

# Origin of Good and Evil

## A tale of two Cities

On the virtual polarisation of humanity into Good and Evil, marking the origin of the dual nature of man, which is triple, when Inner Consciousness, the Polariser *par excellence*, and angle-iron upon which hinges his entire life-cycle, history of evolution, and growth, is taken into account.



The Garden of the Hesperides (c 1892) by Lord Frederic Leighton  
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## *Train of Thoughts*

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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.

*Εγγυς γαρ νυκτος τε και ηματος εισι κελευθαι,*

says a verse in the *Odyssey*.<sup>1</sup>

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.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup>

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[All Naturalists] agree that during “The Miocene Age” — whether one or ten million years ago — Greenland and even Spitzbergen, the remnants of our Second or Hyperborean Continent, “had *almost a tropical climate*.” Now the pre-Homeric Greeks had preserved a vivid tradition of this “Land of the Eternal Sun,” whither their Apollo

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<sup>1</sup> X, 86; [“So near are the outgoings of the night and the day.”]

<sup>2</sup> See K.H.W. Völcker, *Mythische Geographie der Griechen und Römer*, 1832, pp. 145-70.

<sup>3</sup> *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 7

journeyed yearly. “During the Miocene Age, Greenland (in N. Lat. 70°) developed an abundance of trees, such as the Yew, the Redwood, the Sequoia, allied to the Californian species, Beeches, Planes, Willows, Oaks, Poplars and Walnuts, as well as a Magnolia and a Zamia,” says Science;<sup>4</sup> in short Greenland had Southern plants unknown to Northern regions.

And now this natural question rises. If the Greeks knew, in the days of Homer, of a Hyperborean land, *i.e.*, a blessed land beyond the reach of Boreas, the god of winter and of the hurricane, an ideal region which the later Greeks and their classics have vainly tried to locate by searching for it beyond Scythia, a country where nights were short and days long, and beyond that land a country where the sun never set and the palm grew freely — if they knew of all this, who then told them of it? In their day, and for ages previously, Greenland must certainly have been already covered with perpetual snows, with never-thawing ice, just as it is now. Everything tends to show that the land of the short nights and the long days was Norway or Scandinavia, *beyond* which was the blessed land of eternal light and summer; and to know of this, their tradition must have descended to the Greeks from some people more ancient than themselves, who were acquainted with those climatic details of which the Greeks themselves could know nothing.<sup>5</sup> Even in our day, science suspects beyond the Polar seas, at the very circle of the Arctic Pole, the existence of a sea which never freezes and a continent which is ever green. The archaic teachings, and likewise the *Purānas* — for one who understands the allegories of the latter — contain the same statements. Suffice, then, to us the strong probability that a people, now unknown to history, lived during the Miocene period of modern science, at a time when Greenland was an almost tropical land.<sup>6</sup>

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#### **The Second Continent and most of its people perished in the first great throes of evolution and consolidation of the globe.**

Stanza VI.23. THE SELF-BORN WERE THE CHHĀYĀS: THE SHADOWS FROM THE BODIES OF THE SONS OF TWILIGHT. NEITHER WATER NOR FIRE COULD DESTROY THEM. THEIR SON'S WERE (*so destroyed*).

This verse cannot be understood without the help of the *Commentaries*. It means that the First Root-Race, the “Shadows” of the Progenitors, could not be injured, or destroyed by death. Being so ethereal and so little human in constitution, they could not be affected by any element — flood or fire. But their “Sons,” the Second Root-Race, could be and were so destroyed. As the “progenitors” merged wholly in their own astral bodies, which were their progeny, so that progeny was absorbed in its descendants, the “Sweat-born.” These were the second Humanity — composed of the most heterogeneous gigantic semi-human monsters — the first attempts of material nature at building human bodies. The ever-blooming lands of the Second Continent

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<sup>4</sup> Charles Gould, *Mythical Monsters*, p. 91

<sup>5</sup> [See “Graikos, Hellene, Hellas” in our Confusing Words Series.]

<sup>6</sup> *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 11-12

(Greenland, among others) were transformed, in order, from Edens with their eternal spring, into hyperborean Hadēs. This transformation was due to the displacement of the great waters of the globe, to oceans changing their beds; and the bulk of the Second Race perished in this first great throe of the evolution and consolidation of the globe during the human period. Of such great cataclysms there have already been four.<sup>7</sup> And we may expect a fifth for ourselves in due course of time.<sup>8</sup>

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[The] *Rig-Veda*, the oldest of *all the known* ancient records, may be shown to corroborate the occult teachings in almost every respect. Its hymns — the records written by the earliest Initiates of the Fifth (our race) concerning the primordial teachings — speak of the Seven Races (two still to come) allegorising them by the “seven streams”;<sup>9</sup> and of the Five Races (*pancha krishtayah*) which have already inhabited this world on the five regions (*pancha pradiśah*),<sup>10</sup> as also of the *three continents* that were.

Three submerged, or otherwise destroyed, continents — the first “continent” of the First Race prevailing to the last and existing to this day — are described in the occult Doctrine, the *Hyperborean*, the *Lemurian* (adopting the name now known in Science), and the *Atlantean*. Most of Asia issued from under the waters after the destruction of Atlantis; Africa came still later, while Europe is the fifth and the latest — portions of the two Americas being far older. But of these, more anon. The Initiates who recorded the *Vedas* — or the Rishis of our Fifth Race — wrote at a time when Atlantis had already gone down. Atlantis is the fourth continent that *appeared*, but *the third that disappeared*.<sup>11</sup>

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The history of Latona (Lēto), Apollo’s mother, is most pregnant in various meanings. Astronomically, Latona is the polar region and the night, giving birth to the Sun, Apollo, Phœbus, etc. She is born in the Hyperborean countries wherein all the inhabitants were priests of her son, celebrating his resurrection and descent to their country every nineteen years at the renewal of the lunar cycle.<sup>12</sup> Latona is the Hyperborean Continent, and its race geologically.

To make a difference between Lemuria and Atlantis, the ancient writers referred to the latter as the northern or Hyperborean Atlantis, and to the former as the southern.

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<sup>7</sup> The first occurred when what is now the North Pole was separated from the later Continents.

<sup>8</sup> *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 138

<sup>9</sup> *Rig-Veda*, I, 35-38

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, IX, 86, 29

<sup>11</sup> *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 606 & fn.

<sup>12</sup> Diodorus, *Bibliotheca*, Bk. II, § 47

Thus Apollodorus says:

“The golden apples<sup>13</sup> carried away by Hercules are not, as some think, in Libya; they are in the Hyperborean Atlantis.”

The Greeks naturalised all the gods they borrowed [from India] and made Hellenes of them, and the moderns helped them. Thus also the mythologists have tried to make of Ēridanus the river Po, in Italy. In the myth of Phaetōn it is said that at his death his sisters dropped hot tears which fell into Ēridanus and were changed into amber! Now amber is found only in the northern seas, in the Baltic. Phaetōn, meeting with his death while carrying heat to the frozen stars of the boreal regions, awakening at the Pole the Dragon made rigid by cold, and being hurled down into the Ēridanus, is an allegory referring directly to the changes of climate in those distant times when, from a frigid zone, the polar lands had become a country with a moderate and warm climate. The usurper of the functions of the sun, Phaetōn, being hurled into the Ēridanus by Jupiter’s thunderbolt, is an allusion to the second change that took place in those regions when, once more, the land where “the magnolia blossomed” became the desolate forbidding land of the farthest north and eternal ices. This allegory covers then the events of two *pralayas*; and if well understood ought to be a demonstration of the enormous antiquity of the human races.<sup>14</sup>

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Under the silent guidance of this Wondrous Being, the pupils of the incarnated Rishis and Devas of the Third Root-Race handed their knowledge from one generation to another. [For an exposition of the major events surrounding the Third Race see “The first four Root-Races” and Appendix, in our Secret Doctrine’s Third Proposition Series.]

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<sup>13</sup> [On the Garden of Hesperides in Mount Meru and Phaëton-Phōsphoros, their Father:

The Symbol for Sacred and Secret Knowledge was universally in antiquity a Tree, by which a Scripture or a Record was also meant. Hence the word Lipika, the “writers” or scribes; the “Dragons,” symbols of wisdom, who guard the Trees of Knowledge; the “golden” apple Tree of the Hesperides; the “Luxuriant Trees” and vegetation of Mount Meru guarded by a Serpent. Juno giving to Jupiter, on her marriage with him, a Tree with golden fruit is another form of Eve offering Adam the apple from the Tree of Knowledge. — *Secret Doctrine*, I p. 128 *fn. et seq.*; (on the connection of Lipika with Karma.)

Now Phaëton or Phōsphoros, the “luminous morning orb,” is carried away in his early youth by Aphrodite (Venus) who makes of him the night guardian of her sanctuary (*Theog.*, 986-991). He is the “beautiful morning star” (*Vide St. John’s Revelation*, xxii, 16) loved for its radiant light by the Goddess of the Dawn, Aurora, who, while gradually eclipsing the light of her beloved, thus seeming to carry off the star, makes it reappear on the evening horizon where it watches the gates of heaven. In early morning, Phosphoros “issuing from the waters of the Ocean, raises in heaven his sacred head to announce the approach of divine light.” (*Iliad*, XXIII, 226; *Odyssey*, XIII, 93-94; Virgil, *Aeneid*, VIII, 589; Decharme, *Mythologie de la Grèce Antique*, p. 247.) He holds a torch in his hand and flies through space as he precedes the car of Aurora. In the evening he becomes Hesperos, “the most splendid of the stars that shine on the celestial vault” (*Iliad*, XXII, 317-18). He is the father of the Hesperides, the guardians of the golden apples together with the Dragon; the beautiful genius of the flowing golden curls, sung and glorified in all the ancient *epithalamia* (the bridal songs of the early Christians as of the pagan Greeks);\* he, who at the fall of the night, leads the nuptial *cortège* and delivers the bride into the arms of the bridegroom. (Decharme, *op. cit.*, p. 248.) — *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (THE HISTORY OF THE PLANET) XIII, pp. 17-18.

\* Given before the bridal chamber (θάλαμος); distinct from the general “wedding song” (γαμήλιος) — *Oxford Classical Dictionary*.]

<sup>14</sup> *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 769-70 & *fn.*

## The first sub-races of the Atlantean Fourth Race separated from the last Lemurian tribes into the righteous and the unrighteous

Thus the first Atlantean races, born on the Lemurian Continent, separated from their earliest tribes into the righteous and the unrighteous; into those who worshipped the one unseen Spirit of Nature, the ray of which man feels within himself — or the Pantheists, and those who offered fanatical worship to the Spirits of the Earth, the dark Cosmic, anthropomorphic Powers, with whom they made alliance. These were the earliest *Gibbōrim*, “the mighty men of renown in those days”;<sup>15</sup> who become with the Fifth Race the *Kabirim*; Kabiri with the Egyptians and the Phœnicians, Titans with the Greeks, and Rākshasas and Daityas with the Indian races.

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Such was the secret and mysterious origin of all the subsequent and modern religions, especially of the worship of the later Hebrews for their tribal god. At the same time this sexual religion was closely allied to, based upon and blended, so to say, with astronomical phenomena. The Lemurians gravitated toward the North Pole, or the Heaven of their Progenitors (the Hyperborean Continent); the Atlanteans, toward the Southern Pole, the *pit*, cosmically and terrestrially — whence breathe the hot passions blown into hurricanes by the cosmic Elementals, whose abode it is. The two poles were denominated, by the ancients, Dragons and Serpents — hence good and bad Dragons and Serpents, and also the names given to the “Sons of God” (Sons of Spirit and Matter): the good and bad Magicians. This is the origin of this dual and triple nature in man. The legend of the “Fallen Angels” in its esoteric signification, contains the key to the manifold contradictions of human character; it points to the secret of man’s self-consciousness; it is the angle-iron on which hinges his entire life-cycle — the history of his evolution and growth.

On a firm grasp of this doctrine depends the correct understanding of esoteric anthropogenesis. It gives a clue to the vexed question of the Origin of Evil; and shows how man himself is the separator of the ONE into various contrasted aspects.<sup>16</sup>

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Theopompus, in his *Meropis*, made the priests of Phrygia and Asia Minor speak exactly as the priests of Sais did when they revealed to Solon the history and fate of Atlantis. According to Theopompus, it was a unique continent of an indefinite size, and containing two countries inhabited by *two races* — a fighting, warrior race, and a pi-

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<sup>15</sup> *Genesis* vi, 4

<sup>16</sup> *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 273-74

ous, meditative race,<sup>17</sup> which Theopompus symbolizes by two cities: The Northern and Southern Divisions of Lemuria-Atlantis. The Hyperborean and the Equatorial lands of the two continents.<sup>18</sup>

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Greece had her *Hyperborean* as well as her *Southern Apollo*. Thus nearly all the gods of Egypt, Greece, and Phœnicia, as well as those of other Pantheons, are of a northern origin and originated in Lemuria, towards the close of the Third Race, after its full physical and physiological evolution had been completed.<sup>19</sup> All the “fables” of Greece were built on historical facts, if that history had only passed unadulterated by myths to posterity. The “one-eyed” Cyclopes, the giants fabled as the sons of *Cœlus* and *Terra* — three in number, according to Hesiod — were the last three sub-races of the Lemurians, the “one-eye” referring to the Wisdom-eye;<sup>20</sup> for the two front eyes were fully developed as physical organs only in the beginning of the Fourth Race. The allegory of Ulysses, whose companions were devoured while the king of Ithaca was saved by putting out with a fire-brand the eye of Polyphēmus, is based upon the psycho-physiological atrophy of the “third” eye. Ulysses belongs to the cycle of the heroes of the Fourth Race, and, though a “sage” in the sight of the latter, must

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<sup>17</sup> These were the early Āryans and the bulk of the Fourth Root Races — the former pious and meditative (*yo-ga*-contemplation), the latter — a fighting race of sorcerers, who were rapidly degenerating owing to their uncontrolled passions.

<sup>18</sup> *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 371 & fn.

<sup>19</sup> The Hyperboreans, now regarded as mythical, were described as the beloved priests and servants of the gods, and of Apollo chiefly. (Herodotus, *History*, IV, 33-35; Pausanias, *Itinerary*, Bk. I, xxxi, 2; Bk. V, vii, 8; Bk. X, v, 7-9).

<sup>20</sup> The Cyclopes are not the only “one-eyed” representatives in tradition. The Arimaspoi [Ἀριμασποὶ] were a Scythian people, and were also credited with but one eye. (J.B. Bourguignon d’Anville, *Géographie ancienne*, Vol. II, p. 321.) It is they whom Apollo destroyed with his shafts. (*See supra.*)

have been a profligate in the opinion of the pastoral Cyclopes.<sup>21</sup> His adventure with the latter — a savage gigantic race, the antithesis of cultured civilization in the *Odyssey* — is an allegorical record of the gradual passage from the Cyclopean civilization of stone and colossal buildings to the more sensual and physical culture of the Atlanteans, which finally caused the last of the Third Race to lose their all-penetrating *spiritual* eye. That other allegory, which makes Apollo kill the Cyclops to avenge the death of his son Asklēpios, does not refer to the three races represented by the three sons of Heaven and Earth, but to the Hyperborean Arimaspians Cyclopes, the last of the race endowed with the “Wisdom-eye.” The former have left relics of their buildings everywhere, in the south as much as in the north; the latter, were confined to the north solely. Thus Apollo — pre-eminently the god of the Seers, whose duty it is to punish desecration — killed them — his shafts representing human passions, fiery and lethal — and hid his shaft behind a mountain in the Hyperborean regions.<sup>22</sup> Cosmically and astronomically this Hyperborean god is the Sun personified, which during the course of the sidereal year (25,868 years) changes the climates on the earth’s surface, making of tropical, frigid regions, and *vice versa*. Psychically and spiritually his significance is far more important. As Gladstone pertinently remarks in his “Greater Gods of Olympos,” “the qualities of Apollo (jointly with Athenē) are “impossible to be accounted for without repairing to sources, which lie beyond the limit of the traditions most commonly explored for the elucidation of the Greek mythology.”<sup>23, 24</sup>



### Further reading

- “Born from the pores of the skin”
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<sup>21</sup> Ulysses was wrecked on the isle of *Ææa*, where *Circē* changed all his companions into pigs for *their voluptuousness*; and after that he was thrown into *Ogygia*, the island of *Calypsō*, where for some seven years he lived with the nymph in illicit connection. Now *Calypsō* was a daughter of *Atlas* (*Odyssey*, Bk. VII, 245), and all the traditional ancient versions, when speaking of the Isle of *Ogygia*, say that it was very distant from Greece, and right in the middle of the ocean: thus identifying it with *Atlantis*.

<sup>22</sup> Hyginus, *Political Astronomy*, Bk. II, ch. xv

<sup>23</sup> *Nineteenth Century*, Vol. XXII, July 1887, p. 92

<sup>24</sup> *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 769-70