

The human Race has been compared to a tree, and this serves admirably as an illustration.

The main stem of a tree may be compared to the Root-Race.

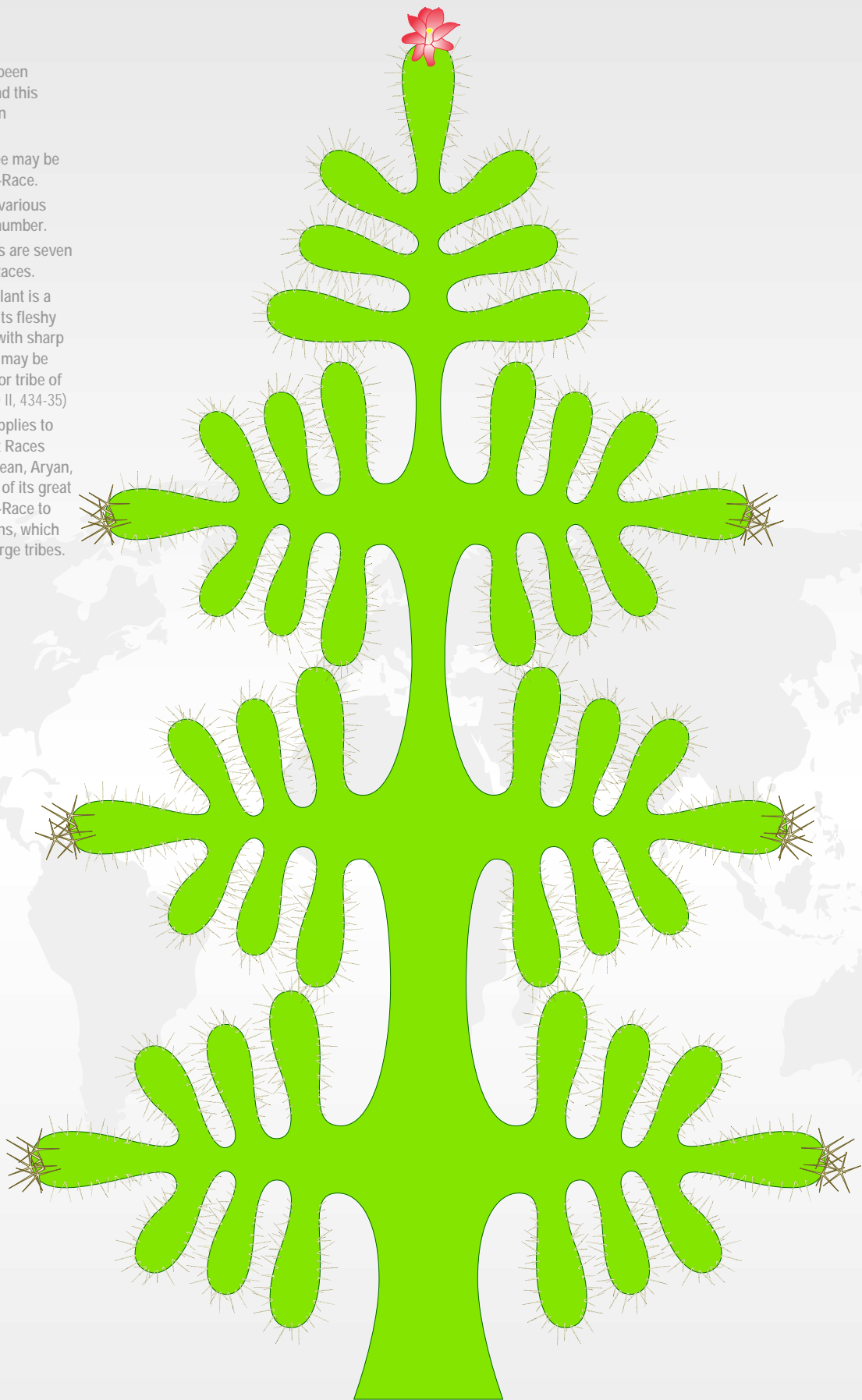
Its larger limbs to the various Sub-Races; seven in number.

On each of these limbs are seven Branches, or Family-Races.

After this the cactus-plant is a better illustration, for its fleshy "leaves" are covered with sharp spines, each of which may be compared to a nation or tribe of human beings. (Cf. SD II, 434-35)

The term Root-Race applies to one of the seven great Races [e.g., Lemurian, Atlantean, Aryan, etc.], sub-Race to one of its great Branches, and Family-Race to one of the sub-divisions, which include nations and large tribes. (SD II, 198 fn)

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Genealogical Tree of a typical Root-Race on Planet Earth, or Tree of Life and Knowledge Eternal. See Diagram 3 for the duration of each Race.

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