nature of the First. I purposely spoke enigmatically, so that, persons without some previous knowledge would not be able to understand its contents." While he mentioned many Gods, his monotheism is unquestionable. He called all those, who are higher by one grade than man as Gods and those higher than the Gods, he called them Deities, and above the Deities, the God.

GREEK PHILOSOPHERS

The Greek philosophers did not fail to perceive the chilling superficialities and superstitions of their times. They justly despised them. They did not admit any of the poets into 'the commonwealth', and even dismissed Homer and the like. They did not respect much the orthodox beliefs, they respected the one God, and this is the God of every philosopher.

And that God is infinite, impersonal, omnipresent and omnipotent. The sciences and philosophies at all times are in the hands of hierophants and also those who are initiated.

Plato was one of them, and it is ignorant to think that his allegories were dark sayings. They were but veiled truths. He had no right to divulge, lest they may fall into the hands of the profane. The uninitiated, unable to lift the veils, rejected Plato and his teachings. This practice of rejecting initiates has been common in human history. Only those who submit to the related disciplines and live a life of high purity were allowed by the initiates to lift the veils gradually and experience the Truth.

The much-boasted scientific inductive methods used by intellectuals to unveil the nature and find the reason of the universe have always been divergent from the Truth, and helped in contributing further

confusion to the existing exoteric theology. Plato may not have been capable of induction and generalization in the modern sense. The modern philosophers see the objects before them but fail to see the light of the Universal Mind, which reveals them. True theosophy demands self-transformation, in accordance with a discipline which an initiate recommends to a disciple.



LET THE HUNGER FOR TRUTH REMAIN

Wisdom has always been passed on, either through lending presence or by vocal communication – from mouth to ear by the Master to the disciple. From times immemorial throughout a long series of ages, the most sacred institutions existed in every land, in which the inner mysteries were imparted. What is written or spoken for the public is but general information. What was taught orally by a teacher to his disciple was due to the one-pointed orientation of the disciple. The disciple took the oral teaching as a canon and as a commandment. He did not intellectualize but followed with an implicit faith and confidence in the Master. Eventually the canon turned out to be a key, and that key enabled initiation and series of revelations. The uninitiated philosophers and commentators could do no harm to the institution of mystery, for the field of activity of the one was totally different from the field of activity of the other. Even today it remains so. That which remains as information to the uninitiated, leads an aspirant to be a fiery one, who is drawn nearer to the teacher in terms of presence. Through presence the teachings happen which is different to the general teaching and discourses.

The expressions and the dialogs of Plato and of the Neo-Platonists were of such order. These acted as teachings for the general public, and at the same time imparted the mysteries to students depending on their fitness. Hence, for the gullible there was a grey area, leading to a variety of interpretations. It is in this grey field, it is generally believed that Plato and Neo-Platonists have drawn much from the Jewish and the Christian scriptures, but the truth is contrary. They even go to the extent of saying that the Neo-Platonists were inspired by the Holy Ghost or had received wisdom from Moses. But the contrary is the truth. The wisdom of Plato and Neo-Platonists is borrowed into the Jewish wisdom. The original remains silent while the copy makes noise.

Even today there are many spiritual groups, who believe that they belong to the institution of mysteries, and that they are guided by a mysterious Master of Wisdom, but occultism has its own groups, where there is specific occult training. Occult training demands personal offering and personality sacrifice, which is seldom found. The normal spiritual groups function in self-glorification and mutual admiration. They are no better than the social clubs. It is better for individuals and groups to look within their own personality and improve it through consistent enlightenment.

VORTICAL MOVEMENT OF THE HELIOCENTRIC SYSTEM

The doctrine of rotation of Earth about an axis is taught by Pythagoras five hundred years before Christ. It was also taught by Plato and his pupils. The immobility of the Sun and the orbital rotation of Earth were shown by Aristarchus, as early as 281 BC. The heliocentric theory was known even earlier to Hindu-Aryans. Aristotle also taught it. In the background of such facts, it is preposterous to believe, that it is Galileo who discovered it in the post Christian era.

The law of vortical movement in primordial matter is one of the oldest conceptions of Greek philosophy, whose historical sages were nearly all initiates of mystery. The Greeks had it from the Egyptians and the latter from the Chaldeans. Most of the Chaldeans have been pupils of the Brahmins of the esoteric school. It was known during those times, that the gyratory movement of atoms and spheres existed from eternity. Pythagoras and his students taught the rotation of Earth.

Aryabhata of India also taught so. Two thousand years later it was taken up by Galileo, Descartes and others and finally with slight modification by Thompson. Vortical movement of atoms was the

knowledge of the ancients and especially amidst the initiates.



MYTH IS ORAL TRADITION

Fairy tales are not senseless stories written for the amusement of the children. They embody the profound religion of our ancestors. Fairy tales represent the oral tradition passed from mouth to ear, from one generation to the other. Such an oral tradition is called *sruti* in India and is called *myth* in Greece. *Mythos* means the oral tradition. They contain truth, although their narration overgrows owing to the veneration of successive generations.

The original concept, around which the rich popular fancy is built, does not deserve to be dispensed with as a wholesale fable. The fable contains a seed of Truth. Common fables such as son losing the way and father finding the son, mother between father and son until son learns the appropriateness of mother, son following implicitly the dictums of father, the student following the commandments of the teacher are but common in every mythology, with the related keys to orient one's personality to the soul.

THE VAK

The old orient scripture said that Vak is of four kinds.

Para, Pasyanti, Madhyama and Vaikhari are the four steps of Vak. It can drive the Word. What is spoken out is Vaikhari. That, which exists in the mind as a language sentence, is Madhyama. The very idea, which is clothed into language, is Pasyanti. The place of birth of the idea is Para.

The Word which is in Para state appears as a seed thought in the Pasyanti state, and in the Madhyama state it takes to a form of language sentence. In the Vaikhari state it is uttered forth. These four states of Vak are the four states of the creation as well. The fourfold cosmos, in its objective form, is Vaikhari Vak. The Light of the Logos is the Madhyama state. The Logos itself is in the Pasyanti state, but its origin is in the Para state.

Thus, the Word and the cosmos are fourfold in nature

AMMONIUS SACCAS - 1

Neo-Platonism starts with Ammonius Saccas. It is a system of philosophical and theological doctrines composed of the elements of Platonism, Aristotelianism and oriental mysticism.

Almost nothing is known about this philosopher, Ammonius Saccas. He was born in Alexandria, Egypt, in about 175 A.D.

His parents were poor and he received little formal education. Ammonius, as a young man, handled his living as a porter (corn-carrier) on the docks of Alexandria. The name Saccas is derived from this porter-work he carried out. He was a sack-bearer, and hence called Saccas in Greece.

Ammonius Saccas was a self-taught philosopher. Even so, he is the actual founder of Neo-Platonism. Ammonius was a charismatic teacher. He wrote no books and with the aid of his pupils kept his teachings secret like his predecessors, such as Pythagoras. He was a mysterious sphere. It is no wonder that he was mysterious, for he associated himself with the oriental mysteries, and also had access to the institution of mysteries. Two of his students were brilliant philosophers, namely Origen and Plotinus. The former was Christian and the latter was not. The writings of these two students contained references to the dialogs

and viewpoints of Plato. He is generally believed to be in a large measure a Platonist. But it is not Platonism that he promoted. His philosophy reconciles the philosophy of Plato and Aristotle, and he moulds it with oriental mysticism. He taught the nature of the soul and its relation to the body. His teachings on this subject were considered to be of authoritative nature and it is here he related mostly the oriental approach. Ammonius Saccas is the first philosopher who employed the word “theosophy”, meaning, wisdom of God. By theosophy he meant the essential teachings of the major religions of his time. His teachings became known as an eclectic theosophical system.

Ammonius, like Pythagoras, insisted upon moral discipline based on a mode of life that is in accordance with natural law. He strongly advocated purifying the mind by philosophical contemplation.

AMMONIUS SACCAS - 2

Like Orpheus, Pythagoras, Confucius, Socrates and Jesus, Ammonius spoke of the universal principles , the universal God, the nature and man's relation to them. Though born of Christian parents, Ammonius renounced the tenets of the church. His disciple Plotinus also renounced Christianity. Ammonius believed in the bright Gods and protectors, and his understanding of the mysticism of the East enabled him to orient to the so-called paganism, which carried many secrets to Truth. He communicated the most important doctrines to persons duly instructed and disciplined, imposing on them the obligation of secrecy as was done before him by Zoroaster and Pythagoras. It is but natural that his adversaries, who were denied of the doctrines due to the obligation of secrecy, speak otherwise of Ammonius. They believed that Ammonius failed in his effort to realize and connect abstractions, since they did not understand them at all. Such allegations were also made of Plato.

AMMONIUS SACCAS - 3

The presented philosophers and intellectuals must necessarily know a dimension relating to historic initiation of philosophers. The latter never threw pearls at the swines. They were guarded in their speech to the public at large, while they openly taught the secrets to those who subjected themselves to the needed discipline and also to the vow of secrecy. They cannot be interpreted by the contemporary history of thought. Many philosophers who ventured to attack were not equipped with the key to the true spirit of mysticism of Pythagoras, Plato and Ammonius. All the three carried a deeper understanding and more pervading spirit of orientalism and to the related mysticism. It is this dimension that penetrated through Pythagoras, Plato and Ammonius.

Ammonius adopted the doctrines which were received in Egypt, concerning the universe and the Deity. To him the Deity and the universe constituted one great whole. Concerning the eternity of the world, the nature of souls, he relied on eastern doctrines. He established a system of moral discipline, which allowed the people in general to live according to the laws of their country and also according to the dictates of nature.

He required the wise to absolve their minds by contemplation and to mortify the body and ascend after that to the presence of Supreme Parent. He made a whole history of heathen Gods, in order to reconcile the popular religions and particularly the Christian.

Ammonius acknowledged that Jesus Christ was an excellent man and the friend of God. He made attempts to purify the religion. Ammonius was an independent thinker. He was not totally dependent upon or influenced by the doctrines of Plato. His concern was to search for the Truth in philosophy. It is in this context he studied both Plato and Aristotle and appreciated them according to their merits. Indeed, such should be the approach of every Truth seeker. A Truth seeker may inform himself from the teachings of the previous teachers, philosophers, and initiates. He may appreciate and admire, and even practice what is acceptable to his or her consciousness. Plotinus was caught by the passion for philosophy and was directed to the most highly reputed professors to be found in Alexandria. At the age of twenty-seven, more than often he was sad and discouraged by the lectures of the professors. A friend, to whom he opened his heart, suggested to listen to Ammonius.

Plotinus went, heard the lecture and exclaimed to his comrade, "This is the man I was looking for." From that day Plotinus followed Ammonius continuously, and

under his guidance made much progress in philosophy. He became eager to investigate the Persian matters and the system adopted among Indians. It is through Plotinus we come to know much of Ammonius.



PLATO - PYTHAGORAS

Plato's God is the God of every philosopher, God infinite and impersonal. Plato, being initiated, had known the science and the philosophy of the hierophants of the temple. All the allegories that he gave are dimensions of Truth, veiled, for he had no right to divulge them. His *Timaeus* contained elements of oriental mysticism, which is repulsive to modern philosophers, if not obscured. One should remember in its days of secrecy, the philosophy was veiled by mysticism. It must be noted that in those days the modern physical science was in its infancy. It was therefore considered desirable to conceal the whole of nature, and veil it.

Mathematics and geometry were the backbone of occult theology. And most of the works of Plato and Pythagoras are in relation to these two occult sciences.

It is incorrect to think that Plato was entirely free from any element of eastern philosophy in his writings.

He was a mystic and also a kabbalist. Plato was undeniably an ardent admirer and follower of Pythagoras. Plato inherited on the one hand the doctrines of Pythagoras and on the other hand had drawn his wisdom from the same sources as Pythagoras.

And the doctrines of Pythagoras are oriental to the backbone and even brahmanical. This great philosopher ever pointed to the East as the source from

where he derived his information and his philosophy, and Plato makes the same profession. He has taken his teachings from ancient and secret doctrines. The ideas of both, Pythagoras and Plato coincide too well with the systems of India and with Zoroastrianism. Pythagoras and Plato are accepted as the first ones who brought vidya (oriental Gnosticism) to the West.



THE HERD MENTALITY

Science strikes out, at its own sweet will and fancy, dozens of names of ancient heroes, simply because there is too great an element of myth in their histories.

Initiates who have acquired powers and transcendental knowledge can be traced back to the fourth root race from our own age. The multiplicity of subjects to be dealt with, in regard thereto and the mystery around them, prohibits introduction of such a historical chapter in science, however historical they are in fact and truth. Science therefore rejects all through the initiates and the related facts and truth from the history. For it is easier that way than to get into the science of those subjects, those fables and unveil the mystery. Science systematically denounced and denied to itself the ancient science and therefore had to start all over again.

The church on the other side was much more ignorant of the knowledge of the initiates, their discipline and their approach to life, and hence dispensed with all those great initiates from Atlantean times.

The church introduces its own star angels, its own channels and agents of the creator. Both science and church have grown stronger to put off all that was valuable and scientific in relation to the past. The entire

mankind is brought under their power, to follow either of them like a herd of sheep, devoid of the natural powers of thinking and reflecting. Humanity follows today blindly their leaders, who are also blind. Today the majority of the mankind hates to think for itself, to think original. Like the sheep, they find it convenient to follow someone without thinking. They ennoble themselves by such thought of following, covering themselves under the gaze of 'humbleness', 'obedience', 'faith', 'surrender', and so on. The majority is willing to follow beaten tracks, not knowing where those tracks lead to.

No one is willing to be with an unfamiliar problem in life; the adventurism is lost in the human system, and they continue to be the sheep, always looking for the shepherd. They least realize that the shepherd is in them. The shepherd within the sheep can be brought out, if the mist around the initiates of the past is unveiled. An initiate is one, who finds the saviour within oneself and tries to transform and play the role of a shepherd. To be a saviour of the surrounding humanity, one should find the saviour in oneself. The methodology and the discipline of finding the saviour within oneself have been interpreted as black magic. Instead a saviour is shown to the world; even that saviour is not well depicted. He stands crucified on

a cross. The symbol sends a signal message, that the humanity as such is crucified by ignorance.

Rejecting the mystery institution that produced such initiates as Pythagoras, Plato, Apollonius, Zoroaster and host of others, the institutions of power (Christian church and politics) have blinded the humanity into materialism and ignorance.

The well-known game “to call white swan black goose” and to kill it, cannot go on forever. It must come to an end.



CAIN AND ABEL

When for nearly two millenniums a body of men unceasingly lifts its voice against black magic, the inference has to be that, if black magic exists as a real fact, there must be somewhere its original counterpart, the white magic.

False currency could have no existence unless there is genuine currency. A counterfeit proves the original. Nature is dual in whatever she attempts.

If only this is known, man could have opened his eyes long ago. When man sees a thing, something else is hidden from his sight, when he listens something, something else is hidden. As one speaks there is unspoken dimension of it. It is for this reason the seers say, the Truth cannot be spoken. If you speak, there is a counterpart of unspoken dimension. When you see a coin, there is an unseen side of the coin. To see it in its wholeness, one needs to contemplate the possibility of its counterpart, and realise the whole.

As people continuously aspire for light dismissing darkness, they are more into ignorance due to such dismissal. Light has its shade. There cannot be light without its shade. It is only under the shade of darkness the light shines. The ability to include what is being excluded gives the key to gain right understanding.

Man divides the whole creation and tries to act as per his likes and dislikes. More often than not, what he rejects bounces back upon himself. The law of acceptance is the key that enables to accommodate the seeming opposites. When one accommodates the seeming opposites slowly, one realizes their complementary nature.

The church has been teaching over two millenniums to hug light and to condemn the darkness or ignorance. As long as condemnation, rejection and exclusion remain in human consciousness, so much one cannot see the Truth. Satan is but the alter ego of man's concept of God, created by the church.

Eventually Satan became the stronger one and Christ remains feeble, crucified on the cross. Intelligible, the human psyche is indelibly affected by such doctrines of good and evil. The eastern wisdom sees the duality of nature and gives the key to neutralize the duality in oneself and to stand in a higher light, where light and darkness are seen as a part of nature's creation.

Abel and Cain are but natural. Rejection of Cain in preference to Abel resulted in promotion of doctrines of ignorance.

SHEU AND KIUAY

“The old times” are just like “the modern times”; nothing is changed as to the magical practices, except that they have become still more esoteric and arcane. And that the caution of the adepts increases in proportion to the traveller’s curiosity.

For that the district of Gobi, which is in wilderness, is carefully guarded against any intrusion by the mortal men. Those who are permitted to traverse it are under particular care and pilotage of certain agents of the chief authority; and they are duty bound to convey no intelligence respecting places and persons to the outside world. The curious travellers are diverted and the inquisitive and insisting ones find no way into the wilderness of Gobi.

Gobi Desert has been much mentioned in the ancient doctrines of the East, as the most powerful centre of the Earth. And it is well guarded.

Similarly, the regions of Udyana and Kashmir are considered to be the regions of great adepts. The region in between Udyana and Kashmir was at one time called the nation of Padma Sambhava, where lamaism prevails. It is an equally ancient region like Gobi, a seat of learning of magic.

The Tibetans and the Tibetan Buddhism are inheritors of this magic. Padma Sambhava means the

one born out of lotus or the one from whom the lotuses unfold. The lotus represents centre of unfoldment.

If one gets into the vast northern part of Asia under the rule of China, little can be found of esoteric rites and practices. But to the legend, the powers of Sheu and Kiuay were said to have been contacted time and again at times of danger by the Emperor of China and his initiated clerics. Sheu and Kiuay were considered to belong to another state of being to that of ordinary man.

Such adepts are far and many in Asia belonging to different gradations of power and enlightenment. They are believed to be men with bodies of light, living nevertheless in objective form on Earth dwelling in the vastnesses of mountains inaccessible to all humans, while those whom they permit to visit, find them. The Chinese Emperor and his initiated clerics enjoyed their consideration at times of need.

To say magic is no more, is only utter ignorance. Magic and mystery institutions presided by adepts are always present on the planet. They reveal themselves according to the time's plan. At other times they stay hidden. Magic exists today as completely as it was in the past.

THE ABC OF MAGIC

The art of making a pencil write without contact was known and practiced in China and other Asian countries before the Christian era. It is the ABC of magic in those countries. In Asia, magic was not meant for the public in the olden times and it is so in modern times. Magic is related to inner unfoldment, so that the men of magic serve the public and teach them the law of life. Magic was not meant for public display. Only those who were in a close contact with a member of magic come to know of their prowess.

It is a very popular episode in the life of Gautama Buddha. The king of his times, Prasenajit, called on Gautama to perform miracles. Gautama denied performing miracles. He informed the king that magic is for self-transformation and was meant for committed pupils. It is not meant to be displayed to any other, even if such other is a king. Gautama therefore gently denied the king and offered to him his pupils who conduct magic upon themselves and can teach law of life to the public. By this he proposed a peaceful kingdom to the king with peace-loving people.

Those who visit Tartary and Tibet come to know and concluded that the natives must have had at their command the whole encyclopaedia of magic, which is

much aggrandized in the church system, such as pencil writing without human aid.

Pencil drawing without human aid, which is so much aggrandised in the Church system is but a kindergarten lesson in the areas of Tibet and Tartary. Exhibiting such magic in Tibet is like holding with pride a candle during the midday.

The impact of Atlanteans is much more in the races that inhabited Europe including Greece, when compared to those in Asia. Among the Atlanteans a chosen few, who departed from the Atlantean race of magical manifestation, have come early to Asia, much before the Atlantis sunk, started in the Himalayas a fresh school of magic, where the fundamental discipline is magical practices for self-transformation and teaching the law of life for social good. No Asian teacher ever carried the urge to aggrandize himself, performing miracles. Instead he taught, served and healed. By this, he transmitted the magical energy in him to those who follow him.

The attitude to perform miracles is only to show one-upmanship in the society. Any religion, which is occupied with self-propagation falls a prey (victim) to such self-aggrandizement. The attitude of the Christian church is seen by the Lamas of Tibetan and Tartary as childish. Only children try to show up while a mature adult would contain and conduct.

SEE-YU-KEE

Hiouen-Thsang speaks of see-yu-kee in his own diary. See-yu-kee means a sincere prayer with faith to receive the hidden impression. Faith and sincerity are not as they should be, when people ordinarily pray. Their faith is feeble and their sincerity is questionable. Until the two are vibrant, an aspirant cannot gain the impressions of light, which are hidden within and without.

Once Hiouen-Thsang desired to adore the shadow of Buddha. He invoked with the power of his soul, (invoking with utmost power and sincerity). He rendered such a prayer in a cave, which was dark and dreary. Even as he entered the cave, he was full of devotion. He made one hundred salutations with utmost faith and sincerity.

He neither saw nor heard anything in the cave. He was remorseful. He felt himself to be too sinful. He cried bitterly in despair.

But hope prevailed, and he continued to make again a hundred salutations with the power of sincerity and faith. He did so, with strong hope that the light of Buddha is compassionate and would grace him, in spite of his sinful state.

Lo! He saw a flash of light that appeared and disappeared in the cave. His hope then multiplied in

strength. His spirit to pray multiplied much more. He decided not to leave the cave until he sees the shadow of light of the "Venerable of the Age." He prayed longer, he waited longer, after having done two hundred prayers.

Lo! The eastern wall of the cave received a lighted form. It was of brilliant white colour and carried the shape of Buddha. The lighted form rose gradually on the wall to be majestic. It was as if the clouds suddenly opened and at once there was the marvellous image of the mountain of light. A dazzling splendour lighted up the features of the divine countenance. Hiouen-Thsang was lost in wonder.

He could not return from the cave for a while on account of his atonement with the lighted form. Such is the power of see-yu-kee.

Let see-yu-kee be the foundation of every aspirant.

CHINA

From one end to the other of the Asian country, China is full of mystics, religious philosophers, Buddhist saints and magicians. Belief is focussed to the spiritual world. Invisible beings occasionally appear objectively to the mortals. This is of common knowledge and belief in that country. Central Asia till date continues to be so. In this part of the world, the Earth and its interior as well as the encompassing atmosphere are filled with spiritual beings, who exercise an influence on the whole of the organic and inorganic nature of the region. It is specially so with respect to deserts and other wild and uninhabited tracts or regions. In these regions, the nature displays and influences its gigantic and terrible dimension. It is specially so with respect to the grand sand desert of the Gobi. Around no other locality hang so many traditions as around Gobi Desert. Not even Peru has such dimension.

The region of Gobi with its howling sound of shifting sand is traditionally seen as the seat of one of the richest empires that the world has ever seen. Beneath the surface is said to lie such wealth in gold, jewels, statuary, arms, utensils, and all that indicates civilization, luxury and fine arts as no existing capital of Christendom can show today. The Gobi sand moves regularly from East to West. When there is a terrific

gale, some of the hidden treasures are uncovered occasionally.

No native ever dares to touch them, for the whole region is under the ban of a mighty spell. Death would be the penalty. The treasures are being guarded by prehistoric people, awaiting the day, when the revolution of cyclic periods shall again cause their story to be known for the instruction of mankind.



EGYPT - 1

Egypt has been a land of history till date. Many archaeologists, symbolists, orientalist, philosophers, masons and the like are engaged in the ancient Egyptian wisdom. Till recently Egypt was seen as the cradle of wisdom. It is only in the twentieth century India became acceptable as the source of Egyptian wisdom. The Aryan-Indians are today recognized as the foundation around which the Egyptian wisdom is woven and built with the geographical distortions of symbol and of language.

The ancient Egyptians in their writings described, that they had come from the south and from a land across the Great Sea, which they call Punt. The land of Punt is well known to be a part of south-western coast of India known as Malabar.

There is considerable archaeological and anthropologic evidence that ancient India was the source of ancient Egyptian civilization. The ancient black Indians (representing the South Indians, who were also known as Ethiopians) built and laid out ancient Egyptian civilization. In the process they also mixed with the locals and Africans.

In the ancient times, there were known to be two types of Ethiopians, western Ethiopians in Africa and eastern Ethiopians in India. The African Ethiopians

were black with woolly hair and fine features. The eastern Ethiopians were also black and of fine features but possessed straight hair.

The black Indians were understood to be of more ancient origin, residing in the southern parts of India, while the North Indians are later arrivals as described elsewhere in the Secret Doctrine.

Today Egypt is referred to as an Arab nation, but this is only because Arabs conquered Egypt centuries ago and imposed upon the original people their Arab language, culture and much later Muslim religion. Many modern Egyptians are really descendants of Arabs, Persians and Greeks.

But the ancient and original Egyptians were of Indo-African black descent. Even today the bulk of Egypt's rule and population, especially in the South, continue to be the black people.

The ancient Greek historian Herodotus says in his writings, that the Egyptians had burned skin (black), flat noses, thick lips and woolly hair.

According to the Skandha Purana, Egypt was known as the Sancha-Dvipa continent mentioned by Sir William Jones' dissertation on Egypt. At Alexandria, in Egypt, Indian scholars were of common sight. Indian contact with Egypt, Africa and Europe dated back to prehistoric times. Trade relations presided by migration of people, inevitably developed into cultural

relations. India had contact with the ancient western civilization through pottery, cotton, cloth, plants, and wool-bearing trees, spices and condiments. The mummies in Egypt and the mummies in Mohenjo Daro are wrapped in similar terracotta. Further the Egyptian mummies have all been wrapped in ancient times in Indian fine cloth called muslin.

The Indus valley's civilization provided many clues to the communality of knowledge and of symbols.

In the third millennium B.C. India was already in a position to contribute to the building-up of cultural tradition that constitutes the Egyptian spiritual heritage, since the time of Alexander. William Roberts says, "Recent research and scholarship make it increasingly possible to believe, that the Vedic era was the lost civilization, whose legacy the Egyptians and Indians inherited." There are too many similarities between the hieroglyphic texts of the Vedic and the Egyptian ones. He further says that the Dravidians, the South Indians from India, went to Egypt and laid foundations of its civilization there. The Indus valley's civilization, the oldest of the civilizations unearthed, made clear the history of the origins of human civilization.

Many writers have come to the conclusion, that the Egyptians are more Asiatic than African. For several centuries lively commerce existed between India and the Mediterranean world. The west coast of South

India carried the ports that exported from Kerala, Karnataka and Maharashtra. It is recorded, that the ancient Egypt under Queen Hatshepsut, imported five ships of spices. The trade and commerce contact with India did not break even after Egypt was conquered by Greece and later by Rome.



EGYPT - 2

German Indologist Bohlen compared India with ancient Egypt. According to him there was a cultural connection between the two in ancient times. According to him, there are elements of folk art, language, funeral culture of Bengal, which have an affinity with their Egyptians counterparts. There are similarities between place names in Bengal and Egypt. It must be noted that both in India and Egypt the worship of Sun, snake, river, cow is common.

The river Nile and the Nile valley civilization constitute the backbone of the Egyptian culture. According to HPB, Nile is but Nila, one of the seven streams flowing from Brahma Manasarovar of Kailash. Madame Blavatsky says, seven are the streams from Manasarovar, of which Nila is one that flows through the Indian continent into Arabia and takes to a northern direction, subterraneously, and moves northwards into Egypt. The word Nila stands for blue-black (like River Krishna in India), so is Nile. The blackish colour of the water is due to the black soil underneath, which is most fertile soil. The river valley's civilizations have been the foundations for all civilizations in the world.

According to Adolf Erman, the persons that were responsible for Egyptian civilization were from Punt, an Asiatic country, a distant country beyond the

southern seas, full of valleys, incense, balsam, precious metals and stones; rich in animals, cheetahs, panthers, apes and monkeys, winged creatures, wonderful trees, specially incense trees and coconut trees. The idol of Bes, according to this author is also from the land of Punt (a region in Kerala, state of India). The Egyptian God Bes is Yaksha of India, and the two idols are almost identical.

Max Muller also observed that the mythology of Egyptians, Greeks and Assyrians is wholly founded on the Vedic traditions of India. He also recorded that the early eastern Ethiopians emigrated from the river Indus and first settled in the vicinity of Egypt. Lt. Colonel Wilford gave abundant evidence to provide that ancient Indians colonized and settled in Egypt. Heinrich Karl Brugsch writes that, "We have a right to more than suspect that India eight thousand years ago, sent a colony of emigrants, who carried their arts and high civilization into what is known as Egypt." The Egyptians came according to their records from a mysterious land. Colonel Henry Steel Olcott says that the first settlers of Egypt are Indians. He says the land of Punt is no other than India. Louis Jacolliot says, "Egypt received from India its social institutions and laws which in turn brought in the division of people into four castes, placing the priests in the first rank, kings in the second, traders and artists in the third, and

the last in the social scale, the proletarii (the menial) in the forth. It is also argued that Manes, the philosopher who gave the political and religious institutions to Egypt, is no other than Manu of India. And Manu is Minos.

Manu, Manes, Minos, Moses – these four names overshadow the entire ancient world.



EGYPT - 3

The two ancient civilizations, Indian and Egyptian, were contemporaneous with too many similarities to discard the theory that one is the off-stream of the other.

The Indian and Egyptian civilizations grew along the banks of the rivers, which flowed from mountains through plains and deserts into the sea. In both nations the rivers support crocodiles. In both nations people worship the river as a Goddess. Both worship cow. They have a beautifully developed knowledge of cosmogony. Both have cast systems. Both have contributed to world culture.

The two are in contact with each other over three thousand years B.C. with the Indian muslin, cotton, coriander, fenugreek, and such other spices and condiments in Egypt, giving the evidence. It is the Indian sailor, who was captured in Egypt that gave the direct sea-route to India (to Egypt via the Indian Ocean). India's navigational abilities were known even thousands of years before Christ. The Indian navigating forces and businessmen were trading variety of Indian goods in the far east including Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Bali, Sumatra, etc. The businessmen of the west coast of India were travelling towards Africa, Arabia, Egypt and Greece. The business moved East

and West, so also the culture and also the practices of worship. It is known in institutions of mystery that Pythagoras, Apollonius and even Jesus have come to India and returned to bring forth the universal wisdom. The Celtic God of Europe namely Kasyapa was but one of the patriarchs (prajapatis) of Hindu Purana.

Business movement is followed by cultural movement.

Culture brings along with it the related wisdom. The Hindu chronologies go still further back in time than the tables of Egyptian kings, according to Manetho.

According to Jewish chronicles there was a sea voyage to the East in the time of Solomon, 800 B.C. and many articles were brought from there.

The use of Indian names for merchandise raises strong presumption in favour of their Indian origin. The word Sindhu found in the library of Assurbanipal is used in the sense of Indian cotton. The Hebrew Karpas is derived from the Sanskrit Karpasa.

The Lotus which is so often spoken of in the Indian scriptures, histories and legends which are associated with the Goddess Lakshmi, the Goddess of wealth and abundance, is also famous in Egypt; the flower is worshipped by the Hindus, Jains, and Buddhists alike. The blue lotus appears on the wall paintings of pyramids; they are offered to the deceased and were handled to heal and to revitalize, and even to bring back

life into the deceased. The God of Nile, Hapi, holds a pair of blue lotus stalks in his hands. The blue lotus is indicative of the symbol of life, of nourishment and of sustenance of mankind. A lot more is described in this present context in the internet, which proves Madame Blavatsky's observations of nineteenth century relating to Indian origin of Midwest civilizations, which in turn founded the foundations for the western civilizations.



Hapi

THE GYMNOSOPHISTS

Madame Blavatsky says emphatically in Secret Doctrine, "It is now generally admitted, from times immemorial, the distant East, India especially, was the land of knowledge and of every kind of learning."

Yet there is no one to whom the origin of all her arts and sciences has been so much denied, as to the land of the primitive Aryans.

From architecture down to the zodiac, every science worthy of the name was imported by the Greeks, the mysterious Yavanas - agreeably with the decision of the orientalists! Therefore, it is but logical that even the knowledge of occult science should be refused to India, since of its general practice in that country less is known than in the case of any other ancient people. It is so simply because it is esoteric. With the Hindus it was and is more esoteric, if possible, than it was even among the Egyptian priests. So secret was it deemed, that its existence was only half admitted, and it was only practiced in public emergencies.

Wisdom was more than a religious matter, for it was considered divine, and it is considered divine, even today. The Egyptian hierophants, notwithstanding the practice of a stern and pure morality, could not be compared for one moment with the ascetical gymnosophists, either in holiness of life or miraculous

powers developed in them by the supernatural abjuration of everything earthly.

By those who knew them well, they were held in still greater reverence than the magicians of Chaldea.

Denying themselves the simplest comforts of life, they dwelt in woods and led the life of the most secluded hermits, while their Egyptian brothers at least congregated together.

Notwithstanding the slur thrown on all who practice magic and divination, history has proclaimed them as possessing the greatest secrets in medical knowledge and unsurpassed skill in its practice.

Numerous are the volumes preserved in the Hindu mathams in which are recorded the proofs of their learning, to attempt to say whether these gymnosophists were the real founders of magic in India, or whether they only practice what had passed to them as an inheritance from the earliest seers.

The rishis – the first group of seven in number - lived in days preceding the Vedic period. They are known as sages and are held in reverence like demigods. But they may now be shown as something more than merely mortal philosophers.

There are other groups of ten, twelve and even twenty-one in number.

Haug shows that they occupy in the Brahmanical religion a position answering to that of the twelve sons

of Jacob in the Jewish Bible. The Brahmins claimed to descend directly from the Rishis.

These Rishis are regarded today as mere speculation by the modern scholars.



Detail of a miniature of Alexander encountering a naked and houseless tribe of the gymnosophists.

THE HOLY GRAIL

Magic is as old as man; it was, it is and it will be. It is available for sincere seekers to whom realization of Truth is the priority. It is not generally available in the market places. It stays hidden. It is necessary that it is hidden. But it was known in all the Asian countries and is well preserved in the mountain ranges and cave temples. The very key-note of Asia, especially India, is, "I hide the Light". A seeker has to unveil the veils of materialism, the veils of comfortable living, the veils of religion, of tradition, and of any dogma. The seeker also has to surrender his body of five elements, in favour of the aspiration for Truth. Only then he would have right approach to the right teachers to enter into the field of ancient wisdom, which is the other name for magic. Submitting oneself to the laws of nature, adopting uncompromisingly to the virtues of humbleness, alignment of thought, speech and action, not tending to be obligatory seeking worldly favours, not thieving, maintaining purity within and outside, ability to withstand the seasons of nature as also the hunger and thirst, are but a few qualities, that a student of magic would necessarily need. When a demonstration in relation to this is found in the daily life of an aspirant, the representatives from the

institution of magic would themselves contact and introduce the so-called mysterious side of man's life.

It is one's demonstration of values in life that draws him to the right teachers. Rather the right teachers are drawn to such a fiery aspirant. It is true everywhere on the globe, for the hierarchical teachers are relentlessly at work, spotting the right aspirants.

Magic is indissolubly blended with the religions of the place and of times. Religions do carry a bit of the flavour of magic. But they do not hold the teachings relating to it. In fact, they cannot, their work is to provide the basic ground of ethics and morals, to prepare humans to be fully human, liberating them of their beastly instincts. Remember, in the human there is the beast as well. Religions should help to save the human from the beast, and secure him for divine purposes.

But in the dark ages, religions also tended to be beastly. A beastly religion cannot boost itself to be the guardian of the Truth. A religion that does not practice humbleness is no religion at all. When religions are established through sword and through bloodshed, all such religions are stained by blood. They tend to be unfit to hold the Holy Grail, however much they boost of it.

A thinking man needs to find his own way into nature and nature's law, picking up the values as he

finds in various belief systems, traditions and religions, and not submitting himself, to one of them blindly. Such an approach is helpful.



King Arthur's knights, gathered at the Round Table to celebrate Pentecost, see a vision of the Holy Grail held by two angels. Anonymous, 1470.

ANCESTRY OF MAGIC

It may humbly be submitted that science can never solve the problem of the origin of man if it rejects the evidence of the oldest records in the world, and refuses them from the hand of legitimate guardians of the mysteries of nature. It is but infancy to laugh at the ancient simple-mindedness and superstition. The key to universal symbolism is hidden in the simple fables of tradition and of superstition. The so-called symbolists have failed to trace the magic to its origin due to lack of simple-mindedness and bias towards the superstitious believes. Building their own hypothesis, they say that magic emanated some seventy years B.C. in Scandinavian countries. There are others who say that it was much before, through Zoroaster. But yet others say that Zoroaster himself was not the founder of magic and was a magical reformer, and that he borrowed magic from Chaldeans and Egyptians. At any rate he cannot be considered to be the founder of magic. But then who, which institution founded magic? It is still a mystery to the modern mind, which refuses the simplicity of the institution of magic, which existed at all times right from the origin of man. "As pupils arrived on the planet, the teachers too arrived." The institution of teachers that teach the secrets of life, imparting the needed discipline and way of life,

have emerged from the same source from where the humanity emerged. In the meanwhile, there would be many self-proclaimed orientalists and symbolists, who make mockery of sublime truths, out of their arrogance, which is but a product of ignorance. To say that the king's chamber in a pyramid is but a corn-bin and that the pyramid is a granary, if not a wine-cellar, speaks of the dwarfed brains of modern researchers.

Modern society on the authority of some men of science, calls magic a charlatanry.

But magic continues to be. The whole ancient world, with its scholars and philosophers, its sages and prophets, believed in it. There is no country, where magic was not practiced, regardless the claims of the men of science and the members of modern society.

The Mexicans had their initiates, their priest-hierophants and magicians under crypts of initiation. Two statues exhumed from Pacific States, represented a Mexican adept in the posture prescribed for the Hindu ascetic and an Aztec priestess in the head-gear of a Hindu Goddess. The connections of Mexico via the Pacific to ancient India will be the future knowledge.

The Tree of Knowledge that is exhibited by Guatemalan metal, with its hundreds of eyes, ears, symbolic of seeing and hearing, and encircled by the Serpent of Wisdom whispering into the ear of the sacred bird, represented migration of magic from place

to place, as human civilization moved from place to place. The pyramids of Egypt, built by the Pharaohs, and the pyramids of the Aztecs have much in common; they are in tune in terms of the canon of proportion. Is it the Mexicans who copied from the Egyptians or is it otherwise? Or both of them have their common ancestor? It is quite likely that the two civilizations have their common ancestors. Just like the two legs of the compass have but one source.



The Mayan Tree of Life

APPLICATION, CONFINEMENT, CONSECRATION, IMITATION

Magic is entirely confined to the application and imitation of the laws and works of nature.

One needs to carve out the life of confinement, to apply upon oneself the laws of nature and imitate the works of nature. Imitation of nature in relation to its work is called ritual. When the rituals are followed in tune with the ritual happening in nature, one generates the needed power to manifest from invisible to visible.

Rituals are conceived on the basis of the movement of planets, and also on the basis of the moon's and sun's movement in the zodiac. Nature emerges from invisibility to visibility according to a rhythm. The seed transforms into a sprout, and the sprout into a plant and a tree, and the tree flowers and bears fruits; this needs to be closely observed, to realize the secrets of the seed, in which the whole plan of the tree exists invisibly. The seed of the tree has its plan invisibly in itself as a potential. So is the Tree of Life, which is prescribed by many theologies. The theologies also speak of the Cosmic Egg from which the Tree of Life emerges.

Man is not as such fit, as either to know the laws of nature, or its secrets of working. Unless one adapts oneself to certain confinements and refinements,

and unless one takes to the rigors of discipleship and the measures of austerity, the potential in oneself to experience the mystery cannot be gained. The popular example of the caterpillar that withdraws into a cocoon is a good reference. It confines itself and submits itself to the needed modifications. Man also requires submitting himself to the needed processes through confinement. Unless one refines oneself, one is not equipped to experience the laws of nature.

In the majestic temples of ancient times and in the gloomy caves, rituals were performed by fiery neophytes according to an ordained discipline, “to be born again”.

These majestic temples were the cave temples in the East and pyramids in Egypt and Mexico.

Magic is not a reality to those who do not apply themselves to the needed processes of transformation. One has to be ‘treated of nature’, to know the hidden laws of nature. One needs to apply the given discipline upon oneself, take to the needed consecrations and confinements. Then the nature in him gets ‘treated’. Then the one thus treated of nature, would find the hidden laws of nature. Imitation of these laws enables manifestation of magic. Such is the understanding.



Nicholas Roerich: Ashram

HOW TO PRAY

A prayer unless pronounced with intent (with mind) in silence and in solitude would have disastrous results than beneficial results. To produce good effects, prayer must be uttered by 'one who knows how to make himself heard in silence'. Such prayers work as command.

Surely, every praying man would love to be seen praying by people. He would like to be known as a devotee, as a believer. But such instinct to be known is but hypocrisy. One tends to be a liar when one's mind is oriented for public recognition.

Prayers done by masses are more often ineffective and even affect them. It is better that he who knows to be silent and he who knows how to make himself heard in silence utters forth prayers.

The absence of occult knowledge makes the prayers of the beginners more confusing than fulfilling. Esoteric science teaches that every sound in the visible world awakens its corresponding sounds in the invisible realms and arouses to action some force or the other on the occult side of nature. Moreover, every sound corresponds to a colour and a number and to a sensation on physical, psychical or spiritual plane. All these find an echo in everyone of the so-far developed elements and even on the terrestrial plane, in the lives

that swarm in the terrene atmosphere, thus prompting them to action.

The best protection for the praying one is a clear conscience and a firm desire to benefit humanity.



THE ORDER OF THE DAYS - 1

The usual order of the days of the week, I may say, does not concur with the arrangement of the ancients. The confusion in the order of the days emerged during the days of early Christians. Adopting from the Jews their lunar months, the Christians tried to blend them with the solar planets. Thereby, they made a mess of it. The order of the days of the week as it stands now does not follow the order of the planets as it is in the firmament. The order of the heaven from Earth to Sun is given as:

1. Earth
2. Moon
3. Mercury
4. Venus
5. Sun
6. Mars
7. Jupiter
8. Saturn

In the science of Hora of astrology, the order is followed as Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Sun, Venus, Mercury and Moon. This order is indicative of the arrangements of planets in relation to our Earth.

In their reverse order, it stands as Moon, Mercury, Venus, Sun, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

Either of these two orders does not exist today in our counting of the weekdays. The reader might be

perplexed of this. Substituted truths rule the world of illusion and an occultist shall have to institute the originals in the place of substitutes.

The ancients arranged the planets in the following order: Moon, Mercury, Venus, Sun, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, counting the Sun as a planet for exoteric purposes. This order is a reverse order of the Hora signs.

The two oldest civilizations namely Indians and Egyptians divided their day into four parts, each of which was under the protection and rule of a planet.

For example, on a Sunday, the first quarter is ruled by Sun. The second quarter is ruled by Mars. The third quarter is ruled by Jupiter and the fourth quarter by Saturn. This corresponds to the ancients' arrangement. By this method, the ruling planet for the quarter of the day is noticed and attuned to. In the same example given before, the first quarter of Sunday, Sun prevails and is therefore, the best for aligning with the soul. The second quarter is ruled by Mars. When Mars rules, to still think it is Sunday causes the blindness. Second quarter of Sunday should be known as Martial while the third should be known as Jupiterian. For this reason, teaching on Sunday evening during the third quarter is most propitious. From this one understands that the first quarter and the third quarter on Sunday present far more beneficial energies than the second

quarter. Thus, the fourfold division of the day is far more appropriate. In course of time, each day came to be called by the name of the planet that rules the first quarter of the day.

It is also of importance to know that the day begins with dawn, not from midnight which is the occidental practice. In the orient, the day is always counted with the dawn. When the day is named after the planet that rules the first quarter, it results in over-simplification leading to ignorance.

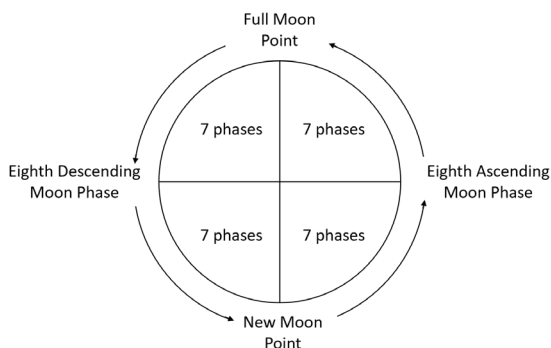
Then again, to say that Sunday is the seventh day is another veil of ignorance. Monday is the first day of the week and Sunday is the seventh day of the week and making Sunday a day of rest - is further ignorance - while it should be the day of beginning of weekly activity. Veils of ignorance keep forming in layers in this age of Kali. Thus, we are deep down in ignorance although we fancy otherwise. (One wonders how many astrologers know this).

Sunday is not Sunday for the entire 24 hours duration. Likewise, Monday is not Monday for the entire 24 hours, and so on.

The tradition of a month is copied from the lunar calendar and is mixed up with the present division of solar year with twelve months. Upon this, we speak later.

THE ORDER OF THE DAYS - 2

Reckoning of a week originated with the people who reckoned time by the lunar months. The Indians reckoned a lunar month in its four parts just like a day is also reckoned in four parts. A lunar month is divided into four parts consisting of seven lunar phases and the four interludes. The four interludes are new moon, eighth ascending phase of moon, full moon and the eighth descending phase of moon. In between these interludes, there are seven phases of moon. These seven phases are not necessarily seven days. A lunar phase is not necessarily of the same duration as a day. Generally, a lunar month concludes in the range of 28-30 days. A month in lunar calendar is not 30 days due to different durations of moon phases. Yet, between the interludes, there are seven phases pictured as under:



Thus, as between the interludes, seven phases were reckoned as a week with the interlude being a phase for contemplation.

After every seven phases, there is an interval for contemplation. The full moon, the new moon and the eighth moon phase (ascending or descending) were considered for engaging more subjectively than objectively. Every eighth phase after seven phases tended to be a day for inner contemplation. The eighth phase successively tended to be a holiday for public activity. It need not necessarily be a Sunday but it was necessarily either a full moon or a new moon or an ascending or descending eighth moon phase. This tradition was picked up by the Romans during the times of the Caesars who earlier had a week consisting of eight days. The Greeks known as Athenians had a week of ten days.

The week that we have today from Sunday to Saturday, is a mix-up of the ruling planets in terms of the lunar weeks. There are some traditions where the week is considered from Monday to Sunday. As an occult student, one should be able to distinguish the lunar phases and their impact and the planetary rulers of the four quarters of a day. Mix-up of the lunar weeks with the rulers of the quadrants of the solar day caused the confusion and the related ignorance.

THE LIGHT WITHOUT SHADOWS

If your soul rejoices in the chrysalis of flesh and matter, if your soul dips in the castle of illusion, if your soul bathes in sunlight and in the sea waters, know you, O disciple, that your soul is of the Earth.

If your soul lends a keen ear to hearsay, if your soul is frightened at the sight of tears of pain, if your soul is deafened by the cries of distance and if your soul withdraws like a turtle at times of crisis, learn, O disciple, that thy soul is unworthy of the shrine.

If your soul waxes into objectivity and thereby glides away from her secure retreat (heart), if your soul breaks loose from the protecting shrine and if your soul is enamoured of the images of objectivity, know, O disciple, that thy soul is caught in the webs of delusion.

Know, O disciple, that this Earth is the hall of sorrow wherein all are set for probation. There are traps to ensnare the ego. There is delusion and is full of hearsay.

Know, O disciple, that this Earth is but a dismal entrance leading to twilight that precedes the valley of true light, a light which no wind can extinguish and a light which burns without a wick or fuel. A light without shadows.

BEWARE OF ILLUSION

Seek for him, O disciple, who gives you birth in the Hall of Wisdom. He is the initiate who leads you through knowledge by imparting discipline, called discipleship. The knowledge that is given to him is imparted to you for your spiritual birth or the second birth the birth in light. Know you, O disciple, that he is truly the father for your second birth.

Know you, O disciple, that he relates you to that which is 'Uncreate' which abides in you. As you relate to the 'Uncreate' in you, you are also informed of its light in the Hall of Wisdom. He gives you the technique to relate to the 'Uncreate'. As you aspire for it, so would you divest yourself of your garments of illusion.

Know you, O disciple, that preceding the Hall of Wisdom is the Hall of Learning. This hall is dangerous in its perfidious beauty. It is but needed during your probation. Dazzled by the illusive radiance thy soul stands in the danger of being caught by its deceptive light.

In the Hall of Learning, know you, O disciple, that from the jewel of the Great Ensnarer, shines the light which bewitches the senses, blinds the mind and leaves you as an unwary, abandoned wreck.

Know you, O disciple, that you tend to be a moth attracted to the dazzling flame of the night lamp. The

moth is doomed to perish as it reaches the dazzling flame. The unwary soul that fails to grapple with the mocking demon of illusion returns to Earth enslaved by 'Mara' (the intelligence of illusion).



THE UNITY OF DEITY

Esotericism, pure and simple, speaks of no personal God; therefore are we considered as atheists. But, in reality, occult philosophy, as a whole, is based absolutely on the ubiquitous presence of God, the Absolute Deity; and if It itself is not speculated upon, as being too sacred and yet incomprehensible as a unit to the finite intellect, yet the entire philosophy is based upon Its divine powers as being the source of all that breathes and lives and has existence. In every ancient religion the One was demonstrated by the many. In Egypt and India, in Chaldea and Phoenicia, and finally in Greece, the ideas about Deity were expressed by multiples of three, five and seven; and also by eight, nine and twelve great Gods, which symbolized the powers and properties of the One and only Deity. This was related to that infinite subdivision by irregular and odd numbers to which the metaphysics of these nations subjected their One Divinity. Thus constituted, the cycle of the Gods had all the qualities and attributes of the One Supreme and Unknowable; for in this collection of divine personalities, or rather of symbols personified, dwells the One God, the God One, that God which, in India, is said to have no second.

O God Ani [the Spiritual Sun], thou residest in the agglomeration of thy divine personages.

These words show the belief of the ancients that all manifestation proceeds from one and the same source, all emanating from the one identical principle which can never be completely developed except in and through the collective and entire aggregate of its emanations.

The pleroma of Valentinus is absolutely the space of occult philosophy; for pleroma means the 'fullness', the superior regions. It is the sum total of all the divine manifestations and emanations expressing the plenum or totality of the rays proceeding from the One differentiating on all the planes, and transforming themselves into divine powers, called angels and planetary spirits in the philosophy of every nation. The gnostic aeons and powers of the pleroma are made to speak as the devas and the siddhas of the puranas. The Epinoia, the first female manifestation of God, the 'principle' of Simon Magus and Saturninus, holds the same language as the Logos of Basilides; and each of these is traced to the purely esoteric Aletheia, the Truth of the mysteries.

All of them, we are taught, repeat at different times and in different languages the magnificent hymn of the Egyptian papyrus, thousands of years old:

*The Gods adore thee, they greet thee, O the One Dark
Truth.*



Detail from the Parabiago plate depicting Aion

ENERGY CENTRES

HPB speaks of seven centres in the case of man besides three other which one may relate to realize the related energies.

1. Right eye - Buddhi or the Light of the Soul
2. Left eye - Manas or Mind
3. Right ear - Lower Mind
4. Left ear - Desire Mind (Kamarupa)
5. Right nostril - Life Principle
6. Left nostril - Life Vehicle
7. The mouth - The Creative Logos

Besides the above seven, HPB speaks of three points at the chin forming a triangle with the tip of the chin as one point, the point below the right lip and the point below the left lip. These three points constituting a triangle is the lower ternary which has its higher correspondence as the three points in the forehead constituting Ida, Pingala and Sushumna (creative, preserving and reproductive principles). The students should do well to contemplate upon these points in the phase to awaken the related intelligences and to harmonize them.

WOMEN AND ALCHEMY

The ten zodiacal signs with Virgo-Scorpio being one sign and Libra not yet formed is the perfect zodiac before the expression of the physical world. The ten human orifices are relatable to the ten sun signs. The women are therefore perfectly fit to relate to magic for, they too have ten orifices. Woman being left with the full or perfect number ten (10), was considered in ancient times as higher or more spiritual than man. Woman is considered as the 'Lady of the Lord'. It means she was real lord over him. In all magical schools, the husband pledges himself to be obedient to his wife for production of alchemical results such as elixir of life. The help of woman was needed at all times by a male alchemist. The help of woman was understood as the presence of woman within the aura of man's habitat. It never indicated a physical union. A true alchemist of the old always took aged women to help him, carefully avoiding the young ones. Pythagoras who lived more than 90 years, always ensured association of a woman even in the later states of his life. The Hindus always believed marital status as a privileged status to attain the androgynous state by either of them through practices of yoga.

The ancient wisdom set the women on a higher pedestal than Man while the modern religions out of utter ignorance reduced them to sin-pots!



ON AUM (OM)

The word AUM or OM corresponds to the trinity, the upper triangle. If pronounced properly by men of goodwill, it will draw out or awaken not only the exalted potencies presiding in the planetary spaces and elements, but even one's higher self or the 'Father' within him. It will help to strengthen the student morally when he meditates at the forehead intently during the interludes between two utterances of OM. The forehead contains the upper triangle or the trinity. But men with considerable sin when pronounce OM, they would attract their own impure forces. Let OM be invoked following a life of morals and ethics.

AUM is the original of Amen. Amen is borrowed from Chaldees by Jews and Greeks. The word Amen was used by Chaldees in certain magical inscriptions made on cups and urns. Amen does not mean "so be it" or "Verily". It signified in holy antiquity the same as OM. The Jewish initiates and Aryan adepts use it for the same purpose and with a like success. Through OM, the ancients recognized the male-female deity within themselves who is sexless, who represents giving and receiving.

Ponder on this dimension of AUM (OM).

PERSONAL GOD

Each human being is an incarnation of his God, in other words, one with his 'Father in Heaven', just as Jesus, an Initiate, is made to say. As many men on earth, so many Gods in heaven; and yet these Gods are in reality One, for at the end of every period of activity, they are withdrawn, like the rays of the setting sun, into the parent luminary, the non-manifested Logos, which in its turn is merged into the One Absolute. Shall we call these 'Fathers' of ours, whether individually or collectively, and under any circumstances, our Personal God? Occultism answers, never. All that an average man can know of his 'father' is what he knows of himself, through and within himself. The soul of his 'heavenly father' is incarnated in him.

This soul is himself, if he is successful in assimilating the divine individuality while in his physical animal shell. As to the Spirit thereof, as well expect to be heard by the Absolute. Our prayers and supplications are vain, unless to potential words we add potent acts, and make the aura which surrounds each one of us so pure and divine that the God within us may act outwardly, or in other words, become as it were an extraneous potency. Thus have initiates, saints, and very holy and pure men have been enabled to help others as well as themselves in the hour of need, and produce what are

foolishly called ‘miracles’, each by the help and with the aid of the God within himself, which he alone has enabled to act on the outward plane.



PINEAL GLAND

The special, physical organ of perception is the brain. The perception is located in the aura of pineal gland. This aura answers in vibrations to any impressions. It can only be sensed, not perceived in the living man. During the process of thought manifesting in consciousness, a constant vibration occurs in the light of this aura. A clairvoyant looking at the brain of a man can see the seven shades of light and count the seven scales passing from the dullest to the brightest. When one touches the other's hand, there is already a vibration in the aura of the pineal gland manifesting shades of colours. The vibrations are conveyed to the spinal cord, and to the rest of the body. Agreeability and disagreeability, through the experience of happiness and sorrow sets up these strong vibrations, which wear out the body. To retain high degree of perception, it is therefore recommended that one maintains a relatively peaceful atmosphere and also, more or less, a constant vibration while in activity.

Any frequent disturbance to set vibrations and the related play of light around the pineal gland affect the aura of the heart or even the heart itself. One should know that the heart vibrates and illumines the seven brains of the heart in unison with the pineal gland.

ON CONSCIOUSNESS

Man is self-conscious. Animal is not. Animal is not conscious of the feeling 'I Am '. It has instinct but instinct is not self-conscious. Self-consciousness is an attribute of the mind, not of the soul. Humans also gained self-consciousness only during the third root race when Sons of Will, Manasa Putras, emerged on the planet. Consciousness, brain-consciousness is the field of the light of the ego . It is the higher manas. It is this consciousness which is self-consciousness that enables man to experience. It is the brain only that registers the experience. For example, when the legs are tired, the idea of tiresomeness is sensed in the brain while the conscious cells of the leg convey such idea to the brain. The cells of the leg are conscious but are not self-conscious. In man, there are several scales of consciousness running through the septenary constitution. It is but one consciousness expressed in different shades. No two states of consciousness are alike.

Will, knowledge and feeling are not faculties of mind. They are the colleagues of mind. One cannot have knowledge without memory because the memory stores all things, garnishing and furnishing. If you teach a child nothing, it will know nothing. Brain consciousness depends on the intensity of the light shed

by the higher manas on the lower. Brain's responsiveness to the light decides the degree of knowledge and its memory. In animal, the potentialities are dormant in its brain. But in man, they are awakened due to the presence of higher manas which is self-conscious.

Man can receive many impressions into his consciousness and store them in memory. When memory is trained to be responsive to the self-consciousness, the intensity of such responsiveness results in reminiscence, enabling the impressions to be carried beyond one life.



THOUGHT - DESIRE

The students must guard their thoughts. An unworthy thought may destroy a good work done over past years. Five minute's thought may undo the work of five years. Guarding thoughts and their vocal or physical expressions shall have to be practised with patience. Unworthy thoughts emerging from the mind should be burnt in the fire of mind. A fireplace either inside oneself or outside in residence is therefore essential. Staying with the fire, internal or external and letting the flow of unworthy thoughts into such fire shall have to be practised.

Thought acts on the brain and transforms itself into a desire and pulls man into action. The stimulus comes from around while the response comes from within, due to existence of the related seed as a trait. Therefore, slaying desires really means slaying the thoughts relating to them. Uproot unworthy thoughts so that desires may not sprout. Eliminate the weed but not the bush.

THE MOON

At the beginning of the evolution of our globe, the moon was much nearer to the earth, and larger than it is now. It has retreated from us, and shrunk much in size. (The moon gave all her principles to the earth, while the Pitris gave only their Chhayas to man.)

The influences of the moon are wholly psycho-physiological. It is dead, sending out injurious emanations like a corpse. It vampirizes the earth and its inhabitants, so that any one sleeping in its ray suffers, losing some of his life-force. A white cloth is a protection, the rays not passing through it, and the head especially should be thus guarded. It has most power when it is full. It throws off particles which we absorb, and is gradually disintegrating. Where there is snow the moon looks like a corpse, being unable, through the white snow, to vampirize effectually. Hence snow-covered mountains are free from its bad influences. The moon is phosphorescent.

The Rakshakas of Lanka and the Atlanteans are said to have subjected the moon. The Thessalians learned from them their magic.

Esoterically, the moon is the symbol of the lower manas; it is also the symbol of the astral.

Plants which under the sun's rays are beneficent are maleficent under those of the moon. Herbs containing

poison are most active when gathered under the moon's rays.

A new moon will appear during the seventh round, and our moon will finally disintegrate and disappear. There is now a planet, the 'mystery planet', behind the moon and it is gradually dying. Finally the time will come for it to send its principles to a new Laya centre, and there a new planet will form, to belong to another solar system, the present mystery planet then functioning as moon to that new globe. This moon will have nothing to do with our earth, though it will come within our range of vision.



IN DEFENCE OF ASTROLOGY

Human liberty of action is not absolute. All is bound and all weighs, including the planetary configurations and their vibrations on the individual will. The providence or karma acts on us and directs men through those relations that the individual establishes between him and the visible world around him and the whole universe. That the planets have an influence on the atmosphere and consequently mediate action between them and the Earth is a known phenomenon.

People with a superior instinct even guided the humanity considering the influence of the planets that surround us. They even promoted astrolatry to develop good relation with the planetary principles. All the great astrologers admitted that man could react against the influence of the stars. The celestial bodies are the cause of all that happens in this sublunary world. They act indirectly on human actions; though not all the effects produced by them are unavoidable.

Pythagoras studied the science of divine theogony and the evocation of the world's rector. He also practiced the formulae of incantations which the Indians do even today. He consecrated each portion of the body to the respective zodiacal sign and a planetary regent to each sign. He accordingly worked out magical

results to bring about desirable changes in the energy system of his followers.

Man is but part of the universe and therefore, cannot be studied separately independent of the universe in which he is.

The Indians and the Egyptians even today consecrate their hair to sacred rivers and sacred deities of temples, since they know the laws of correspondences. Consecration of one's hair to the celestial Nile, of the left temple to the living spirit in the Sun and the right temple to the spirit of Ammon kingdom was common in the Egypt.

“A piece of steel hung a few feet above the soil may be influenced by the position of the moon whose body is at a distance of 240,000 miles from our planet, who then could accuse of extravagance the belief of ancient Astrologers regarding the influence of stars on human destiny?”

THE LADDER-BEING

Man has within himself seven planes of reflection, of seven divine hierarchies. The adepts and occultists know that the gods of the seven planes are but seven principles. Though principles, they are intelligent conscious and living principles of all the seven planes. The seven principles are the primary seven lights which are manifest in creation and in man as well. These are called the seven sons of Brahma in eastern scriptures or the seven days of creation in the western scriptures. They are,

- the Kumaras,
- the Rudras,
- the Prajapatis,
- the Manus,
- the flow of the Word - Saraswati,
- Viswakarma - the patterns,
- and Ignorance

The seven lights constitute the creation and the man. In man all the seven can be experienced; this is what makes man the Ladder-Being.

Brahma himself emerges from the Holy Triad and brings forth the seven lights, etc. Every mortal has his immortal counterpart. Man is therefore divine and mundane. That is why he is called human; humus means mud. Man in mud is human. But man has

the potential to preside over mud, the mundane. The spiritual and intellectual principle in him is entirely distinct from his earthly personality which is called lower self. The triple light in man of will, knowledge and intelligent activity connects to the triple light of matter (mind, senses and body) through the 'thread-soul' which is called Sutratma. With the help of this thread man can enter into the spiritual chamber of himself and also can enter the mundane chamber of himself. This freedom of entry and exit is what is taught by magic. The process is called yoga.



THEOPHANIA

Theophania is generally understood as manifestation or appearance of God to a person. Appearance of God does not simply mean a manifestation of God to appear in front of a man. It is an absurdity. It is actually experience of presence of God in man, his divine, and his higher self. There is God in man and man exists in God. It is like the ocean in the wave while the wave is in the ocean. The individual self is like the wave whose content is universal self, ocean. Without the ocean there is no wave, without the universal self there is no individual self. The individual self while in alignment with the universal self within oneself, experiences the presence of the universal self whose other name is God. From ancient most times God presence is experienced through inner alignment. It is not an outer manifestation, as is generally understood.

When such presence is frequently experienced the individual self gradually gets divinized. Such a self lives in a state of purity and holiness and is therefore respected. Such an individual self is equated with an angel. A continued state of experiencing the presence of divinity in oneself with related holiness and purity makes one an adept. To him multiple transformations happen resulting in formation of a body of light from the physical body and through that body of light he

conducts acts of extraordinary nature. Such a one, even after he casts off his physical body, continues to live in the body of light. It is similar to a cobra casting off its skin every seven years to shine forth for another seven years. Likewise an adept continues to cast off the physical sheaths when the shine of the body is hindered by the precipitating matter. Such adepts do exist on the planet and assist sincere students of yoga. They also assist the plan of God upon Earth.



OPTIONS FOR AN ADEPT

When the physical body of an accomplished yogi, adept terminates, the adept remains in the 'new' body visible or invisible at the option of the adept. He can disappear from the view with the help of the akashic shell that screens his new form.

An adept has three ways open to him:

1. He may remain in the earth's sphere concealed from the human sight and yet help the humans of goodwill.
2. He may by supreme effort merge entirely and get united with his monad. By doing so, he may experience a state of bliss, reaping the fruits of good actions he conducted on earth. This is seldom preferred though it is open to an adept.
3. The adept has the option of renouncing the conscious nirvana to work on earth for the good of mankind. This he can do in two ways: either by consolidating his body of light into physical appearance re-assuming self-same personality; or he can avail himself of an entirely new physical body, which again can be that of a newly born infant or can enter into the body of a fully developed chela, through the latter's acceptance.

Shankaracharya demonstrated both these possibilities in his life, while Buddha continued his existence for a while upon Earth, through the second option of entering a developed body of yet another initiate.

One cannot just study and profit by occult sciences unless one gives himself up to it – heart, soul and body. The truths mentioned above are too dangerous for an average mind to attempt at. No one can toy and play with such possibilities without adequate preparation and purity. It is even said that it is ‘unlawful’ to speak of these truths. But a hint of such possibilities would encourage true seekers to fervently work for Truth through purity.



PRE-HISTORIC CONTINENTS

While the Secret Doctrine is a popular book title for many of the group members, seldom the members open and read and much less they understand its revelations. HPB's revelation in relation to lost continents is represented here for the benefit of the readers for a quick and easy understanding. For details they may look to the relevant portions in the book.

The Imperishable Sacred Land

The reasons for this name are explained as follows:

This 'Sacred Land' – of which more later on – is stated never to have shared the fate of other continents; because it is the only one whose destiny it is to last from the beginning to the end of the Manvantara throughout each round. It is the cradle of the first man and the dwelling of the last divine mortal, chosen as a Sishta for the future seed of humanity. Of this mysterious and sacred land very little can be said, except perhaps, according to a poetical expression in one of the commentaries, that the "pole-star has its watchful eye upon it, from the dawn to the close of the twilight of 'a day' of the Great Breath."

It is believed to be the land around the initial North Pole, which is mentioned as Meru in the Puranas. There is a mount of Meru in the Himalayas around

which many legends are afloat. The land around this mount is till date believed to be the imperishable land and is also known as the White Island. It is further believed that there is a Great White Lodge, which exists in the cave temples around this place. The residents of the lodge are known as White Islanders that guide the destiny of this planet and the beings of this planet. Their headquarters is believed to be Shambala.



THE HYPERBOREAN

The Hyperborean will be the name chosen for the second continent, the land which stretched out its promontories southward and westward from the North Pole to receive the second race, and comprised the whole of what is now known as Northern Asia. Such was the name given by the oldest Greeks to the far-off and mysterious region, whither their tradition made Apollo the 'Hyperborean' travel every year. Astronomically, Apollo is of course the Sun, who, abandoning his Hellenic sanctuaries, loved to visit annually his far-away country, where the Sun was said never to set for one half of the year.

But historically, or better, perhaps, ethnologically and geologically, the meaning is different. The land of the Hyperboreans, the country that extended beyond Boreas, the frozen-hearted god of snows and hurricanes, who loved to slumber heavily on the chain of Mount Rhiphaeus, was neither an ideal country, as surmised by the mythologists, nor yet a land in the neighbourhood of Scythia and the Danube. It was a real continent, a bona fide land which knew no winter in those early days, nor have its sorry remains more than one night and day during the year, even now. The nocturnal shadows never fall upon it, said the Greeks; for it is the land of the Gods, the favourite abode of Apollo, the

god of light, and its inhabitants are his beloved priests and servants. This may be regarded as poetised fiction now; but it was poetised truth then.

(The great initiate Pythagoras was annually visiting the Hyperborean land; to him it was more a pilgrimage than a visit. For the Hyperborean land was known to be the land of wisdom, while the White Island continues to be the land of will. The globe was a half globe with its North Pole which was unipolar. The South Pole was yet to be in the initial stages. Of course, when Pythagoras visited it is a fully solidified globe yet the Hyperborean land was traceable and continues to be traceable even now. Most of the ashrams of the high souls are hidden in the desert and in the southern mountains which are north to Mount Kailash.)



LEMURIA

The third continent, we propose to call 'Lemuria'. The name is an invention, or an idea, of Mr. P. L. Sclater, who asserted, between 1850 and 1860, on zoological grounds the actual existence, in prehistoric times, of a continent which he showed to have extended from Madagascar to Ceylon and Sumatra. It included some portions of what is now Africa; but otherwise this gigantic continent, which stretched from the Indian Ocean to Australia, has now wholly disappeared beneath the waters of the Pacific, leaving here and there only some of its highland tops which are now islands. Mr. A. R. Wallace, the naturalist, 'extends the Australia of tertiary periods to New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, and perhaps to Fiji;" and from its Marsupial types he infers 'a connection with the northern continent during the secondary period', writes Mr. C. Gould in 'Mythical Monsters'. The subject is treated at length elsewhere.

(It is in this land during the second half of Lemurian period, Sons of Will, Sons of Yoga and Sons of Fire descended to guide the beings that are migrated to Earth during the earlier times. Knowledge was brought down from higher circles for appropriately relating to Earth and to the surrounding beings, to fulfil the purpose of migration to Earth. The third root race

dwelled in this great continent, it shall be explained in our narration of the races.)



ATLANTIS

‘Atlantis’ is the fourth continent. It would be the first historical land, where the traditions of the ancients received more attention than they have hitherto. The famous island of Plato of that name was but a fragment of this great continent.

(This continent was occupying that part of the globe which is seen today as the great Atlantic Ocean. The eastern part of North and South America was part of this great land, while the western part of the North and South America was part of Lemuria. Even today the western part of North and South America vibrate differently, from that of the eastern part of the two continents. The western part is more ancient, and was part of Lemurian culture while the eastern part is from Atlantean times, with a distinct difference in culture.

The Lemurians brought down knowledge of fire, of yoga and of will and laid down the laws of life. The Atlanteans growing in such knowledge tended to be proud and arrogant. The consequence was misuse of knowledge resulting in its destruction.

The islands in Pacific and Indian Ocean are remnants of Lemuria while the islands of Atlantis are the remnants of the land of Atlantis.

What is today known as Mexican nation was extending from north of California to Miami and to the islands in the Caribbean Sea.)



THE FIFTH CONTINENT - ARYAN

During Atlantis, there were great wars conducted between giants of white path and of left path, the later seeking supremacy over the former, for abuse of magic. Foreseeing the doom of Atlantis, the men of white magic (of the right path) migrated to Himalayas to start afresh with seeds of goodwill. Eventually the great land of Atlantis submerged into waters, while the migrated branch of the magicians commenced a fresh beginning which is called the Aryan race. What we see today on the globe is, but the Aryan root race whose cradle is Himalayas.

There was a time when the delta of Egypt and North Africa belonged to Europe, before the formation of the Straits of Gibraltar. The last serious change occurred to the continents some 12,000 years ago. It was followed by the submersion of Plato's Atlantis Island. This Atlantis Island was but a fragment of the great Atlantis which submerged much earlier.

(The secrets of continents submerging in waters and emerging from waters are divulged to men of secret science, but never to geographers.

May the students note this broad understanding. Counting the times from the beginning of The Imperishable Island, the claim that physical men

originally appeared in this planet 18,000,000 years ago
cannot be seen as preposterous.)



SEVEN SABBATHS

HPB says that, "Sabbath is an elastic word, meaning a period of rest, of whatever nature." The Old Testament speaks, "Seven Sabbaths shall be completed and ye shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish." Madam explains that the seven Sabbaths are but seven rounds on Earth of seven races of man, where through evolution the seven states are experienced by man. It should not be considered as offering the bread as we know and sacrificing the blemishless lambs. The Pentecost is nothing but the conclusion of seven rounds and seven races with their sub-races. 7×7 , 49 stages shall have to be completed on the seven globes of the chain and then comes the rest on the 50th day which is called Pentecost. Seven times the men on Earth shall have to offer their flesh or coats of skin to gain the purity of the spirit.

The law of offering one's personality is regarded as the practice of offering the beasts. The beast is but the personality upon which the soul mounts and experiences. The personality requires to be purified through offering itself on the altar of general good. It has to happen 7×7 times for complete purification.

These practices stepped in to humanity right from the end of Lemurian times and beginning of the

Atlantean times, from Atlanteans it came to Chaldeans, and from Chaldeans to Hebrews.

HPB also clarifies that Hebrews were the 'wise men' of a community but not of a nation. These wise men were a community of great adepts that came from their serpent holes (cave temples) and offered wisdom to masses. She also refers to them as Nazarenes. Naza stands for Naga. Naga is a cobra which is distinct from the other belly crawling serpents. These Nagas were residing in all parts of the globe who help the masses to enter the path of wisdom. They live in the cave temples of the mountain ranges and enlighten beings according to their fitness. One cannot say that they belong to a nation. They belong to higher circles of wisdom who descend upon Earth to elevate the earthy beings.



NAGAS

As stated in the earlier article HPB deciphers the concept of Naga with the help of the key of etymology. Ga stands for movement. A-Ga means no movement. Na+AA+Ga is a double negative relating to movement. It is no non-movement, meaning it is moving but not known to be moving.

For example, our Earth is moving at great speed as we all know around itself. But we the beings on Earth never feel it. It is moving around itself and yet we do not experience its movement. It is also the case with an adept. An adept seemingly sits in a cave but he influences the whole Earth. He is seemingly non-active but is much more active than many who are seemingly very active. A piece of magnet vibrates into the surroundings. Its magnetic waves express all around but remain imperceptible. A subtle hidden activity apparently inactive is what is expressed by the term Naga.

There have been Nagas on Earth right from Lemurian times. They are called dragons of wisdom, serpents of wisdom, men of cosmic will, of yoga and of cosmic fire. Like serpents they live in hidden caves of mountain ranges. They emerge according to a plan to conduct ordained work and disappear. These communities existed in Asia. We frequently hear such

names as Nagaland, Nagpur, etc., in the Indian sub-continent. They exist in Himalayan ranges. They also exist in Middle Eastern mountain ranges, in European mountain ranges, in the Rocky mountain ranges of North America, in Andes mountain ranges in South America, in the mountain ranges of Africa and Australia. Men that have clean life and pure heart are graced by these communities. These are the wise men who are also called the children of God. At one time in Middle East they had the name Hebrews; in India they are called Rishis. They are also called Chohans. In different places they are called with different names; they cannot be branded by any nationality, race, caste or gender.

May this be known.



HUMAN IS DIVINE

The 'Father in Heaven' relating to each man, is no other than the soul which forms around itself the physical shell of flesh and blood, of senses, of mind, etc. The man truly is the soul himself, around which a bladder of body is formed to relate to the objectivity. One should therefore relate to this soul within, which is also called the God within. As much as one relates to luminary soul within, so much one tends to be a saint - a holy person or a pure man who in turn would be able to help others as well as oneself in the hour of need and produce what are foolishly called 'miracles'. The soul that one is, is enveloped with a web of life which in turn builds the bodies. Relating to the soul nourishes this web of life and the byproducts emerging from life as forms.

Thus, the soul within which one is required to relate to know his original state and even this state is withdrawn into its source, after a period of its activity. The soul is more permanent than the web that it develops around itself which has its source in the parent luminary. The parent luminary emerges from the Absolute. Thus, the fourfold man can be understood as under:

Absolute God



Universal Luminary (Universal Soul)



Individual Luminary (Individual Soul)



*The web of life and the physical form that grows
around the soul*

Man identifies more with the web than with the
soul which is but an illumined entity.



PRAYER - SOUND

“Esoteric science teaches that every sound in the visible world awakens its corresponding sound in the invisible realms and arouses to action some force or the other on the occult side of Nature. Moreover, every sound corresponds to a colour and a number and to a sensation on a plane. All these find an echo in everyone of the so far developed elements and even on the terrestrial plane in the lives that swarm in the terrain atmosphere, thus prompting them to action.”

It is for this scientific reason every religion insists on speaking truth, speaking truth pleasantly, not to speak truth unpleasantly and not to speak untruth. Their repercussions would be certain upon the world, be positive or negative. In the modern world speaking unparliamentary words has become a fashion, contributing further to the existing chaos, confusion and crisis. Religions insist upon speaking truth, observing the four cardinal principles stated above. The religions also prohibit critical, judgmental and malicious speeches. Speaking chaste and appropriate words benefits the utterer, as also the surroundings. Manipulative, diabolic speeches with malicious intentions contribute to growth of unrest all around. The reason for growing unrest in the world in spite of technological and scientific development is due to

man's inability to speak appropriately. The one who knows the art of speech can win the whole world. The one who does not know the art of speech can create effortlessly as many opponents and enemies as possible.

Prayers were never allowed in the past to be pronounced vocally, this is because men with impure speeches when utter forth, they cause more disaster than beneficial results. Seldom people are aware of the potent ill effects of the prayer that they utter forth with impure tongues. "*To produce good effects, the prayer must be uttered by one who knows how to make himself heard in silence.*" Where such persons utter prayers, the prayer no longer remains a prayer but it becomes a command. Teachers who know the value of the sound do not recommend prayers to be uttered forth vocally. Rather they recommend to listen to the ones who are fit enough to utter the prayer.

A prayer pronounced mentally addressed to divinity within oneself is far more beneficial than a prayer uttered forth vocally, without adequate preparation in terms of purity and goodwill.

THE THEOSOPHIST

“The theosophist believes in neither divine nor satanic miracles. There is neither saint nor sorcerer, prophet nor soothsayer for a theosophist.”

A true theosophist is a dispassionate observer, he neither judges nor ridicules any, he weighs people by their words and deeds. When the deeds do not match the words, however much one claims such ones should be discarded. Men are always judged by what they leave behind and how long-lasting were their deeds. They care not to which religion one belongs to. A theosophist must not be concerned of the religious background of any person; he should be concerned of the deeds with which one is engaged.

There may be many who claim themselves to be saints, gurus and masters. These titles by themselves have no meaning. If the deeds that they do are meaningful, those deeds are respected as also the doers.

A student of theosophy or occultism must belong to no special creed or sect. He should however show respect to every creed and every faith. If he would like to be a theosophist of the good law, he should have no prejudged and sectarian opinions of anyone. He should be open to listen dispassionately to evaluate and form his views with due consideration.

A theosophist cherishes the personal virtues of any man; no one can claim the admiration of a theosophist by virtue of the power or money that he owns. He shall not follow any faith in its dead letter sense. He shall view situations in a dispassionate manner and with a genuine approach. He shall be generally charitable in his position and imitable to simple minds. To a true theosophist truth stands higher than any faith or religion.



SIMILARITIES IN BIOGRAPHIES OF INITIATES

Initiates who inspired humanity more or less have similar biographies with major events in their life taking place around solstices and equinoxes. All these initiates are but the seeds of the parent tree of life which bears fruits of same nature. Their advent, their acts of goodwill, the troubles they face from the ignorant, the typical death they go through are all but common and are associated with either equinoxes or solstices. This is because their life is but a replica of the Sun God who is the true saviour. All initiates around whom isms are born are considered by them to be their saviours while the true saviour is the Sun God himself.

The story of the Sun God on a yearly basis passing through equinoxes and solstices and the twelve sun signs, when properly understood, the patterns of life of initiates can be seen having similarities. The Sun God is born in Capricorn (winter solstice, 22nd December). His exaltation is at the vernal equinox (21st March). The Sun God is said to be entering the nether regions in Cancer, encounters darkness in Libra (22nd September) and again emerges victoriously in Capricorn to pass over in Aries.

This cycle can be seen in the lives of all initiates such as Gautama Buddha, Pythagoras, Apollonius, Jesus the Christ and the like.

There are even interchanges of events as between the lives of Apollonius and Jesus the Christ; events relating to the one are copied into the lives of others.

Madam HPB speaks of Apollonius of Tyana. The great works he did, the miracles that he demonstrated, the inspiration that he infilled in the lives of thousands of Greeks are jealously adopted into the life of Jesus by the Christian clergy. According to Madam HPB Apollonius was truly a great initiate, a mysterious teacher whose existence and works cannot be destroyed, for the nature upholds the truth.

She also asserts that Apollonius is no fiction and much less a phantom of Jesus. In his own right he is a Son of God that shined forth in the land of Greeks and helped many to transform and transcend.

Madam HPB sums up that the life of any initiate shall have to be studied in correlation with the transit of the Sun God through the twelve sun signs, through the equinoxes and solstices. She even recommends relating to the parent tree of life, namely, the Solar God and his annual activity in preference to the various cults and isms developed around the lives of initiates. The ancient Indians having witnessed many initiates in action, though appreciating the work of initiates,

always followed the Sun God and his energy. They never ceased to worship the Sun, the Central Sun and the Cosmic Sun through the queen of the mantras, Gayatri.

The secondary manifestation of the Sun God cannot obliterate the primary and the original one. One cannot ignore the tree as one is overpowered by the taste of its fruit. The tree should be known by the fruit; likewise the fruit should be known by the tree. Such is the dimension given by Madam HPB in section 18 of Secret Doctrine, volume 3.



Apollonius of Tyana

INTERVENTION IS INADMISSIBLE

Never can there be intervention of any sort in the marshalling and the regular precession of the celestial bodies! The law of gravitation is the law of laws; who ever witnessed a stone rising in the air against gravitation? The permanence of the universal law is shown in the behaviour of the sidereal worlds and globes eternally faithful to their primitive orbits; never wandering beyond their respective paths. Nor is there any intervention needed, as it could only be disastrous. Whether the first sidereal incipient rotation took place owing to an inter-cosmic chance, or to the spontaneous development of latent primordial forces; or again, whether that impulse was given once for all by God or Gods – it does not make the slightest difference. At this stage of cosmic evolution, no intervention, superior or inferior, is admissible. Were any to take place, the universal clockwork would stop, and the cosmos would fall into pieces.

Such are stray sentences, pearls of wisdom, fallen from time to time from scientific lips, and now chosen at random to illustrate a query. We lift our diminished heads and look heavenward. Such seems to be the fact: worlds, suns, and stars, the shining myriads of the heavenly hosts, remind the poet of an infinite, shoreless ocean, whereon move swiftly numberless squadrons

of ships, millions upon millions of cruisers, large and small, crossing each other, whirling and gyrating in every direction; and science teaches us, that though they be without rudder or compass or any beacon to guide them, they are nevertheless secure from collision – almost secure, at any rate, save in chance accidents – as the whole celestial machine is built upon and guided by an immutable, albeit blind, law, and by constant and accelerating force of forces.



LAW OF COSMICAL NON-INTERVENTION

As to the law of cosmical non-intervention, it could be justified only in one case, namely, if the celestial mechanism were perfect; but it is not. The so-called unalterable motions of celestial bodies alter and change incessantly; they are very often disturbed, and the wheels of even the sidereal locomotive itself occasionally jump off their invisible rails, as may be easily proved. Otherwise why should Laplace speak of the probable occurrence at some future time of an out-and-out reform in the arrangements of the planets; or Lagrange maintain the gradual narrowing of the orbits; or our modern astronomers, again, declare that the fuel in the Sun is slowly disappearing? If the laws and forces which govern the behaviour of the celestial bodies are immutable, such modifications and wearing-out of substance or fuel, of force and fluids, would be impossible; yet they are not denied. Therefore, one has to suppose that such modifications will have to rely upon the laws of forces, which will have to self-generate themselves once more on such occasions, thus producing an astral antimony, and a kind of physical palimony, since, as Laplace says, one would then see fluids disobeying themselves and reacting in a way contrary to all their attributes and properties.

Newton felt very uncomfortable about the moon. Her behaviour in progressively narrowing the circumference of her orbit around the earth made him nervous, lest it should end one day in our satellite falling upon the Earth. The world, he confessed, needed repairing, and that very often. In this he was corroborated by Herschel. He speaks of real and quite considerable deviations, besides those which are only apparent, but gets some consolation from his conviction that somebody or something will probably see to things.



ARE THERE ANGELS IN STARS?

We may be answered that the personal beliefs of some pious astronomers, however great they may be as scientific characters, are no proofs of the actual existence and presence in space of intelligent supramundane beings, of either gods or angels. It is the behaviour of the stars and planets themselves that has to be analysed and inferences must be drawn therefrom. Renan asserts that nothing that we know of the sidereal bodies warrants the idea of the presence of any intelligence, whether internal or external to them.

Let us see, says Reynaud, if this is a fact, or only one more empty scientific assumption.

The orbits traversed by the planets are far from being immutable. They are, on the contrary, subject to perpetual mutation in position, as in form. Elongations, contractions, and orbital widening, oscillations from right to left, slackening and quickening of speed... and all this on a plane which seems to vacillate.

As is very pertinently observed by Des Mousseux:

Here is a path having little of the mathematical and mechanical precision claimed for it; for we know of no clock which, having gone slow for several minutes should catch up the right time of itself and without the turn of a key.

So much for blind law and force. As for the physical impossibility – a miracle indeed in the sight of science – of a stone raised in the air against the law of gravitation, this is what Babinet – the deadliest enemy and opponent of the phenomena of levitation – (cited by Arago) says:

Everyone knows the theory of bolides [meteors] and aeroliths..... In Connecticut an immense aerolith was seen [a mass of eighteen hundred feet in diameter], bombarding a whole American zone and returning to the spot [in mid-air] from which it had started.

Thus we find in both of the cases above cited – that of self-correcting planets and meteor of gigantic size flying back into the air – a ‘blind force’ regulating and resisting the natural tendencies of ‘blind matter’, and even occasionally repairing its mistakes and correcting its failures. This is far more miraculous and even ‘extravagant’, one would say, than any ‘Angel-guided’ element.

EAST VS. WEST

The eastern occultist keeps silent and remains unknown. He never publishes what he knows. He even rarely speaks of his knowledge but he knows too well the penalty of indiscretion. The eastern occultists acquainted with the angels in stars through their penances, exchange notes as between them and prefer not to speak, while the western systems are very expressive representing wide ranges of perceptions. As to the western “ranges of perception” concerning doctrines really occult, the eastern occultists are acquainted with them for some time past. According to them, the Hermetic philosophy is a speculative system of dialectics well used in the west, but it lacks the knowledge of occultism. A genuine eastern occultist keeps silent for he knows the penalty of indiscrete expressions. The knowledge possessed by the western occultist is very superficial.

We may take for comparison the assertions of modern occult philosophy and compare them with the eastern teachings. According to the modern occult philosophy matter is eternal, indestructible, without beginning or end. But according to the eastern teachings matter is susceptible for birth, growth, glory, decay and death while the root matter is eternal. The easterners speak of root matter while the westerners

speaks of the manifested matter. The east believes in subtle existences much more than the west. It gages the matter in seven states which are successively subtler than the other. The eastern philosophy is truly occult in the sense, it speaks of subtle, causal and causeless worlds and traces the matter in all its states.



MERCURY

Madame Blavatsky says, "Mercury is the Lord of wisdom. Mercury as a planet is still more occult and mysterious than Venus." It is identical with the Mazdean Mithra, the genius or god 'established between the Sun and the Moon, it is the perpetual companion of Sun of wisdom'. He is offered an altar in common with Jupiter. He has wings to express his attendance upon the Sun in its course. He is called the sun-wolf or Nuntis. He is the leader of and the evocator of the souls. He is a great magician and is the hierophant. He uses his wand to evoke the souls plunged in matter. He is golden-coloured. He is symbolized in Grecian mythology by one of the dogs (representing vigilance), which watch over the celestial flock, and is known as Hermes Anubis. He watches over the Earth and is mistaken by the earthy as the Sun itself.

The Roman emperor Julian prayed the occult Sun every night through the intercession of the Mercury. All the theologians agree to say that Mercury and the Sun are one. He is the most eloquent and most wise of all gods. It is no wonder that he is proximate to the Word of God. The Word of God and the God are often mistaken one for the other.

The watchful dog of the heavens is synonymous to the Hindu Sarama, who also means the divine

watchman who watches over the flock of stars and solar rays.



VENUS AND EARTH - 1

Every active power or force of the Earth comes to her from one of the seven lords (the regents of the seven planets). Light comes through Sukra (Venus), who receives triple supply and gives one third of it to the Earth. Therefore, Venus and Earth are called twin sisters. But the spirit of Earth is subservient to the Lord of Sukra. In Hindu Puranas Venus and Earth are called mother and daughter but not as sisters. The formation of the Earth is through Sukra. The symbol of Sukra presides over the cross ♀ while that of the Earth is presided over by the cross ♂. The difference between the two is too evident. The tail of Venus is but the head of Earth. It is also believed that on completion of evolution, the beings of Earth move on to Venus. Lord Sanat Kumara, who presides over the Earth as her ruler, is said to be a descendent from Sukra (Venus). It is also believed by Hindus that Lord Krishna (the complete avatar) also descended onto Earth via Venus. Sukra represents the positive dimension while Earth represents its negative dimension. Venus is a globe poised over the cross while Earth is a globe trampled by the cross.

The esoteric meaning of this is: Earth is fallen into generation, into reproduction of species through sexual union. The mystical fall of Adam and Eve is

but the emergence of the principle of Earth into its negative nature from the neutral nature of Sukra. The androgynous status is lost in favour of separated male-female principle giving birth to the sexual instinct.

Venus is the most occult, powerful and mysterious of all the planetary principles. Its influence upon and relation to the Earth is most prominent. In the exoteric brahmanism Venus or Sukra is a male deity. The puranas explain that Sukra is the son of Bhrigu, one of the Prajapatis. The whole story of Sukra in the puranas refers to the third and fourth races. The androgynous beings of the third root race tended to be male and female beings in the fourth root race. In esoteric brahmanism Sukra is considered as androgynous contrary to the exoteric brahmanism where he is shown as a male deity. It is through Sukra that the double ones (androgynous, hermaphrodites) of the third root race descended. The original symbol of Sukra is circle and a diameter within $\ominus$. During the third root race when the descent happened its symbol transformed to pre-Tau state $\oplus$. As the symbol T descends further down the circle it is the state of Tau $\circ$.

During the fourth root race, when male-female are separated, the symbol T tended to be a cross $\times$, a fallen state. Therefore, Venus is symbolized by the sign of a globe over the cross, while Earth is symbolized as a globe presided over by the cross.

VENUS AND EARTH - 2

The cross is indicative of the karma of planet Earth as also the karma of the earthy beings. The karma presides over the planet, which means that the planet itself is in the process of evolution. It is supported by Venus and Mercury on one side, Saturn and Mars on the other side, with Jupiter and Sun presiding.

The fallen beings incarnate on Earth and become earthy beings; they need to fulfil their karma on Earth to move into higher circles. The law of cause and effect which is but the law of karma conditions beings on Earth. The key to overcome the circle of cause and effect is to act upon Earth without personal cause. Impersonal, causeless actions enable a release from the karma and would lead beings to Venus.

The path to Venus is presided over by Sanat Kumara who resides in Shambala as an ambassador of Venus and as deliverer of beings from Earth.

The Earth is also fulfilling its karma by supporting the earthy beings that are generally speaking ungrateful to Earth. To serve beings who are ungrateful discharges the Earth from its karma. By such discharge of karma, the mother Earth finds its deliverance and joins once again the hierarchy of Moon, Venus, Neptune and Soma.

The symbols of Venus and Earth give these dimensions which are hinted at by Madam HPB.



VENUS AND EARTH - 3

Pythagoras calls Sukra–Venus the Sol Alter, meaning the other Sun. Of the seven places of the Sun, Venus is the third one and is considered to be the abode of Samael, the first being Jupiter, the second being Sun and the third being Venus. Jupiter presides over Sahasrara, Sun presides over Ajna, Venus presides over the heart (Anahata). According to ancient wisdom, Venus is the primary planet of our Earth and is its spiritual prototype. Hence, in some theologies it is said that the chariot of Sukra is drawn by earth-born while the chariots of other planets are drawn by steeds of superior planes which are different from the steeds of Earth.

Since Earth is born out of Venus–Sukra, the sins committed on Earth are still felt in Venus, this is but natural. The sins committed by a man are felt in its heart, through variety of cries and catastrophes. Likewise, the events happening on Sukra are reflected upon Earth just like whenever heart is pleased, the impact is felt by the mundane man. The interconnectivity of Earth and Sukra (Venus) as the gross and subtle dimensions of the solar angel shall have to be pondered over by the aspirant. The more the aspirant builds the energy of Sukra (the heart), the better is the deliverance from the enchainments on Earth.

By the same analogy one should know that the activities of the progeny have an impact on the parents and vice versa. The sinful acts of the progeny can pull down the parents from their spheres of light. The first and foremost of the scriptures on Earth, Ramayana, speaks of interconnectivity between three generations preceding the one on Earth and three generations succeeding the one on Earth. A human being's action impacts three preceding generations and also impacts the three succeeding generations. Seldom man knows it. In this age of Kali man fancies about his education, about his modern outlook and also about his technological development, but his sense of responsibility is narrowing down to nil.



PARENT STARS AND SISTER PLANETS

Every world has its parent stars and sister planets. Earth is the adopted child of Venus. But Earth's inhabitants are of their own kind. The inhabitants of Earth are sentient beings. There is no comparison between the beings of Venus to the beings of the Earth. Every planet breeds its own men, animals etc., and no one has any resemblance to its sister planet. Each planet carries its special progeny. Between all the beings of all the spheres, there is something common and the rest totally different. The spiritual essence is the same but the envelopes that are built around emerge from the planetary spheres.

The nucleoles are eternal and everlasting, while the surrounding nuclei are periodical and finite. Their periodicity and finiteness are akin to the quality of matter relating to the planet. The nucleoles form part of the absolute, while the nuclei carry the light of the spheres that they belong to. It is that light which condenses into forms, the nucleoles. Such condensed form is called Atma or Pratyagatma meaning separated entity or Jivatma. From trinity to the normal mundane beings all are Pratyagatmas in whom the absolute remains the same, but the gradation of light matter is different.

Thus, there is but one absolute upadhi (basis) in the spiritual sense, form, on, around which, are built for manvantaric purposes the countless basic centres on which proceed the universal, cyclic and individual evolutions during the active period.

The informing intelligences, which animate these various centres of being, are referred to indiscriminately by men beyond the Great Range as the Manus, the Rishis, the Pitris, the Prajapati, and so on; and as Dhyanis Buddhas, the Chohans, Melhas (fire gods), Bodhisattvas, and others, on this side. The truly ignorant call them gods; the learned profane, the one God; and the wise, the initiates, honour in them only the manvantaric manifestation of THAT which neither our creators (the Dhyan Chohans) nor their creators can ever discuss or know anything about. The Absolute is not to be defined, and no mortal or immortal has ever seen or comprehended it during the periods of existence. The mutable cannot know the Immutable, nor can that which lives perceive Absolute Life.

Therefore, man cannot know higher beings than his own 'progenitors'. Nor shall he worship them, but he ought to learn how he came into the world.

THREE KINDS OF LIGHT

There are three kinds of light in occultism:

1. The abstract and absolute light which is seeming darkness.
2. The light of the manifest – unmanifest deity.
3. The three later lights emerging from the two above as triple Logos also called Dhyani Chohans.

From Absolute to male-female Logos to the three Logos and thereafter into the objective universe the light manifests. The first light is abstract, the second is clear and penetrating and the third is reflective. The reflective light prepares the world while the light of male-female God penetrates into the beings. Such penetration being complete in man, while the first the absolute light presides over all. The male-female deity is also called Vishnu, Krishna, Chrestos and so on. It is the direct reflection of the unknowable light. It is unknowable from the standpoint of universal manifestation. The penetrating light of the male-female penetrates into the three worlds and into the beings of the three worlds. It is that light which enables movement of beings from grosser to the subtle and from subtle to the gross while the reflective light of the three logos provides the feed to the beings to enter, to

experience and to return with the help of the second light. This basic understanding of the triple light is important for all esoteric understanding.

The second light emerges from the first and the third emerging from the second develops the world. The third light is represented by trinity in all theologies. The second is seen as God in creation, the first is seen as the God beyond creation. For this reason, theology conceives a five-headed lord with one head looking above, two heads constituting the male-female principles and the three heads constituting the trinity. Such picturization is found in relation to Adonai, Ardhanari and also as five-headed Gayatri, Ganesha, Shiva, and Anjaneya.

The basic underlining principle is two emerging from one, reflecting into three develops the world and maintains it according to the cycles of time.

SEVEN NEW SKINS

The immutable changeless energy is Avikara, meaning beyond all forms. Such an essence is called Sath and has no Rupa (form). It awakens. That awakening itself is a change. Such awakening inevitably gains potentiality for action. Such a potential state which is not yet manifest is called Avyakta meaning un-manifest. Avikara steps down as Avyakta. The potential un-manifest gains an impulse to manifest. Such an impulse is the first cause (Karana), thus from Avikara which is Sadaikarupa (essence) there is awakening as Avyakta and then impulse to act as Karana resulting in Vyakta meaning expressed. Thus, from invisible it became visible and there after multiplied itself. The visible again tended to be a garland of seven lotuses, with seven sounds, seven colors and the seven related skins.

The successive skins were grosser in comparison to the preceding ones and grossest is seen as the skin of gross matter.

This involution of Avikara to Vyakta has its successive steps. It recedes in due course of time in-tune with the time plan. This is true for the planet and this is also true for the beings on the planet according to the span that they hold. The planets' plan is by far of

longest duration. While that of humans is also in tune with it, the animals and plants have shorter duration.

A serpent demonstrates this involution and



evolution in a cycle of 7×7 years that is 49. The humans have duration of 7×7 root races while the Earth has 7×7 rounds. The serpent should remind an occultist that he needs to transform his gross form into subtle and causal, Avyakta and Avikara. There are beings on the planet who accomplish these states of refined 'coats of skin' represented by the hierarchy. The legends and the mythology relating to phoenix refer to this phenomenon. Each time it casts off its body through fire it enhances its strength and it tends to be 100 times more magnetic and radiating.



Every resurrection of phoenix is a movement towards Spirit. Phoenix therefore stands as a bird of purity and wisdom. It is also a symbol of immortality through resurrection.



ANTIDILUVIAN ASTRONOMERS - 1

To the mind of an occult student two figures are indissolubly connected with mystic astronomy, chronology and their cycles. Two grand and mysterious figures, towering like two giants in the archaic past, emerge before him whenever he has to refer to Yugas and Kalpas. When and at what period of prehistory they lived is known to none, save a few in the world. There is no way for others to know of them with certainty, since it demands knowledge of pre-diluvian history which may be beyond a hundred thousand years or a thousand thousand years. Of them the mystic east speaks off, as Narada, the Vedic Rishi and Asuramaya the Atlantian.

Narada the son of the creator, Lord Brahma, is one of the five mind-born sons. He was to be a Prajapati, but opted out from being a progenitor and remained a celestial Kumara (celibate). He plays the role of a cosmic teacher adored and worshipped by the planetary hierarchy and is intimately associated with the three Logos. In the eastern mythology he is considered to be the most-high teacher that initiates the initiates into the Absolute Truth, called Nara. The Absolute Truth in its involutionary process gains seven times seven folds of nature, flourishes for duration and recedes in the same order. That the Truth cyclically manifests and de-

manifests is known in its details only to Narada and the Kumaras. The manifesting and de-manifesting of the Truth in successive steps is what is called in the scriptures as Narayana. The intricacies of the Truth, Nara, and its manifestation and de-manifestation cycles are well known to Narada. The very word Narada means the one who initiates the knowledge into Nara.

Intune with the time cycles Narada adjusts the processes giving needed stimulations here and there. There are many stories in Puranas relating to Narada, facilitating the involutory and evolutionary time cycles of the Truth. In formation of planets, in adjustment of the planetary activity, in balancing the divine and diabolic energies, Narada ever actively participates and facilitates the work of Nara. He has free access to Nara and his Ayanas meaning the cyclical downward and upward movements. All works that have a planetary impact are inevitably initiated by Narada. Volumes can be spoken in relation to his work. According to the need of the time cycles he even instigates the wars not only upon Earth but also in heaven. His mysterious ways are only known to him and Narayana. The two form a great team in fulfilling the beings of the creation. Blessed are the high initiates who have access to Narada.

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What Narada really is cannot be explained in print nor do the modern generations gather much from the information relating to him. Suffice it to say, if there is in the Hindu Pantheon any deity that resembles the highest teacher, it is Narada. He is the most prominent character in the Puranas who visits the so-called infernal regions called Patala and also the most high regions of Sathya Loka (abode of third Logos), Vykunta (abode of second Logos) and Kailasha (the abode of first Logos). His movement covers $7 + 3$ planes. He is a great teacher of astronomy and his knowledge surpasses the knowledge of all seers in the cyclical intricacies. He overviews the progress of the beings and guides the world teachers at planetary, solar and cosmic level. He is the most mischievous, mystical and mercurial. The moves and adjustments he makes to the creational processes are known only to the second and the first Logos.

The cycles of time are best known to the serpent of time who is called Adisesha meaning the primary serpent upon whose coiled bed the second Logos rests. Narada frequently converses with Adisesha and conducts needed adjustments with his extra ordinarily brilliant approaches. The chronology and computation of cycles are best known to Narada and none else. He is

the teacher of the teachers, magician of the magicians and astronomer of astronomers. He is as friendly to diabolics as he is with the divine. He is the true friend of the universe as he is considered to be the most trusted assistant to the Lord himself.

According to Madame Blavatsky, Asuramaya a great Atlantian initiate, was also like Narada a master magician. He is the one who led the entire Mayan civilization during the Atlantian times; his mastery over maya (magic) was unparalleled. The great mystical Roman race appeared and civilized the entire European continent under the spell of Maya–Asura, Asura-Maya. No one knows the mystery of the origin of Romans, their valour, power, magic and above all their knowledge. The Romans appeared for a period of 432 years and completely civilized Europe giving them roads, water supply systems, drainage systems and above all building of cities of high civility. All this happened under the invisible guidance of Asuramaya or Mayasura.

The modern generations cannot comprehend an iota of the stature of Asuramaya and much less the stature of Narada.

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Asuramaya is considered to be a modern myth, but he is a person who flourished in the days of Macedonian Greeks. The Macedonian Greeks were acknowledged by the occultists in the former's knowledge, their access to sacred records and the secret truths of esotericism. A mention of Mayasura is also there in Mahabharata, where it is stated that Asuramaya (Mayasura) was hiding in the forests of Indian continent (presently identified as Madhya Pradesh) for some political and unknown reasons. India was during those times a great seat of learning and of magic. Lord Sri Krishna located him and questioned his intentions of hiding in the forests. Asuramaya sought to be excused for his secretive residence; he worshipped the lord and received his grace. As a matter of gratitude Asuramaya builds for Yudhistira, the favorite king of Krishna a magical palace which becomes an eye sore amidst the kings.

There after Asuramaya is said to have returned to his original abode.

As late as in 19th century during the years 1884 and 1885 two highly learned Brahmins of South India mentioned of the Atlantian astronomer, Asuramaya to whom they have given a tribute of immense knowledge of time cycles and who proclaimed Asuramaya of his clinical precision in relation to the chronology

of events. Until the advent of Kali age magic was prevalent in ancient civilizations and such magic was based on scientific understanding of the energy and their patterns at play through time.

According to the epic tradition, Asuramaya was the earliest astronomer in Aryavārtha (the north Indian regions around Varanasi) to whom the Sun God imparted the knowledge of stars in person just as in previous yugas, Hanuman (the monkey God) was taught by the Sun God. The very word Maya is sanskritic and it is no wonder that the Atlantian Astronomer Asuramaya originated from the East and moved to the West.

Maya was the title attributed to those who knew magic and who had depths of knowledge into the sky, the stars, the planets and the mathematical equation as between them. HPB even hints at Ptolemy as the greek name conceived from the originated from Ptolemaya. She even connects it to Turamaya of India. Turamaya phonetically can also be Suramaya or Mayasura. Such interesting phonetical interlinking is but common with those who can hear with an incessive ear. So, from Suramaya to Turamaya, Turamaya to Ptolemaya, Ptolemaya to Ptolemy looks to be a very worldly imagination but cannot be totally set aside. For this reason Madam always states that what is written should

be gently heard and judged kindly – “Gently to hear
and kindly to Judge.”



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