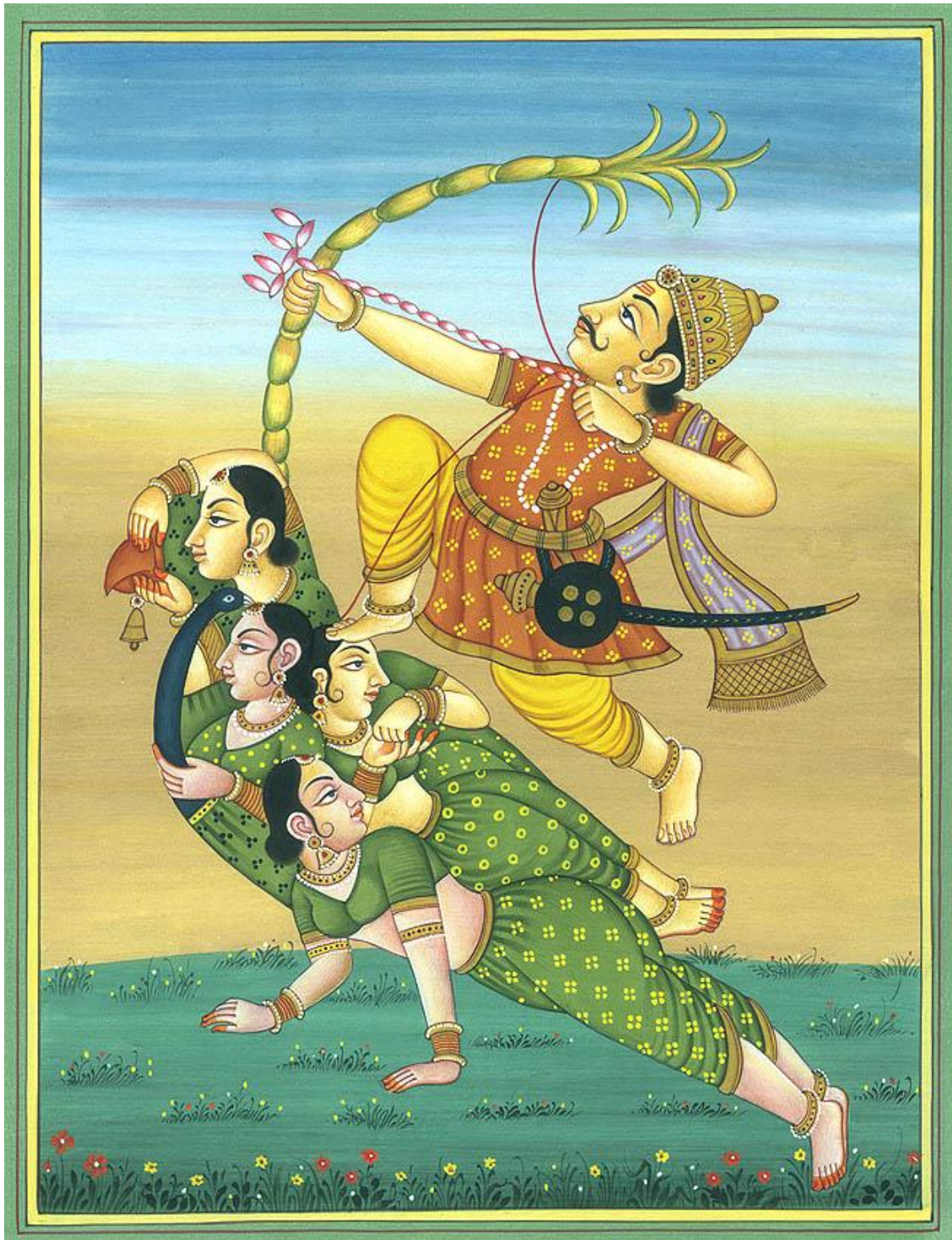


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There were Continents and Kings before Atlantis. 11

But while their pastoral brethren enjoyed wondrous powers as their birthright, Third Race men could obtain theirs only gradually. 12

Cataclysms mark the end of one race and the beginning of a new one

The Third Continent perished 700,000 years before the commencement of what is now called the Tertiary Age (Eocene). It was during this deluge that Vaivasvata Manu saved a portion of the Fourth and Fifth Races before the destruction of the last Atlanteans, the remnants of which perished 850,000 years ago. 13

The cataclysm that destroyed Lemuria was due to a series of subterranean convulsions and the breaking asunder of the ocean floors. That which put an end to its successor, Atlantis, was brought on by successive disturbances in the axial rotation of the Earth. The former was the result of periodical, geological law; the latter, the curse of Karma. 13

There were dolphins in the trees, disturbing the upper branches and stirring the oak-trees as they brush against them. Wolves swam among the sheep. The sea in unchecked freedom buried the hills, and fresh waves beat against the mountaintops. The waters washed away most living things, and those the sea spares, lacking food, were defeated by slow starvation. 14

Three yugas slowly passed away during the time of the Third Root-Race. 15

Our globe continues to be subject to periodical changes which go hand-in-hand with the races. 16

Duration of humanity in mortal years

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But the Elect of humanity have been already led to safety by their First Hierophant at the very close of the Second Race.	20
The achievements of humanity in arts, sciences, and philosophy from the early Third to the very end of the Fourth Race have been concealed by Enoch in the bowels of the Earth before the Deluge.	21
Euthanasia then symbolised the death of the physical body of an adept, who continues to live in his astral body here on earth for the benefit of all living men; not the painless suicide of today's common man.	21
Enoch stands for the first subrace of the Fifth Root-Race, and as a personification of the two preceding races.	22
He is also a symbol of man's dual nature: Solar and Spiritual, esoterically; Lunar and Material, exoterically.	22
His Book is a résumé of the main features of the history of the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Races.	23

The Third Eye first opened in the Third Race

Even today, the pineal gland, seat of the Third Eye, though withdrawn and atrophied, is far more connected with Soul and Spirit than with the physiological senses of man.	23
The two front eyes look before them without seeing either past or future. The third, embraces eternity.	24
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Each Cosmic Monad is a self-born Centre of Force, from within which emerges a planetary chain whose radiations become many self-born Manus, each the creator of His own humanity.	26
While we have the power to dispel the darkness of ignorance, we are also duty-bound to preserve Sacred Truth from profanation.	27
Man's spiritual soul has descended from a pure, luminous, incorporeal form to be chained to animal bodies.	28

Man was on earth in this round from the very beginning

Having passed through all the kingdoms of nature in the previous three rounds, his physical frame was ready to receive the Divine Pilgrim at the first dawn of human life, 18,000,000 years ago.	29
Having been nursed by Air or Wind, primordial man becomes perfect later on when, with the development of "Spiritual Fire" or Divine Spirit (noumenon of the "Three in One" within), he gradually acquires from his Inner Self or Instructor, the Wisdom of Self-Consciousness, which he does not possess in the beginning.	29
All creatures in the world have each a superior above, whose inner pleasure it is to emanate into them but cannot illumine them until the supreme but latent potentiality concealed in Matter is awakened by Spirit.	30
Only few men were destined to become incarnations of the Divine Rebels.	31

Consciousness evolves along triple lines, spiritual, psychic and physical

For the first 3½ Root-Races, the astral shadows of the Lunar Pitris build and gradually force the evolution of the physical form towards perfection, at the cost of a proportionate loss of Spirituality. Then after, it is the Higher Ego or Incarnating Principle, the Nous or Mind, that begins reigning over the animal ego if not dragged down by the latter. In other words, Spirituality is on its ascending arc, if not impeded by materiality or selfishness. Vice and wickedness are abnormal, unnatural manifestations at this period of our human evolution, at least they ought to be so. 32

Appendix D. The fall of Spirit into Matter and its primal division into self and not-self, altruism and egotism, man and woman

The allegory of the “fall” of man and the fire “stolen” by Prometheus is another version of proud Lucifer’s “rebellion.” 34

The sacred fire that Prometheus allegedly stole from Zeus is the flame of conscious intellect, the spark that animates Manas, our fifth principle, and makes us Thinking men; it is also the generating and sexual flame. 34

Now, since men had discovered the secret of creation and were creating in their turn and populating the earth, what was the use of god-creators? 35

The descent of man into matter is the downward arc of a Circle of Necessity, where his primordial spirituality becomes increasingly eclipsed by nascent mentality. 35

Ādi, and probably Adam, is the First Man or the “Third First Man,” one who belongs to the Third Race. 36

Man may be made out of stardust but not of clay

The idea that the human tabernacle is built by countless lives, just in the same way as the rocky crust of our Earth was, has nothing repulsive in it for the true mystic. 37

Every atom in the Universe is both life-giving to form when receiving the transmigrating soul, and death-giving when the latter’s hour has struck. It creates and kills. It is self-generating and self-destroying. 37

Man, from the First down to the Seventh Root-Race, is composed of one and the same company of actors, who have descended from higher spheres to perform their artistic tour on this, our Planet Earth. 39

If the student can understand how Spirit falls into Matter and the self-sacrifice of Cain and Abel, *i.e.*, the loss of spiritual potency of the Second Race that transformed Humanity into the physical men of the Third, he will also solve the riddle of the Divine Hermaphrodite. 40

Jehovah is merely a composite name for membrum virile and womb, and nothing more. In one sense Jehovah is Noah or, literally translated, the British Inch! 41



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Having been in all the so-called “Seven creations,” allegorizing the seven evolutionary changes, or the *sub-races*, we may call them, *of the First Root-Race of Mankind* — MAN was on earth in this Round from the beginning. Having passed through all the kingdoms of nature in the previous *three* Rounds,¹ his *physical* frame — one adapted to the thermal conditions of those early periods — was ready to receive the *divine Pilgrim* at the first dawn of human life, *i.e.*, 18,000,000 years ago.^{2, 3} It is only at the mid-point of the 3rd Root-Race that man was endowed with *Manas*. Once united, the *two* and then the *three* made one; for though the lower animals, from the amoeba to man, received *their* Monads, in which all the higher qualities are potential, all have to remain dormant till each reaches its human form, before which stage *Manas* (mind) has no development in them.⁴ In the animals every principle is paralysed, and in a foetus-like state, save the second (vital) and the third (the astral), and the rudiments of the fourth (*Kāma*, which is desire, instinct), whose intensity and development varies and changes with the species. To the materialist wedded to the Darwinian theory, this will read like a fairy-tale, a mystification; to the believer in the inner, spiritual man, the statement will have nothing unnatural in it.⁵

¹ “Follow the law of analogy” — the Masters teach *Ātma-Buddhi* is dual and *Manas* is triple; inasmuch as the former has two aspects, and the latter three, *i.e.*, as a principle *per se*, which gravitates, in its higher aspect, to *Ātma-Buddhi*, and follows, in its lower nature, *Kāma*, the seat of terrestrial and animal desires and passions. Now compare the evolution of the Races, the First and the Second of which are of the nature of *Ātma-Buddhi*, their passive Spiritual progeny, and the Third Root-Race shows three distinct divisions or aspects physiological and psychically: the earliest, sinless; the middle portions awakening to intelligence; and the third and last decidedly *animal*, *i.e.*, *Manas* succumbs to the temptations of *Kāma*.

² [Cf. “With regard to the prehuman period, all that can be said, at present, is, that even up to the appearance of the ‘Mindless’ First Race, the Earth was not without its inhabitants. More may be said: that which Science — recognizing *only physical man* — has a right to regard as the *prehuman* period, may be conceded to have extended from the First Race down to the first half of the Atlantean race, since it is only then that man became the ‘complete *organic* being he is now.’ And this would make *Adamic* man no older than a few million of years.” *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 315.]

³ [Cf. “The Occultists, having most perfect faith in their own exact records, astronomical and mathematical, calculate the age of Humanity, and assert that the latter (as separate sexes) has existed in this Round just 18,618,727 years, as the Brahmanical teachings and even some Hindu calendars declare.” *Secret Doctrine*, I p. 150 *fn.* N.B. *The Secret Doctrine* was published in 1888 — ED. PHIL.]

⁴ “Men are made *complete* only during their third, toward the fourth cycle [race]. They are made ‘gods’ for good and evil, and responsible only when the two arcs meet [after 3½ rounds towards the *fifth* Race]. They are made so by the *Nirmānakāya* [spiritual or astral remains] of the Rudra-Kumāras, ‘*cursed* to be reborn on earth again’; meaning — *doomed in their natural turn to reincarnation* in the higher ascending arc of the terrestrial cycle.” (*Commentary*, ix)

⁵ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 254-55

First Continent, Imperishable Sacred Land

Land of gods under their chiefs, the Spirits of Planet Earth,⁶ cradle of the First Root-Race, and dwelling of the last divine mortal.

It is proposed, then, to call the first continent, or rather the first *terra firma* on which the first Race was evolved by the divine progenitors:

I. "The Imperishable Sacred Land."⁷

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 the 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 *Śishta* 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 "polestar has its watchful eye upon it, from the dawn to the close of the twilight of 'a day'⁸ of the GREAT BREATH."^{9, 10}

Second Continent, 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. *Ἐγγυς γὰρ νυκτὸς τε καὶ ἡμέρας εἰσι κελευθοί*, says a verse in the *Odyssey*.¹¹

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.¹² It was a real Continent, a *bona fide* land which knew no winter in those early days, nor have

⁶ ["That which in the *Vendidad*, for instance, is referred to as Airyana-Vaējah, wherein was born the original Zoroaster, is called in the Purānic literature 'Śveta-Dvīpa,' 'Mount Meru,' the abode of Vishnu, etc., etc.; and in the Secret Doctrine is simply named the 'Land of the Gods' under their chiefs, the 'Spirits of this Planet.'" *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 6; on the archaic and esoteric names of the First Continent.]

⁷ [*Synonymous terms*: Mount Meru, Ādi-Varsha or Primordial Land, Śveta-Dvīpa or White Continent.]

⁸ [Day of Brahmā or a planetary manvantara.]

⁹ In India called "The Day of Brahmā."

¹⁰ *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 6

¹¹ X, 86. ["So near are the outgoings of the night and the day."]

¹² See K.H.W. Völcker, *Mythische Geographie der Griechen und Römer*, 1832, pp. 145-70.

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.¹³

Asia is the Root-Continent, as old as the Second Race, yet contemporary with man.¹⁴

. . . Northern Asia is as old as the Second Race. One may even say that Asia is contemporary with man, since from the very beginnings of human life its *root-continent*, so to speak, already existed; that part of the world now known as Asia being only cut off from it in a later age, and divided by the glacial waters.

If, then, the teaching is understood correctly, the first continent which came into existence capped over the whole North Pole like one unbroken crust, and remains so to this day, beyond that inland sea which seemed like an unreachable *mirage to the few* arctic travellers who perceived it.¹⁵

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Thus, if we are to believe esoteric teaching, there have been no more *universal* geological disturbances and changes for the last 120 millions of years, and the Earth was, even before that time, ready to receive her human stock. The appearance of the latter, however, in its full physical development, as already stated, took place only about eighteen millions of years ago, after the first great failure of nature to create beings alone, without the help of the divine “Fashioners,” had been followed by the successive evolution of the first three races.¹⁶ The actual duration of the first two and a half Races is withheld from all but the higher Initiates.¹⁷ The History of the Races begins at the separation of the Sexes, when the preceding egg-bearing androgynous

¹³ *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 7

¹⁴ [Cf. “The Aryan race was born and developed in the far north, though after the sinking of the continent of Atlantis its tribes emigrated further south into Asia. Hence Prometheus is son of Asia, and Deukalion, his son, the Greek Noah.” *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 768]

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, II p. 401

¹⁶ Cf. Stanzas III *et seq.*

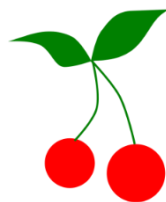
¹⁷ [Cf. “It may make our position plainer if we state at once that we use Sir C. Lyell’s nomenclature for the ages and periods, and that when we talk of the Secondary and Tertiary age, of the Eocene, Miocene and Pliocene periods — this is simply to make our facts more comprehensible. Since these ages and periods have not yet been allowed fixed and determined durations, 2½ and 15 million years being assigned at different times to one and the same age (the Tertiary); and since no two geologists and naturalists seem to agree on this point, Esoteric teachings may remain quite indifferent to whether man is shown to appear in the Secondary or the Tertiary age. If the latter age may be allowed even so much as 15 million years’ duration — well and good; for the Occult doctrine, jealously guarding its real and correct figures as far as concerns the First, Second, and two-thirds of the Third Root-Race, gives clear information upon one point only — the age of ‘Vaivasvata Manu’s humanity.’” *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 693. See Part I of the present Volume: “The Chronology of the Brahmans.” Also cf. “. . . the actual chronology of the First, Second, and Early Third Races being closely veiled by the Initiates. For all that can be said on the subject, the First Root-Race may have been Pre-Secondary, as is, indeed, taught.” *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 714 *fn.*; [drawing a parallel between the evolution of the early Mammalia and pre-mammalia that are shown to merge “from one kind into a higher one, anatomically,” and “the human races in their procreative processes.”]

race perished rapidly, and the subsequent sub-races of the Third Root-Race appeared as an entirely new race *physiologically*.¹⁸ It is this “destruction” which is called allegorically the great “Vaivasvata Manu Deluge,” when the account shows Vaivasvata Manu (or “Humanity”) remaining alone on Earth in the Ark of Salvation towed by Vishnu in the shape of a monstrous fish, and the Seven Rishis “with him.” The allegory is very plain:

In the Symbolism of every nation, “the “Deluge” stands for Chaotic unsettled matter — Chaos itself: and the Water for the feminine principle — the “Great Deep.” As the Greek Lexicon of Parkhurst gives it:

Archē [Ἀρχή] in this application answers to the Hebrew *Rāsit* or wisdom . . . a word which had the meaning of the emblem of the female generative power, the *Arg* or *Arca*, in which the germ of all nature [and of mankind] was supposed to float or brood on the great abyss [of the waters] during the interval which took place after every mundane [or racial] cycle.¹⁹

Archē [Ἀρχή] or Ark is also the mystic name of the divine spirit of *life* which broods over chaos. Now Vishnu is the divine Spirit, as an abstract principle, and also as the *Preserver* and *Generator*, or *Giver of life* — the third person of the Trimūrti (composed of Brahmā, the Creator, Śiva, the Destroyer, and Vishnu, the Preserver). Vishnu is shown in the allegory as guiding, under the form of *fish*, the Ark of Vaivasvata Manu clean across the waters of the Flood. There is no use in expatiating upon the esoteric meaning of the word *fish*.²⁰ Its theological meaning is phallic, but the metaphysical, *divine*. Jesus is called the “Fish,” and so were Vishnu and Bacchus: ΙΗΣ, the “Saviour” of mankind, being but the monogram of the god Bacchus called ΙΧΘΥΣ, the fish.²¹ As to the Seven Rishis in the Ark, they symbolised the seven principles, which became complete in man only after he had separated, and become a *human*, and no longer a divine creature.



¹⁸ [Cf. “As to the separation of sexes, it did not occur suddenly, as one may think. Nature proceeds slowly in whatever she does.” *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 201.]

¹⁹ John Parkhurst, *A Greek and English Lexicon to the New Testament*, 1769

²⁰ See Payne Knight, Inman, Gerald Massey, and others.

²¹ Says St. Augustin of Jesus: “For he is a *fish* that lives in the midst of waters.” Christians called themselves little fishes — *pisciculi* — in their sacred mysteries. “So many *fishes* bred in the water, and saved by one great *fish*,” says Tertullian [*On Bapt.*, i] of the Christians and Christ and the Church.

Third Continent, Lemuria

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The third Continent, we propose to call “Lemuria.” The name is an invention, or an idea, of 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.²³ 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. 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 infers “a connection with the Northern Continent during the Secondary period,” writes C. Gould.²⁴ The subject is treated at length elsewhere.^{25, 26}

And the cradle of the Third Root-Race.

No confusion need arise as regards the postulation of a Northern “Lemuria.” The prolongation of that great continent into the North Atlantic Ocean is in no way subversive of the opinions so widely held as to the site of the lost Atlantis, and one corroborates the other. It must be noted that the Lemuria, which served as the cradle of the Third Root-Race, not only embraced a vast area in the Pacific and Indian Oceans, but extended in the shape of a horse-shoe past Madagascar, round “South Africa” (then a mere fragment in process of formation), through the Atlantic up to Norway. The great *English fresh-water deposit called the Wealden — which every geologist regards as the mouth of a former great river — is the bed of the main stream which drained Northern Lemuria in the Secondary Age.* The former reality of this river is a fact of science — will its votaries acknowledge the necessity of accepting the Secondary-Age Northern Lemuria, which their data demand? Professor Berthold Seeman not only accepted the reality of such a mighty continent, but regarded *Australia and Europe as formerly portions of one continent — thus corroborating the whole “horse-shoe” doctrine already enunciated.* No more striking confirmation of our position

²² Philip Lutley Sclater (1829–1913), English lawyer and zoologist.

²³ Cf. “By a curious coincidence, when selecting a familiar name for the continent on which the first androgynes, the Third Root-Race, separated, the writer chose, on geographical considerations, that of ‘Lemuria,’ invented by P.L. Sclater. It is only later, that reading Haeckel’s *Pedigree of Man*, it was found that the German ‘Animalist’ had chosen the name for his late continent. He traces, properly enough, the centre of human evolution to ‘Lemuria,’ but with a slight scientific variation. Speaking of it as that ‘cradle of mankind,’ he pictures the gradual transformation of the anthropoid mammal into the primeval savage!!” *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 171

²⁴ *Mythical Monsters*, p. 47

²⁵ It is to be remarked, however, that Wallace does not accept Sclater’s idea, and even opposes it. Sclater supposes a land or continent formerly uniting Africa, Madagascar, and India (but not Australia and India); and A.R. Wallace shows, in his *Geographical Distribution of Animals* [pp. 59 ff.] and *Island Life*, that the hypothesis of such a land is quite uncalled for on the alleged zoological grounds. But he admits that a much closer proximity of India and Australia did certainly exist, and at a time so very remote that it was “certainly pre-Tertiary,” and he adds in a private letter that “no name has been given to this supposed land.” Yet the land did exist, and was of course *pre-Tertiary*, for “Lemuria” (accepting this name for the third Continent) had perished before Atlantis had fully developed; and the latter sunk and its chief portions had disappeared before the end of the Miocene period.

²⁶ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 7-8

could be given, than the fact that the ELEVATED RIDGE in the Atlantic basin, 9,000 feet in height, which runs for some two or three thousand miles southwards from a point near the British Isles, first slopes towards South America, then *shifts almost at right angles* to proceed in a SOUTH-EASTERLY line toward the African coast, whence it runs on southward to Tristan Da Cunha. This ridge is a remnant of an Atlantic continent, and, could it be traced further, would establish the reality of a submarine horseshoe junction with a former continent in the Indian Ocean.^{27, 28}

The Lemurians built huge cities of rare earths and metals. The oldest remains of Cyclopean buildings are the handwork of their last subraces.

Stanza XI.43. THEY (*the Lemurians*) BUILT HUGE CITIES. OF RARE EARTHS AND METALS THEY BUILT. OUT OF THE FIRES (*lava*) VOMITED. OUT OF THE WHITE STONE OF THE MOUNTAINS (*marble*) AND THE BLACK STONE (OF THE SUBTERRANEAN FIRES) THEY CUT THEIR OWN IMAGES, IN THEIR SIZE AND LIKENESS, AND WORSHIPPED THEM (a).

[The Lemurians were] . . . men and civilized nations, not Palæolithic savages only; who, under the guidance of their *divine* Rulers, built large cities, cultivated arts and sciences, and knew astronomy, architecture and mathematics to perfection. This primeval civilization did not, as one may think, immediately follow their physiological transformation. Between the final evolution and the first city built, many hundred thousands of years had passed. Yet, we find the Lemurians in their sixth sub-race building their first rock-cities out of stone and lava.²⁹ One of such great cities of primitive structure was built entirely of lava, some thirty miles west from where

²⁷ *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 333. Cf. the chart adapted from the *Challenger* and *Dolphin* soundings in I. Donnelly's, *Atlantis: The Antediluvian World*, p. 47.

²⁸ Note 16 by Boris de Zirkoff, *ibid.*, p. 803:

The early investigations conducted by American and British ships were considerably enlarged by similar research in the twentieth century. From maps recently published by the *National Geographic Magazine* (Washington, D.C.), it is evident that the globe-circling nature of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge system is readily apparent. A considerable number of articles and books support and confirm H.P.B.'s assertion of the existence of "a submarine horseshoe junction with a former continent in the Indian Ocean."

Consult the following issues of the *National Geographic Magazine*: September, 1948; November, 1949; January, 1973; May, 1975; and a Report entitled *Understanding the Mid-Atlantic Ridge* issued in 1972 by the Ocean Affairs Board, National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C. 20418.

²⁹ Our best modern novelists, who are neither Theosophists nor Spiritualists, begin to have, nevertheless, very psychological and suggestively Occult dreams: witness Robert Louis Stephenson and his *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, than which no grander psychological essay on Occult lines exists. Has the rising novelist, Rider Haggard, also had a prophetic or rather a retrospective clairvoyant dream before he wrote *She*? His imperial Kōr, the great city of the dead, whose surviving living men sailed northwards after the plague had killed almost a whole nation, seems to step out in its general outlines from the imperishable pages of the old archaic records. Ayesha suggests "that those men who sailed north may have been the fathers of the first Egyptians"; and then seems to attempt a synopsis of certain letters of a MASTER quoted in *Esoteric Buddhism*. For, she says,

"Time after time have nations, aye, and rich and strong nations, learned in the arts, been, and passed away to be forgotten, so that no memory of them remains. This [the nation of Kōr] is but one of several; for Time eats up the works of man unless, indeed, he digs in caves like the people of Kōr, and *then mayhap the sea swallows them, or the earthquake shakes them in*. . . . Yet were not these people utterly destroyed, as I think. Some few remained in the other cities, for their cities were many. But the barbarians . . . came down upon them, and took their women to wife, and the race of the Amahagger that is now is a bastard brood of the mighty sons of Kōr, and behold it dwelleth in the tombs with its fathers' bones." (ch. xvi.)

Here the clever novelist seems to repeat the history of all the now degraded and down-fallen races of humanity. The Geologists and Anthropologists would place at the head of humanity as descendants of *Homo primigenius* the ape-man, of which "NO FOSSIL REMAINS ARE AS YET KNOWN TO US," but (which) "were PROBABLY akin to *the gorilla and orang of the present day*." (Hæckel) In answer to whose "probably," occultists point to another and a greater probability — the one given in our text. (See above.)

Easter Island now stretches its narrow piece of sterile ground, and was entirely destroyed by a series of volcanic eruptions. The oldest remains of Cyclopean buildings were all the handwork of the Lemurians of the last sub-races; and an occultist shows, therefore, no wonder on learning, that the stone relics found by Captain Cook on the small piece of land called Easter Island, are “very much like the walls of the Temple of Pachacamac or the Ruins of Tiahuanaco in Peru,”³⁰ and that they are in the CYCLOPEAN STYLE. The first large cities, however, appeared on that region of the continent which is now known as the island of Madagascar. There were civilized people and savages in those days as there are now. Evolution achieved its work of perfection with the former, and Karma — its work of destruction on the latter. The Australians and their like are the descendants of those, who, instead of vivifying the spark dropped into them by the “Flames,” extinguished it by long generations of bestiality.³¹ The Āryan nations could trace their descent through the Atlanteans from the more spiritual races of the Lemurians, in whom the “Sons of Wisdom” had personally incarnated.^{32, 33}

There were Continents and Kings before Atlantis.

The fact that the Atlantes claimed Ouranos for their first king, and that Plato commences his story of Atlantis by the division of the great continent by Neptune, the grandson of Ouranos, shows that there were continents and kings before Atlantis. For Neptune, to whose lot that continent fell, finds on a small island only one human couple made of clay (*i.e.*, the first physical *human* man, whose origin began with the last sub-races of the Third Root-Race). It is their daughter Clito that the god marries, and it is his eldest son *Atlas* who receives for his part the mountain and the continent which was called by his name.³⁴

³⁰ Robert Brown, M.A., PH.D., *The Countries of the World*, Vol. IV, p. 43

³¹ See Stanza VII. This would account for the great difference and variation between the intellectual capacities of races, nations, and individual men. While incarnating, and in other cases only informing the human vehicles evolved by the first brainless (*mānasless*) race, the incarnating Powers and Principles had to make their choice between, and take into account, the past Karmas of the *Monads*, between which and their bodies they had to become the connecting link. Besides which, as correctly stated in *Esoteric Buddhism* (p. 30, 5th ed.), “the fifth principle, or human [intellectual] soul, in the majority of mankind is not even yet fully developed.”

³² It is said by Krishna, the *Logos* incarnate, in the *Bhagavad-Gītā*, “The seven great Rishis, the four preceding Manus, partaking of my nature, were born from my mind: from them sprang [emanated or was born] the human race and the world.” (Chapter X, verse 6)

Here, by the seven great Rishis, the seven great *rūpa* hierarchies or classes of Dhyāni-Chohans, are meant. Let us bear in mind that the *Saptarshi* (the seven Rishis) are the regents of the seven stars of the Great Bear, therefore, of the same nature as the angels of the planets, or the seven great Planetary Spirits. They were all reborn, all men on earth in various Kalpas and races. Moreover, “the four preceding Manus” are the four classes of the originally *arūpa* gods — the Kumāras, the Rudras, the Asuras, etc., who are also said to *have incarnated*. They are not the Prajāpatis, as the first are, but their informing principles — some of which have incarnated in men, while others have made other men simply the vehicles of their reflections. As Krishna truly says — the same words being repeated later by another *vehicle* of the LOGOS — “I am the same to all beings. . . . those who worship me [the 6th principle or the intellectual *divine* Soul, *Buddhi*, made conscious by its union with the higher faculties of *Manas*] are in me, and I am in them.” (*Ibid.*, 29.) The Logos, being no personality but the universal principle, is represented by all the divine Powers *born of its mind* — the pure Flames, or, as they are called in Occultism, the “Intellectual Breaths” — those angels who are said to *have made themselves independent*, *i.e.*, passed from the passive and quiescent, into the active state of Self-Consciousness. When this is recognised, the true meaning of Krishna becomes comprehensible. But see Subba Row’s excellent lecture on the *Bhagavad-Gītā* (*The Theosophist*, April 1887, p. 444).

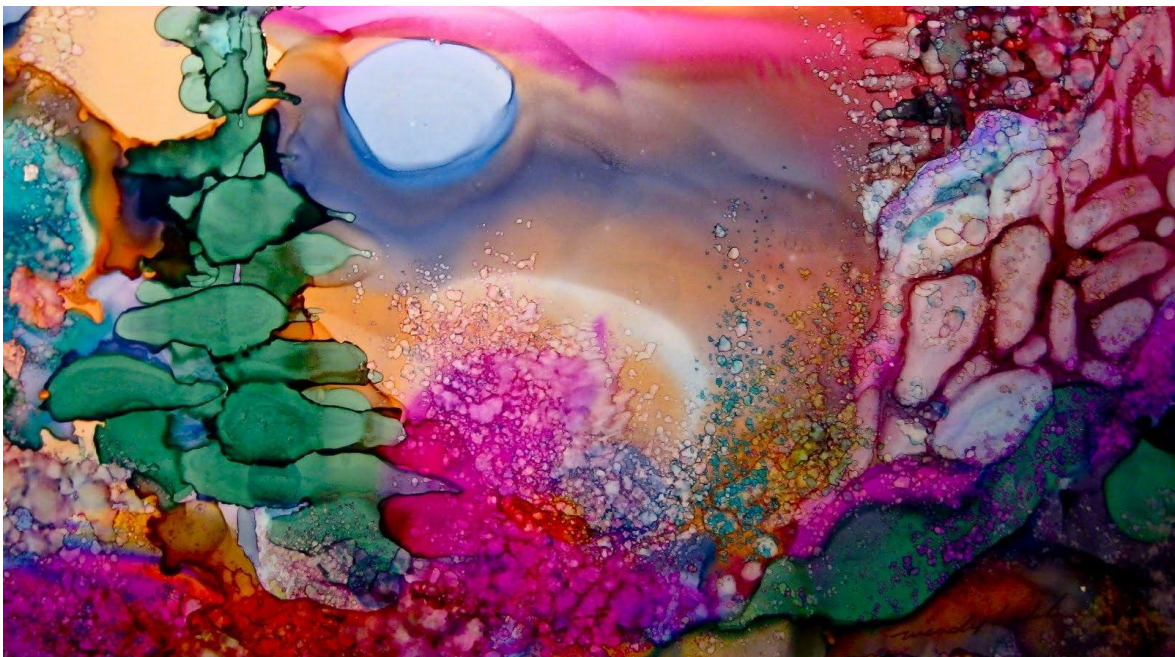
³³ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 317-18

³⁴ *Ibid.*, II p. 765

But while their pastoral brethren enjoyed wondrous powers as their birthright, Third Race men could obtain theirs only gradually.

It is with the advent of the divine Dynasties that the first civilizations were started. And while, in some regions of the Earth, a portion of mankind preferred leading a nomadic and patriarchal life, and in others savage man was hardly learning to build a fire and to protect himself against the Elements, his brothers — more favoured than he by their *Karma*, and helped by the divine intelligence which informed them — built cities, and cultivated arts and sciences. Nevertheless, and civilization notwithstanding, while their pastoral brethren enjoyed wondrous powers as their birthright, they, the builders, could now obtain theirs only gradually; even these being generally used for power over physical nature and selfish and unholy purposes. Civilization has ever developed the physical and the intellectual at the cost of the psychic and spiritual. The command and the guidance over his own psychic nature, which foolish men now associate with the supernatural, were with early Humanity innate and congenital, and came to man as naturally as walking and thinking. “There is no such thing as magic” philosophises *She*, the author forgetting that “magic” in her early day still meant the great SCIENCE of WISDOM, and that Ayesha could not possibly know anything of the modern perversion of thought — “though there is such a thing as knowledge of the Secrets of Nature.”³⁵ But they have become “secrets” only in our race, and were public property with the Third.

Gradually, mankind went down in stature, for, even before the real advent of the Fourth or Atlantean race, the majority of mankind had fallen into iniquity and sin, save the hierarchy of the “Elect,” the followers and disciples of the “Sons of Will and Yoga” — called later the “Sons of the Fire Mist.”³⁶



³⁵ [Rider Haggard, *She*, p. 152.]

³⁶ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 318-19

Cataclysms mark the end of one race and the beginning of a new one

As we are assured by Archaic Scientists that all such geological cataclysms — from the upheaval of oceans, deluges, and shifting of continents, down to the present year's cyclones, hurricanes, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tidal waves, and even the extraordinary weather and seeming shifting of seasons which perplexes all European and American meteorologists — are due to, and depend on the moon and planets; aye, that even modest and neglected constellations have the greatest influence on the meteorological and cosmical changes, over, and within our earth, let us give one moment's attention to our sidereal despots and rulers of our globe and men. Modern Science denies any such influence; archaic Science affirms it.³⁷

The Third Continent perished 700,000 years before the commencement of what is now called the Tertiary Age (Eocene). It was during this deluge that Vaivasvata Manu saved a portion of the Fourth and Fifth Races before the destruction of the last Atlanteans, the remnants of which perished 850,000 years ago.

Nor have we many details about the submersion of the continent inhabited by the Second Root-Race. But the history of the Third, "Lemuria," is given, as is that of Atlantis, the others being only alluded to. Lemuria is said to have perished about 700,000 years before the commencement of what is now called the Tertiary age (the Eocene),³⁸ and it is during this Deluge also — an actual geological deluge this time — that Vaivasvata Manu is again shown as saving mankind (allegorically it is mankind, or a portion of it, the Fourth Race, which is saved); so also he saves the Fifth Race during the destruction of the last Atlanteans, the remnants that perished 850,000 years ago,³⁹ after which there was no great submersion until the day of Plato's Atlantis, or Poseidonis, known to the Egyptians only because it happened in such relatively recent times.

The cataclysm that destroyed Lemuria was due to a series of subterranean convulsions and the breaking asunder of the ocean floors. That which put an end to its successor, Atlantis, was brought on by successive disturbances in the axial rotation of the Earth. The former was the result of periodical, geological law; the latter, the curse of Karma.

It is the submersion of the great Atlantis which is the most interesting. It is of this cataclysm that the old records⁴⁰ say that "the ends of the Earth got loose"; and upon which the legends and allegories of Vaivasvata, Xisuthrus, Noah, Deukalion and all the *tutti quanti* of the Elect saved, have been built. Tradition, taking into no account the difference between sidereal and geological phenomena, calls both indifferently

³⁷ *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 699

³⁸ *Esoteric Buddhism*, p. 65 [p. 106 in 6th ed.]

³⁹ This event, the destruction of the famous island of *Ruta* and the smaller one *Daitya*, which occurred 850,000 years ago in the later Pliocene times, must not be confounded with the submersion of the main continent of Atlantis during the Miocene period. Geologists cannot place the Miocene only so short a way back as 850,000 years; whatever they do, it is several million years ago that the main Atlantis perished.

⁴⁰ See the *Book of Enoch*, Sect. II, ch. lxx, 3.

“deluges.” Yet there is a great difference. The cataclysm which destroyed the huge continent of which Australia is the largest relic, was due to a series of subterranean convulsions and the breaking asunder of the ocean floors. That which put an end to its successor — the fourth continent — was brought on by successive disturbances in the axial rotation. It began during the earliest tertiary periods, and, continuing for long ages, carried away successively the last vestige of Atlantis, with the exception, perhaps, of Ceylon and a small portion of what is now Africa. It changed the face of the globe, and no memory of its flourishing continents and isles, of its civilizations and sciences, remained in the annals of history, save in the Sacred records of the East.⁴¹

There were dolphins in the trees, disturbing the upper branches and stirring the oak-trees as they brush against them. Wolves swam among the sheep. The sea in unchecked freedom buried the hills, and fresh waves beat against the mountaintops. The waters washed away most living things, and those the sea spares, lacking food, were defeated by slow starvation.

The sinking and transformation of Lemuria beginning nearly at the Arctic Circle (Norway), the Third Race ended its career in Lankā, or rather on that which became Lankā with the Atlanteans. The small remnant now known as Ceylon is the Northern highland of ancient Lankā, while the enormous island of that name was, in the Lemurian period, the gigantic continent described a few pages back. As a MASTER says:

“Why should not your geologists bear in mind that under the continents explored and fathomed by them . . . there may be hidden, deep in the fathomless, or rather unfathomed ocean beds, other and far older continents whose strata have never been geologically explored; and that they may some day upset entirely their present theories? Why not admit that our present continents have, like Lemuria and Atlantis, been several times already submerged, and had the time to reappear again and bear their new groups of mankind and civilisations; and that at the first great geological upheaval at the next cataclysm, in the series of periodical cataclysms that occur from the beginning to the end of every Round, our already autopsized continents will go down. and the Lemurias and Atlantises come up again?”⁴²

Not the *same* identical continents, of course.⁴³

From Ovid's *Metamorphoses*

Jupiter's anger is not satisfied with only his own aerial waters: his brother the sea-god helps him, with the ocean waves. He calls the rivers to council, and when they have entered their ruler's house, says “Now is not the time for long speeches! Exert all your strength. That is what is needed. Throw open your doors, drain the dams, and loose the reins of all your streams!” Those are his commands. The rivers return and uncurb their fountains' mouths, and race an unbridled course to the sea.

⁴¹ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 312-14

⁴² *Esoteric Buddhism*, p. 65 (p. 107, 6th ed.).

⁴³ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 332-33

Neptune himself strikes the ground with his trident, so that it trembles, and with that blow opens up channels for the waters. Overflowing, the rivers rush across the open plains, sweeping away at the same time not just orchards, flocks, houses and human beings, but sacred temples and their contents. Any building that has stood firm, surviving the great disaster undamaged, still has its roof drowned by the highest waves, and its towers buried below the flood. And now the land and sea are not distinct, all is the sea, the sea without a shore.⁴⁴

There one man escapes to a hilltop, while another seated in his rowing boat pulls the oars over places where lately he was ploughing. One man sails over his cornfields or over the roof of his drowned farmhouse, while another man fishes in the topmost branches of an elm. Sometimes, by chance, an anchor embeds itself in a green meadow, or the curved boats graze the tops of vineyards. Where lately lean goats browsed shapeless seals play. The Nereids are astonished to see woodlands, houses and whole towns under the water. There are dolphins in the trees: disturbing the upper branches and stirring the oak-trees as they brush against them. Wolves swim among the sheep, and the waves carry tigers and tawny lions. The boar has no use for his powerful tusks, the deer for its quick legs, both are swept away together, and the circling bird, after a long search for a place to land, falls on tired wings into the water. The sea in unchecked freedom has buried the hills, and fresh waves beat against the mountaintops. The waters wash away most living things, and those the sea spares, lacking food, are defeated by slow starvation.⁴⁵

Three yugas slowly passed away during the time of the Third Root-Race.

According to the Occult teaching, three yugas passed away during the time of the Third Root-Race, *i.e.*, the Satya, the Tretā, and the Dvāpara-yuga, answering to the golden age of its early innocence: to the silver — when it reached its maturity: and to the Bronze age, when, separating into sexes, they became the mighty demi-gods of old.⁴⁶

Happily for the human race the “Elect Race” had already become the vehicle of incarnation of the (intellectually and spiritually) highest Dhyānis before Humanity had become quite material. When the last sub-races — save some lowest — of the Third Race had perished with the great Lemurian Continent, “the seeds of *the Trinity of Wisdom*” had already acquired the secret of immortality on Earth, that gift which allows the same great personality to step *ad libitum* from one worn-out body into another.⁴⁷

⁴⁴ Ovid: *Metamorphoses*, Bk. I, 274-92; (tr. Kline)

⁴⁵ *Ibid.*, Bk. I, 293-312

⁴⁶ *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 520 *fn.*; [on Melia, the personification of the ash tree, whence Hesiod says race of the age of Bronze had issued.]

⁴⁷ *Ibid.*, II p. 276

Our globe continues to be subject to periodical changes which go hand-in-hand with the races.

. . . in the same way that the evolution of the First Race (from the bodies of the *pit-taras*) took place on seven distinctly separated regions of the (then) only Earth at the arctic pole — so did the ultimate transformation of the Third occur: it began in those northern regions, which have just been described a few pages back as including Bering's Straits, and what there then was of dry land in Central Asia, when the climate was semi-tropical even in the Arctic regions and most adapted to the primitive wants of nascent physical man. That region, however, has been more than once frigid and tropical in turn since the appearance of man. The *Commentary* tells us that the Third Race was only about the middle point of its development when:

“The axle of the Wheel tilted. The Sun and Moon shone no longer over the heads of that portion of the SWEAT-BORN; people knew snow, ice, and frost, and men, plants, and animals were dwarfed in their growth. Those that did not perish REMAINED AS HALF-GROWN BABES⁴⁸ IN SIZE AND INTELLECT. This was the third pralaya of the races.⁴⁹”

Which means again, that our globe is subject to seven periodical *entire* changes which go *pari passu* with the races. For the Secret Doctrine teaches that, during this Round, there must be seven terrestrial *pralayas*, three occasioned by the change in the inclination of the earth's axis. It is a *law* which acts at its appointed time, and not at all blindly, as science may think, but in strict accordance and harmony with *Karmic* law. In Occultism this inexorable law is referred to as “the great ADJUSTER.” Science confesses its ignorance of the cause producing climatic vicissitudes and such changes in the axial direction, which are always followed by these vicissitudes; nor does it seem so sure of the axial changes. And being unable to account for them, it is prepared rather to deny the axial phenomena altogether, than admit the intelligent *Karmic* hand and law which alone could reasonably explain such sudden changes and their results. It has tried to account for them by various more or less fantastic speculations; one of which would be the sudden, and as imaginary, collision of our earth with a comet (De Boucheporn's hypothesis), as the cause of all the geological revolutions. But we prefer holding to our esoteric explanation, since FOHAT is as good as any comet, having, in addition, universal intelligence to guide him.

Thus, since Vaivasvata Manu's Humanity appeared on this Earth, there have already been four such axial disturbances; when the old continents — save the first one — were sucked in by the oceans, other lands appeared, and huge mountain chains arose where there had been none before! The face of the Globe was completely changed each time; the *survival of the fittest* nations and races was secured through timely help; and the unfit ones — the failures — were disposed of by being swept off the earth. Such sorting and shifting does not happen between sunset and sunrise, as one may think, but requires several thousands of years before the new house is set in order.

⁴⁸ “Half-grown babes” in comparison with their giant Brethren on other zones. So would we now [were that to happen to us].

⁴⁹ Relates to Lemuria.

The *Sub-races* are subject to the same cleansing process, as also the side-branchlets (the family-Races).⁵⁰



The Deluge, detail, (1508-9) Buonarroti Michelangelo, Cappella Sistina, Vatican

⁵⁰ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 329-30

Duration of humanity in mortal years

[The bulk of present day humanity is scattered on the face of Planet D, our beautiful Earth, as the Fifth Root-Race in its Fourth Round.]

Duration of each Planetary Round in this Minor Manvantara

Round 1	154,285,714
Round 2	308,571,428
Round 3	462,857,142
Round 4	617,142,856
Round 5	771,428,570
Round 6	925,714,284
Round 7	1,079,999,998
Total	4,319,999,992 years ⁵¹

Duration of humanity in this Round, on each Planet

Planet A	11,020,408
Planet B	22,040,816
Planet C	33,061,224
Planet D	44,081,632
Planet E	55,102,040
Planet F	66,122,448
Planet G	77,142,856
Total	308,571,414 years ⁵²

Duration of human life-waves in this Round, on Planet Earth

Root-Race 1	1,574,344
Root-Race 2	3,148,688
Root-Race 3	4,723,032
Root-Race 4	6,297,376
Root-Race 5	7,871,720
Root-Race 6	9,446,064
Root-Race 7	11,020,408
Total	44,081,632 years ⁵³

⁵¹ It will be obvious that for the purpose of having round numbers, we have, in our calculations, omitted fractions. Thus on the whole “day of Brahmā” we have left off a period of eight years. It should also be noted that each “Round” period in the above table signifies both the period of planetary Activity and interplanetary Rest.

⁵² For the sake of having round numbers, we are again obliged to leave off fractions and hence there is a slight difference. This figure when doubled, will give 28 years less than the 4th Round period mentioned above. Here in the period of activity we have a difference of only fourteen years.

⁵³ Cf. *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (CYCLES, MANVANTARAS, AND ROUNDS) XIII pp. 303, 304; [full text in the Appendices to “Planetary Rounds of the Divine Monad” in our Planetary Rounds and Globes Series.]

Appendix B.

Enoch-Enoïchion, Inner Eye and Voice

Synonymous terms:

Cyclopean Eye, Deva Eye (Devāksha), Dhyāni-Chohans (generic name for the creative powers of the Hierarchy of Compassion), Eye of Dangma of the stanzas of Dzyan, Eye of Śiva, Hanoch or Hermes (son of Seth and generic name of early seers), Initiator's Instructor, Inner Eye or Seer,⁵⁴ Seth or Agathodaimōn (progenitor of the Third Race), Voice of the Silence.

While Buddhi is wedded to Ātman, man's spiritual energy remains dormant. If galvanized by the essence of Manas, Buddhi awakens and becomes an active, irresistible centre of spiritual force and guidance.

— ED. PHIL.

The prophecies of Enoch extend to the end of our present race but are not his own, they were given by a great Seer.

The prophecies of the *Book of Enoch* are indeed prophetic, but they were intended for, and cover the records of, the five Races out of the seven — everything relating to the last two being kept secret. Thus the remark made by the Editor of the English translation, that:

Chapter xcii records a series of prophecies extending from Enoch's own time to about one thousand years beyond the present generation,⁵⁵

is faulty. The prophecies extend to the end of our present Race, not merely to a "thousand years" hence. Very true that:

In the system of [Christian] chronology adopted, a day stands [occasionally] for hundred, and a week for seven hundred years.⁵⁶

But this is an arbitrary and fanciful system adopted by Christians to make Biblical chronology fit with facts or theories, and does not represent the original thought. The "days" stand for the undetermined periods of the Side-Races, and the "weeks" for the Sub-Races, the Root-Races being referred to by an expression that is not even found in the English translation. Moreover the sentence at the bottom of page 150:

Subsequently, in the fourth week . . . the visions of the holy and the righteous shall be seen, the order of generation after generation *shall take place*,⁵⁷

is quite wrong. It stands in the original: "the order of generation after generation had taken place on the earth," etc.; that is, after the first human race procreated in the truly human way had sprung up in the Third Root-Races; a change which entirely alters the meaning. Then all that is given in the translation — as very likely also in

⁵⁴ Cf. "In India it is called 'The Eye of Śiva,' but beyond the great range it is known as 'Dangma's opened eye' in esoteric phraseology. . . . Dangma means a purified soul, one who has become a Jivanmukta, the highest adept, or rather a Mahātma so-called. His 'opened eye' is the inner spiritual eye of the seer, and the faculty which manifests through it is not clairvoyance as ordinarily understood, *i.e.*, the power of seeing at a distance, but rather the faculty of spiritual intuition, through which direct and certain knowledge is obtainable. This faculty is intimately connected with the 'third eye,' which mythological tradition ascribes to certain races of men." *Secret Doctrine*, I p. 46 *fn*s.

⁵⁵ *Op. cit.*, p. xxiii

⁵⁶ *Loc. cit.*

⁵⁷ Chapter xcii, 9

the Ethiopic text, since the copies have been sorely tampered with — as about things which were to happen in the future, is, we are informed, in the past tense in the original Chaldaean MSS., and is not prophecy, but a narrative of what had already come to pass. When Enoch begins “to speak from a book”⁵⁸ he is reading the account given by a great Seer, and the prophecies are not his own, but are from the Seer. Enoch or Enoïchion means “internal eye” or Seer. Thus every Prophet and Adept may be called “Enoïchion,” without becoming a pseudo-Enoch. But here, the Seer who compiled the present *Book of Enoch* is distinctly shown as reading out from a book:

The First Root-Race came to an end during the second subrace of the Third.

. . . I have been born the seventh in the first week [the seventh branch, or Side-Race, of the first Sub-Race, after physical generation had begun, namely, in the third Root-Race] . . . But after me, in the second week [second Sub-Race], great wickedness shall arise [arose, rather] . . . in that week the end of the first shall take place, in which mankind shall be safe. But when the first is completed, iniquity shall grow up . . .⁵⁹

As translated it has no sense. As it stands in the Esoteric text, it simply means that the First Root-Race shall come to an end during the second Sub-Race of the Third Root-Race, in the period of which time mankind will be safe; all this having no reference whatever to the biblical Deluge. Verse 10th speaks of the sixth week [sixth Sub-Race of the Third Root-Race] when

. . . all those who are in it shall be darkened, the hearts of all of them shall be forgetful of wisdom [the divine knowledge will be dying out], and in it shall a man ascend.

But the Elect of humanity have been already led to safety by their First Hierophant at the very close of the Second Race.

This “man” is taken by the interpreters, for some mysterious reasons of their own, to mean Nebuchadnezzar; he is in reality the first Hierophant of the purely human Race (after the allegorical Fall into generation) selected to perpetuate the dying Wisdom of the Devas (Angels or Elōhīm). He is the first “Son of Man” — the mysterious appellation given to the divine Initiates of the first human school of the Mānushis (men), at the very close of the Third Root-Race. He is also called the “Saviour,” as it was He, with the other Hierophants, who saved the Elect and the Perfect from the geological conflagration, leaving to perish in the cataclysm of the Close⁶⁰ those who forgot the primeval wisdom in sexual sensuality.

And during its completion [of the “sixth week,” or the sixth Sub-Race] he shall burn the house of dominion [the half of the globe or the then inhabited continent] with fire, and all the race of the elect root shall be dispersed.⁶¹

⁵⁸ *Op. cit.*, xcii, 4

⁵⁹ *Op. cit.*, ch. xcii, 4-7

⁶⁰ At the close of every Root-Race there comes a cataclysm, in turn by fire or water. Immediately after the “Fall into generation” the dross of the third Root-Race — those who fell into sensuality by falling off from the teaching of the Divine Instructors — were destroyed, after which the Fourth Root-Race originated, at the end of which took place the last Deluge. (See the “Sons of God” mentioned in *Isis Unveiled*, Vol. I, pp. 593 *et seq.*)

⁶¹ *Op. cit.*, ch. xcii, 11

The above applies to the Elect Initiates, and not at all to the Jews, the supposed chosen people, or to the Babylonian captivity, as interpreted by the Christian theologians. Considering that we find Enoch, or his perpetuator, mentioning the execution of the “decree upon sinners” in several different weeks,⁶² saying that “every work of the ungodly shall disappear from the whole earth” during this fourth time (the Fourth Race), it surely can hardly apply to the one solitary Deluge of the *Bible*, still less to the Captivity.⁶³

The achievements of humanity in arts, sciences, and philosophy from the early Third to the very end of the Fourth Race have been concealed by Enoch in the bowels of the Earth before the Deluge.

The Secret Doctrine teaches us that the arts, sciences, theology, and especially the philosophy of every nation which preceded the last *universally known*, but not universal Deluge, had been recorded ideographically from the primitive oral records of the Fourth Race, and that these were the inheritance of the latter from the early Third Root-Race before the allegorical Fall. Hence, also, the Egyptian pillars, the tablets, and even the “white Oriental porphyry stone” of the Masonic legend — which Enoch, fearing that the real and precious secrets would be lost, concealed before the Deluge in the bowels of the Earth — were simply the more or less symbolical and allegorical copies from the primitive Records. The *Book of Enoch* is one of such copies and is a Chaldean, now very incomplete compendium. As already said, *Enoichion* means in Greek the “inner eye,” or the Seer;⁶⁴ in Hebrew, and with the *help of Masoretic* points it means the initiator and instructor, אֵנוֹחַ. It is a generic title; besides which his legend is that of several other prophets, Jewish and heathen, with changes of made-up details, the root-form being the same. Elijah is also taken up into Heaven *alive*; and the astrologer, at the court of Izdubar, the Chaldean *Hea-bani*, is likewise raised to heaven by the god Hea, who was *his* patron, as Jehovah was of Elijah [Hebrew], (whose name means in Hebrew “God-Yāh,” “God is Jehovah”), and again of *Eliyahu*, [Hebrew], which has the same meaning.

Euthanasia then symbolised the death of the physical body of an adept, who continues to live in his astral body here on earth for the benefit of all living men; not the painless suicide of today’s common man.

This kind of easy death, or *euthanasia*, has an esoteric meaning. It symbolises the death of any adept who has reached the power and degree, as also the purification, which enable him to die only in the physical body and *still live and lead a conscious life* in his astral body. The variations on this theme are endless, but the secret meaning is ever the same. The Pauline expression “that he should not see death” — *ut non videret mortem*⁶⁵ — has thus an esoteric meaning, but nothing *supernatural* in it.

⁶² *Op. cit.*, ch. xcii, 7, 11, 13, 15

⁶³ *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (THE BOOK OF ENOCH, THE ORIGIN AND THE FOUNDATION OF CHRISTIANITY) XIV pp. 80-82

⁶⁴ [Cf. “The possession of a physical *third* eye, we are told, was enjoyed by the men of the Third Root-Race down to nearly the middle period of Third SUB-race of the Fourth Root-Race, when the consolidation and perfection of the human frame made it disappear from the outward anatomy of man. Psychically and spiritually, however, its mental and visual perceptions lasted till nearly the end of the Fourth Race, when its functions, owing to the materiality and depraved condition of mankind, died out altogether before the submersion of the bulk of the Atlantean continent.” *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 306.]

⁶⁵ *Hebrews* xi, 5

The mangled interpretation given of some Biblical hints to the effect that Enoch, “whose years will equal those of the world,” (of the *Solar* year, 365 days), will share with Christ and the prophet Elijah the honours and bliss of the last advent and of the destruction of Antichrist — signify, *esoterically*, that some of the great adepts will return in the Seventh Race, when all error will be made away with, and the advent of TRUTH will be heralded by those *Śishtas*, the holy “Sons of Light.”⁶⁶

Enoch stands for the first subrace of the Fifth Root-Race, and as a personification of the two preceding races.

Esoterically, Enoch is the “Son of man,” the first; and symbolically, the first Sub-Race of the *Fifth* Root-Race.⁶⁷ And if his name yields for purposes of numerical and astronomical glyphs the meaning of the solar year, or 365, in conformity to the age assigned to him in *Genesis*, it is because, being the seventh, he is, for Occult purposes, the personified period of the two preceding Races with their fourteen Sub-Races. Therefore, he is shown in the Book as the great grandfather of Noah who, in his turn, is the personification of the mankind of the Fifth, struggling with that of the Fourth Root-Race—the great period of the revealed and profaned Mysteries, when the “sons of God” coming down on Earth took for wives the daughters of men, and taught them the secrets of the Angels; in other words, when the “mind-born” men of the Third Race mixed themselves with those of the Fourth, and the divine Science was gradually brought down by men to Sorcery.⁶⁸

He is also a symbol of man’s dual nature: Solar and Spiritual, esoterically; Lunar and Material, exoterically.

Interpreted with the help of merely the symbolical key, Enoch is the type of the dual nature of man — spiritual and physical. Hence he occupies the centre of the astronomical cross (given by Éliphas Lévi from a secret work), which is a six-pointed star, “the Adonāi.” In the upper triangle is the Eagle; in the left lower triangle stands the bull; in the right, the lion: while between the bull and the lion, over them and under the eagle, is the face of Enoch or man.⁶⁹ Now the figures on the upper triangle represent the Four Races, leaving out the first — the *Chhâyās* or Shadows — and the “Son of Man,” *Enos* or *Enoch*, is in the centre, because he stands between the two (the Fourth and the Fifth) Races, as he represents the Secret Wisdom of both. These are the four animals of *Ezekiel* and of *Revelation*. The double triangle, however, which faces it on page 453, in Vol. II of *Isis Unveiled* — the Hindu *Ardhanārī* — is by far the best. For there, only the three (for us) historical races are symbolized; the third, the androgynous, by *Ardhanārī*; the fourth, symbolized by the strong, powerful lion; and the fifth — the *Āryan* — by that which is its most sacred symbol to this day, the bull (and the cow).

⁶⁶ *Secret Doctrine*, II, § XXI, pp. 540-31

⁶⁷ In the *Bible* [*Genesis* iv and v] there are three distinct Enochs [Hanōkh] — the son of Cain, the son of Seth, and the son of Jared; but they are all identical, and two of them are mentioned for the purposes of misleading. The years of only the last two are given, the first one being left without further notice.

⁶⁸ *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (THE BOOK OF ENOCH, THE ORIGIN AND THE FOUNDATION OF CHRISTIANITY) XIV p. 86

⁶⁹ See the illustrative diagram in *Isis Unveiled*, Vol. II, p. 452.

A man of great erudition — a French savant — Silvestre de Sacy, finds several most singular statements in the *Book of Enoch*, “worthy of the most serious examination,” he says. For instance, “the author [Enoch] makes the solar year consist of 364 days, and seems to know periods of three, of five, and of eight years, followed by *four* supplementary days, which, in his system, appear to be those of the equinoxes and solstices.” To which he adds, later on, “I see but one means to palliate them [these “absurdities”]; it is to suppose that the author expounds some *fanciful* system which *may have existed* BEFORE THE ORDER OF NATURE HAD BEEN ALTERED AT THE PERIOD OF THE UNIVERSAL DELUGE.”^{70, 71}

His Book is a résumé of the main features of the history of the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Races.

The *Book of Enoch*, in short, is a *résumé*, a compound of the main features of the History of the Third, Fourth and Fifth Races; a very few prophecies from the present age of the world; a long retrospective, introspective and prophetic summary of universal and quite *historical* events — geological, ethnological, astronomical, and psychic — with a touch of theogony out of the antediluvian records. The Book of this mysterious personage is referred to and quoted copiously in the *Pistis Sophia*, and also in the *Zohar* and its most ancient *Midrashim*. Origen and Clement of Alexandria held it in the highest esteem.⁷² To say, therefore, that it is a post-Christian forgery is to utter an absurdity and to become guilty of an anachronism, since Origen, among others, lived in the second century of the Christian era, yet he mentions it as an ancient and venerable work. The secret and sacred name and its potency are well and clearly though allegorically described in the old volume. From the eighteenth to the fiftieth chapter, the Visions of Enoch are all descriptive of the Mysteries of Initiation, one of which is the Burning Valley of the “Fallen Angels.”⁷³

The Third Eye first opened in the Third Race

Even today, the pineal gland, seat of the Third Eye, though withdrawn and atrophied, is far more connected with Soul and Spirit than with the physiological senses of man.

Had the leading Scientists a glimmer of the *real* processes employed by the Evolutionary Impulse, and the winding *cyclic* course of this great law, they would *know* instead of conjecturing; and feel as certain of the future physical transformations of the human kind by the knowledge of its past forms. Then, would they see the fallacy and all the absurdity of their modern “blind-force” and mechanical processes of nature; realizing, in consequence of such knowledge, that the said pineal gland, for instance, could not but be disabled for *physical* use at this stage of our cycle. If the odd “eye” in man is now atrophied, it is a proof that, as in the lower animal, it has once been active; for nature never creates the smallest, the most insignificant form with-

⁷⁰ J.F. Daniello, “Le Livre to la Vision d’Enoch,” *Annales de philosophie chrétienne*, Nouvelle Série, Tome 17, December 1838, p. 393

⁷¹ *Secret Doctrine*, II, § XXI, p. 533

⁷² [Origen, *De princ.*, IV, i, 35; and *Contra Celsum*, V, liv.]

⁷³ *Secret Doctrine*, II, § XXI, p. 535

out some definite purpose and use. It was an *active* organ, we say, at that stage of evolution when the spiritual element in man reigned supreme over the hardly nascent intellectual and psychic elements. And, as the cycle ran down toward that point when the physiological senses were developed by, and went *pari passu* with, the growth and consolidation of the physical man, the interminable and complex vicissitudes and tribulations of zoological development, that median “eye” ended by atrophying along with the early spiritual and purely psychic characteristics in man. The eye is the mirror and also the window of the soul, says popular wisdom, and *Vox populi, Vox Dei*.⁷⁴

**The two front eyes look before them without seeing either past or future.
 The third, embraces eternity.**⁷⁵

	Within	Without
Race 1	Spiritual	Ethereal
Race 2	Psycho-spiritual	Ethero-physical
Race 3	Psycho-spiritual, but without being interfered by the hardly nascent physiological senses.	Astro-physical

In man, the Third Eye was (and could be) the organ of internal spiritual sight; in animals, that of objective vision.

In the beginning, every class and family of living species was hermaphrodite and objectively one-eyed. In the animal, whose form was as ethereal (astrally) as that of man, before the bodies of both began to evolve their coats of skin, viz., to evolve from *within without* the thick coating of physical substance or matter with its internal physiological mechanism — the third eye was primarily, as in man, the only seeing organ. The two physical front eyes developed later on in both brute and man, whose organ of physical sight was, at the commencement of the Third Race, in the same position as that of some of the blind vertebrata, in our day, *i.e.*, beneath an opaque skin. But the stages of the *odd*, or primeval eye, in man and brute, are now inverted, as the former has already passed that animal *non-rational* stage in the Third Round, and is ahead of mere brute creation by a whole plane of consciousness. Therefore, while the “Cyclopean” eye was, and still *is*, in man the organ of *spiritual* sight, in the animal it was that of objective vision. And this eye, having performed its function, was replaced, in the course of physical evolution from the simple to the complex, by two eyes, and thus was stored and laid aside by nature for further use in *Æons* to come.

⁷⁴ *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 298

⁷⁵ Cf. “Let us remember that the *First* Race is shown in Occult sciences as spiritual within and ethereal without; the *second*, psycho-spiritual mentally, and ethero-physical bodily; the *third*, still bereft of intellect in its beginning, is astro-physical in its body, and lives an inner life, in which the psycho-spiritual element is in no way interfered with as yet by the hardly nascent physiological senses. Its two front eyes look before them without seeing either past or future. But the ‘third eye’ *embraces* ETERNITY.” *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 298 *fn.*

This explains why the pineal gland reached its highest development proportionately with the lowest physical development. It is the Vertebrata in which it is the most prominent and objective, and in man it is most carefully hidden and inaccessible, except to the anatomist. No less light is thrown thereby on the future physical, spiritual, and intellectual state of mankind, in periods corresponding on parallel lines with other past periods, and always on the lines of ascending and descending cyclic evolution and development. Thus, a few centuries before the *Kali-yuga* — the black age which began nearly 5,000 years ago — it was said (paraphrased into comprehensible sentences):

“We [the Fifth Root-Race] in our first half [of duration] onward [on the now ASCENDING arc of the cycle] are on the mid point of [or between] the First and the Second Races — falling downward [i.e., the races were then on the descending arc of the cycle]. . . . Calculate for thyself, Lanoo, and see.” (Commentary, xx)⁷⁶



Cyclops Polyphemus (1595-1605) Annibale Carracci, Palazzo Farnese, Rome

⁷⁶ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 299-300

Appendix C. Toils of the Eternal Pilgrim

Each Cosmic Monad is a self-born Centre of Force, from within which emerges a planetary chain whose radiations become many self-born Manus, each the creator of His own humanity.

The Manus are the creators of the creators of our First Race — the Spirit of mankind — which does not prevent the *seven* Manus from having been the first “pre-Adamic” men on Earth.

Manu declares himself created by Virāj, or Vaiśvānara, (the Spirit of Humanity),⁷⁷ which means that his Monad emanates from the never resting Principle in the beginning of every new Cosmic activity: that *Logos* or UNIVERSAL MONAD (collective Elōhīm) that radiates *from within himself* all those Cosmic Monads that become the centres of activity — progenitors of the numberless Solar systems as well as of the yet undifferentiated *human* monads of planetary chains as well as of every being thereon. Each Cosmic Monad is “Svāyambhuva,” the SELF-BORN, *which becomes the Centre of Force, from within which emerges a planetary chain* (of which chains there are seven in our system), and whose radiations become again so many Manus Svāyambhuva (a generic name, mysterious and meaning far more than appears),⁷⁸ each of these becoming, as a *Host*, the Creator of his own Humanity.^{79, 80}

Every Spiritual Individuality has a gigantic evolutionary journey to perform, a tremendous gyratory progress to accomplish. First — at the very beginning of the great Mahamanvantaric rotation, from first to last of the man-bearing planets, as on each of them, the monad has to pass through seven successive races of man. From the dumb offshoot of the ape (the latter strongly differentiating from the now known specimens) up to the present *fifth* race, or rather variety, and through two more races, before he has done with this earth only; and then on to the next, higher and higher still.⁸¹

⁷⁷ See *Manusmṛiti*, Adhyāya I, śloka 32-33. Vaiśvānara is, in another sense, the living magnetic fire that pervades the manifested solar system. It is the most objective (to us the reverse) and ever present aspect of the ONE LIFE, for it is the Vital Principle. (See *The Theosophist*, Vol. IV, July 1883.) It is also a name of Agni.

⁷⁸ [Cf. “Esoteric doctrine teaches that the Dhyāni-Chohans are the collective aggregate of divine Intelligence or primordial *mind*, and that the first Manus — the seven ‘mind-born’ Spiritual Intelligences — are identical with the former. Hence the ‘Kuan-shih-yin’ — ‘the golden Dragon in whom are the seven,’ of Stanza III — is the primordial Logos, or Brahmā, the first manifested creative Power; and the Dhyāni-Energies are the Manus, or *Manu-Svāyambhuva* collectively. The direct connection, moreover, between the ‘Manus’ and ‘Mahat’ is easy to see. *Manu* is from the root *man*, ‘to think’; and thinking proceeds from the mind. It is, in Cosmogony, the pre-nebular period.” *Secret Doctrine*, I p. 452. — ED. PHIL.]

⁷⁹ See pp. 307-10

⁸⁰ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 311

⁸¹ *Mahatma Letter* 18 (62) pp. 115-16; 3rd Combined ed.

While we have the power to dispel the darkness of ignorance, we are also duty-bound to preserve Sacred Truth from profanation.

“First come the SELF-EXISTENT on this Earth. They are the ‘Spiritual Lives’ projected by the absolute WILL and LAW, at the dawn of every rebirth of the worlds. These LIVES are the divine ‘ŚISHTA,’ [the seed-Manus, or the Prajāpatis and the Pitris].”

From these proceed

1. The First Race, the “Self-born,” which are the [astral] shadows of their Progenitors.⁸² The body was devoid of all understanding [mind, intelligence, and will]. The inner being [the higher self or Monad], though within the earthly frame, was unconnected with it. The link, the Manas, was not there as yet.

2. From the First [race] emanated the second, called the “Sweat-born”⁸³ and the “Boneless.” This is the Second Root-Race, endowed by the preservers [Rākshasas⁸⁴] and the incarnating gods [Asuras and the Kumāras] with the first

⁸² See Stanza IV, Śloka 15, *Commentary* on p. 92.

⁸³ To speak of *life* as having arisen, and of the human race as having originated, in this *absurdly unscientific* way, in the face of the modern Pedigrees of Man, is to court instantaneous annihilation. The esoteric doctrine risks the danger, nevertheless, and even goes so far as to ask the impartial reader to compare the above hypothesis (if it is one) with Haeckel’s theory — now fast becoming an axiom with science — which is quoted verbatim:

“ . . . ‘How did life, the living world of organisms, arise?’ and, secondly, the special question: ‘How did the human race originate?’ The first of these two inquiries, that as to the first appearance of living beings, can only be decided empirically [!] by proof of the so-called Archēbiosis, or equivocal generation, or the spontaneous production of organisms of the simplest conceivable kind. Such are the Monera (Protophytes, Protamoeba, etc.), exceedingly simple microscopic masses of protoplasm without structure or organisation, which take in nutriment and *reproduce themselves by division*. Such a Moneron as that primordial organism *discovered* by the renowned English zoologist Huxley, and named *Bathybius Haeckelii*, appears as a continuous thick protoplasmic covering at the greatest depths of the ocean, between 3,000 and 30,000 feet. *It is true that the first appearance of such Monera has not up to the present moment been actually observed*; but there is nothing intrinsically improbable in such an Evolution.” (*The Pedigree of Man*, Aveling’s tr., pp. 32-33.)

The Bathybius protoplasm having recently turned out to be no organic substance at all, there remains little to be said. Nor, after reading this, does one need to consume further time in refuting the further assertion that:

“In that case man also has *beyond a doubt* [to the minds of Haeckel and his like] arisen from the lower Mammalia, apes, the earlier simian creatures, the still earlier Marsupialia, Amphibia, Pisces, by progressive transformations,” all produced by “a series of *natural forces working blindly, . . . without aim, without design*” (p. 36).

The above-quoted passage bears its criticism on its own face. Science is made to teach that which, up to the present time, “*has never been actually observed*.” She is made to deny the phenomenon of an *intelligent* nature and a vital force independent of form and matter, and to find it more scientific to teach the miraculous performance of “natural forces *working blindly without aim or design*.” If so, then we are led to think that the *physico-mechanical* forces of the brains of certain eminent Scientists are leading them on as blindly to sacrifice logic and common sense on the altar of mutual admiration. Why should the protoplasmic *Moneron* producing the first living creature through *self-division* be held as a very scientific hypothesis, and an ethereal *pre-human* race generating the primeval men in the same fashion be tabooed as *unscientific* superstition? Or has materialism obtained a sole monopoly in Science?

⁸⁴ The Rākshasas, regarded in Indian popular theology as demons, are called the “Preservers” beyond the Himālayas. This double and contradictory meaning has its origin in a philosophical allegory, which is variously rendered in the *Purānas*. It is that when Brahmā created the demons, Yakshas (from *yaksh*, to eat) and the Rākshasas, both of which kinds of demons, as soon as born, wished to devour their creator, those among them that called out, “Not so! oh, let him be saved (preserved)” were named Rākshasas (*Vishnu-Purāna*, Bk. I, ch. v). The *Bhāgavata-Purāna* (III, 20, 19-21) renders the allegory differently. Brahmā transformed himself into night (or ignorance) invested with a body, upon which the Yakshas and Rākshasas seized, exclaiming, “Do not spare it; devour it.” Brahmā then cried out, “Do not devour me, spare me.” This has an inner meaning of course. The “body of Night” the darkness of ignorance, and it is the darkness of silence and secrecy. Now the Rākshasas are shown in almost every case to be Yogis, pious Sādhus and Initiates, a rather unusual occupation for *demons*. The meaning then is that while we have power to dispel the darkness of ignorance, “*devour it*,” we have to preserve the sacred truth from profanation. “Brahmā is for the Brahmans alone,” says that proud caste. The moral of the *fable* is evident.

primitive and weak spark [the germ of intelligence] . . . And from these in turn proceeds:

3. *The Third Root-Race, the “Two-fold” [Androgynes]. The first Races thereof are shells, till the last is “inhabited” [i.e., informed] by the Dhyānis.*

The Second Race, as stated above, being also sexless, evolved out of itself, at its beginning, the Third Androgyne Race by an analogous, but already more complicated process. As described in the *Commentary*, the very earliest of that race were:

“The ‘Sons of Passive Yoga.’⁸⁵ They issued from the second Mānushyas [human race], and became oviparous. The emanations that came out of their bodies during the seasons of procreation were ovulatory; the small spheroidal nucleus developing into a large soft, egg-like vehicle, gradually hardened, when, after a period of gestation, it broke and the young human animal issued from it unaided, as the fowls do in our race.”⁸⁶

Man’s spiritual soul has descended from a pure, luminous, incorporeal form to be chained to animal bodies.

“The Souls [Monads] are pre-existent in the world of Emanations”;⁸⁷ and the *Zohar* teaches that in the “Soul” is the *real man*, i.e., the Ego and the conscious I AM: *Manas*.

“They descend from the pure air to be *chained to bodies*,” says Josephus repeating the belief of the Essenes.⁸⁸ “The air is full of Souls,” states Philo Judaeus, “*they descend to be tied to mortal bodies, being desirous to live in them*”;⁸⁹ because through, and in, the human form they will become *progressive* beings, whereas the nature of the angel is purely *intransitive*, therefore man has in him the potency of transcending the faculties of the Angels. Hence the Initiates in India say that it is the Brahman, the twice-born, who rules the gods or devas; and Paul repeated it *1 Corinthians* vi, 3: “Know ye not that we [the Initiates] shall judge angels”?

Finally, it is shown in every ancient scripture and Cosmogony that man evolved primarily as a *luminous incorporeal form*, over which, like the molten brass round the clay model of the sculptor, the physical frame of his body was built by, through, and from, the lower forms and types of animal terrestrial life. “The Soul and the *Form* when descending on Earth put on an earthly garment,” says the *Zohar*. His protoplasmic body was not formed of that matter of which our mortal frames are fashioned.⁹⁰

⁸⁵ The gradual evolution of man in the Secret Doctrine shows that all the later (to the profane the earliest) Races have their *physical* origin in the early Fourth Race. But is the sub-race, which preceded the one that separated sexually, that is to be regarded as the *spiritual* ancestors of our present generations, and especially of the Eastern Āryan Races. Weber’s idea that the Indo-Germanic Race preceded the Āryan *Vedic* Race is, to the Occultist, grotesque to the last degree.

⁸⁶ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 164-66

⁸⁷ *Wisdom of Solomon*, viii, 20

⁸⁸ *History of the Jewish War*, Bk. II, viii, 11

⁸⁹ *De gigantibus*, § 2; *De somniis*, I, § 22. Which shows that the Essenes believed in rebirth and many reincarnations on Earth, as Jesus himself did, a fact we can prove from the New Testament itself.

⁹⁰ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 101-12

Man was on earth in this round from the very beginning

Having passed through all the kingdoms of nature in the previous three rounds, his physical frame was ready to receive the Divine Pilgrim at the first dawn of human life, 18,000,000 years ago.

Having been in all the so-called “Seven creations,” allegorizing the seven evolutionary changes, or the *sub-races*, we may call them, *of the First Root-Race of Mankind* — MAN was on earth in this Round from the beginning. Having passed through all the kingdoms of nature in the previous *three* Rounds,⁹¹ his *physical* frame — one adapted to the thermal conditions of those early periods — was ready to receive the *divine Pilgrim* at the first dawn of human life, *i.e.*, 18,000,000 years ago. It is only at mid-point of the Third Root-Race that man was endowed with *Manas*. Once united, the *two* and then the *three* made one; for though the lower animals, from the amoeba to man, received *their* Monads, in which all the higher qualities are potential, all have to remain dormant till each reaches its human form, before which stage *Manas* (mind) has no development in them.⁹² In the animals every principle is paralyzed, and in a foetus-like state, save the second (vital) and the third (the astral), and the rudiments of the fourth (*Kāma*, which is desire, instinct), whose intensity and development varies and changes with the species. To the materialist wedded to the Darwinian theory, this will read like a fairy-tale, a mystification; to the believer in the inner, spiritual man, the statement will have nothing unnatural in it.⁹³

Having been nursed by Air or Wind, primordial man becomes perfect later on when, with the development of “Spiritual Fire” or Divine Spirit (noumenon of the “Three in One” within), he gradually acquires from his Inner Self or Instructor, the Wisdom of Self-Consciousness, which he does not possess in the beginning.

- Fire or the Spiritual Sun stands for Pneuma as Motion Unmanifested, Eternal Breath, “which knows itself not” — our Atman or Divine Spirit.
- Water or Moon stands for the Father-Mother of Pneuma, the Intellectual Virgin-Sophia and Mother of all Things — our Buddhi or Divine Soul.
- Air or Wind stands for Pneuma as Motion Manifested, Periodic Breath, *i.e.*, Heat plus attraction and repulsion or Mind, regulated and sustained by the never-resting Breaths (Dhyāni-Chohans) — our Manas or Human Soul.

On Stanza V.18. THE FIRST (*Race*) WERE THE SONS OF YOGA. THEIR SONS, THE CHILDREN OF THE YELLOW FATHER AND THE WHITE MOTHER.

⁹¹ “Follow the law of analogy” — the Masters teach. *Ātma-Buddhi* is dual and *Manas* is triple; inasmuch as the former has two aspects, and the latter three, *i.e.*, as a principle *per se*, which gravitates, in its higher aspect, to *Ātma-Buddhi*, and follows, in its lower nature, *Kāma*, the seat of terrestrial and animal desires and passions. Now compare the evolution of the Races, the First and the Second of which are of the nature of *Ātma-Buddhi*, their passive Spiritual progeny, and the Third Root-Race shows three distinct divisions or aspects physiologically and psychically: the earliest, sinless; the middle portions awakening to intelligence; and the third and last decidedly *animal*, *i.e.*, *Manas* succumbs to the temptations of *Kāma*.

⁹² “Men are made *complete* only during their third, toward the fourth cycle (race). They are made ‘gods’ for good and evil, and responsible only when the two arcs meet [after 3½ Rounds towards the *fifth* Race]. They are made so by the *Nirmānakāya* [spiritual or astral remains] of the Rudra-Kumāras, ‘*cursed* to be reborn on earth again’; meaning — *doomed in their natural turn to reincarnation* in the higher ascending arc of the terrestrial cycle.” (Commentary, ix)

⁹³ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 254-55

Commentary:

“They were the shadows of the shadows of the Lords (b). They [the shadows] expanded. The Spirits of the Earth clothed them; the solar Lhas warmed them [i.e. preserved the vital fire in the nascent physical forms]. The Breaths had life, but had no understanding. They had no fire nor water of their own (c).”

(b) The [Commentary] sentence: “They were the shadows of the shadows of the Lords,” i.e., the progenitors created man out of their own astral bodies, explains an universal belief. The *Devas* are credited in the East with having no shadows of their own. “The devas cast no shadows,” and this is the sure sign of a *good holy Spirit*.

Why had they “no fire or water of their own”?⁹⁴ Because:

(c) That which Hydrogen is to the elements and gases on the objective plane, its noumenon is in the world of mental or subjective phenomena; since its trinitarian latent nature is mirrored in its three active emanations from the three higher principles in man, namely, “Spirit, Soul, and Mind,” or *Ātman, Buddhi, and Manas*. It is the spiritual and also the material human basis. Rudimentary man, having been nursed by the “air” or the “wind,” becomes the perfect man later on; when, with the development of “Spiritual fire,” the *noumenon* of the “Three in One” within his Self, he acquires from his inner Self, or Instructor, the Wisdom of Self-Consciousness, which he does not possess in the beginning. Thus here again divine Spirit is symbolised by the Sun or Fire; divine Soul by Water and the Moon, both standing for the Father and Mother of *Pneuma*, human Soul, or Mind, symbolised by the Wind or air, for *Pneuma*, means “breath.”⁹⁵

All creatures in the world have each a superior above, whose inner pleasure it is to emanate into them but cannot illumine them until the supreme but latent potentiality concealed in Matter is awakened by Spirit.

Evolutionary law compelled the lunar “Fathers” to pass, in their monadic condition, through all the forms of life and being on this globe; but at the end of the Third Round, they were already human in their divine nature, and were thus called upon to become the creators of the forms destined to fashion the tabernacles of the less progressed Monads, whose turn it was to incarnate. These “Forms” are called “Sons of Yoga,” because Yoga (union with Brahmā exoterically) is the supreme condition of the passive infinite deity, since it contains all the divine energies and is the essence of Brahmā, who is said (as Brahmā) to create everything through Yoga power.

⁹⁴ It is corroborated, however, as we have shown, by the esotericism of *Genesis*. Not only are the animals created therein after the “Adam of Dust,” but vegetation is shown *in the Earth* before “the heavens and the Earth were created.” “Every plant of the field before it [the day that the heavens and the Earth were made – iv, 4] was in the Earth” (ii, 5). Now, unless the Occult interpretation is accepted, which shows that in this 4th Round the Globe was covered with vegetation, and the first (*astral*) humanity was produced before almost anything could grow and develop thereon, what can the dead letter mean? Simply that the grass was in the earth of the Globe before that Globe was created? And yet the meaning of verse 6, which says that “there went up a mist from the Earth” and watered the whole face of the earth before it rained, and caused the trees, etc., to grow, is plain enough. It shows also in what geological period it occurred, and further what is meant by “Heaven and Earth.” It meant the firmament and dry *incrustated* land, separated and ridden of its vapours and exhalations. Moreover, the student must bear in mind that, as Adam-Kadmon, “the male and female being” of *Genesis* i, is no physical human being but the host of the Elōhim, among which was Jehovah himself — so the animals mentioned in that chapter as “created” before man in the dead-letter text, were no animals, but the Zodiacal signs and other sidereal bodies.

⁹⁵ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 112-13

Brahmā, Vishnu and Śiva are the most powerful energies of God, Brahma, the neuter, says a Purānic text. Yoga here is the same as Dhyāna, which word is again synonymous with Yoga in the Tibetan text, where the “Sons of Yoga” are called “Sons of Dhyāna,” or of that abstract meditation through which the Dhyāni-Buddhas create their celestial sons, the Dhyāni-Bodhisattvas. “All the creatures in the world have each a superior above. This superior, whose inner pleasure it is *to emanate into them*, cannot impart efflux until they have adored” — *i.e.*, meditated as during Yoga.^{96, 97}

Only few men were destined to become incarnations of the Divine Rebels.

“The Sons of MAHAT are the quickeners of the human Plant. They are the Waters falling upon the arid soil of latent life, and the Spark that vivifies the human animal. They are the Lords of Spiritual Life eternal.” . . . “In the beginning [in the Second Race] some [of the Lords] only breathed of their essence into Mānushyas [men]; and some took in man their abode.”

This shows that not all men became incarnations of the “divine Rebels,” but only a few among them. The remainder had their fifth principle simply quickened by the spark thrown into it, which accounts for the great difference between the intellectual capacities of men and races. Had not the “sons of Mahat,” speaking allegorically, skipped the intermediate worlds, in their impulse toward intellectual freedom, the animal man would never have been able to reach upward from this earth, and attain through self-exertion his ultimate goal. The cyclic pilgrimage would have to be performed through all the planes of existence half unconsciously, if not entirely so, as in the case of the animals. It is owing to this rebellion of intellectual life against the morbid inactivity of pure spirit, that we are what we are — self-conscious, thinking men, with the capabilities and attributes of Gods in us, for good as much as for evil. Hence the REBELS are our saviours. Let the philosopher ponder well over this, and more than one mystery will become clear to him. It is only by the attractive force of the contrasts that the two opposites — Spirit and Matter — can be cemented on Earth, and, smelted in the fire of self-conscious experience and suffering, find themselves wedded in Eternity. This will reveal the meaning of many hitherto incomprehensible allegories, foolishly called “fables.”^{98, 99}



⁹⁶ R. Isaac Luria, *Sēpher M'vo Sheārīm*, tr. Isaac Myer, *Qabbalah*, p. 110

⁹⁷ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 115-16

⁹⁸ *Vide infra*, pp. 111, 229.

⁹⁹ *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 103

Consciousness evolves along triple lines, spiritual, psychic and physical

From *The Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 109-16

For the first 3½ Root-Races, the astral shadows of the Lunar Pitris build and gradually force the evolution of the physical form towards perfection, at the cost of a proportionate loss of Spirituality. Then after, it is the Higher Ego or Incarnating Principle, the Nous or Mind, that begins reigning over the animal ego if not dragged down by the latter. In other words, Spirituality is on its ascending arc, if not impeded by materiality or selfishness. Vice and wickedness are abnormal, unnatural manifestations at this period of our human evolution, at least they ought to be so.

(18) The Sons of Yoga. (19) The Sexless Second Race. (20) The Sons of the Sons of Twilight. (21) The “Shadow,” or the Astral Man, retires within, and man develops a physical body.

Stanza V.18. THE FIRST (*Race*) WERE THE SONS OF YOGA. THEIR SONS, THE CHILDREN OF THE YELLOW FATHER AND THE WHITE MOTHER.

In the later *Commentary*, the sentence is translated:

“The Sons of the Sun and of the Moon, the nursling of ether [or the wind] (a) . . . “They were the shadows of the shadows of the Lords (b). They [the shadows] expanded. The Spirits of the Earth clothed them; the solar Lhas warmed them [i.e. preserved the vital fire in the nascent physical forms]. The Breaths had life, but had no understanding. They had no fire nor water of their own (c).”

(a) Remember in this connection the *Tabula Smaragdina* of Hermes, the esoteric meaning of which has seven keys to it. The Astro-Chemical is well known to students, the anthropological may be given now. The “One thing” mentioned in it is MAN. It is said: “The Father of THAT ONE ONLY THING is the Sun; its Mother the Moon; the Wind carries it in his bosom, and its nurse is the Spirituous Earth.” In the occult rendering of the same it is added: “and *Spiritual* Fire is its instructor (Guru).”

This fire is the higher Self, the Spiritual Ego, or that which is eternally reincarnating under the influence of its lower personal Selves, changing with every rebirth, full of *Tanhā* or desire to live. It is a strange law of Nature that, on this plane, the higher (Spiritual) Nature should be, so to say, in bondage to the lower. Unless the Ego takes refuge in the Ātman, the ALL-SPIRIT, and merges entirely into the essence thereof, the personal Ego may goad it to the bitter end. This cannot be thoroughly understood unless the student makes himself familiar with the mystery of evolution, which proceeds on triple lines — spiritual, psychic and physical.

That which propels towards, and forces evolution, *i.e.*, compels the growth and development of Man towards perfection, is (a) the MONAD, or that which acts in it unconsciously through a force inherent in itself; and (b) the lower astral body or the *personal* SELF. The former, whether imprisoned in a vegetable or an animal body, is endowed with, is indeed itself, that force. Owing to its identity with the ALL-FORCE, which, as said, is inherent in the Monad, it is all-potent on the *Arūpa*, or formless plane. On our plane, its essence being too pure, it remains all-potential, but individually becomes inactive: *e.g.*, the rays of the Sun, which contribute to the growth of

vegetation, do not select this or that plant to shine upon. Uproot the plant and transfer it to a piece of soil where the sunbeam cannot reach it, and the latter will not follow it. So with the Ātman: unless the higher Self or EGO gravitates towards its Sun — the Monad — the lower *Ego*, or *personal* Self, will have the upper hand in every case. For it is this Ego, with its fierce Selfishness and animal desire to live a senseless life (*Tanhā*), which is “the maker of the tabernacle,” as Buddha calls it in *Dhammapada* (153 and 154). Hence the expression, “the Spirits of the Earth clothed the shadows and expanded them.” To these “Spirits” belong temporarily the human astral selves; and it is they who give, or build, the physical tabernacle of man, for the Monad and its conscious principle, *Manas*, to dwell in. But the “Solar” *Lhas*, Spirits, warm them, the shadows. This is physically and literally true; metaphysically, or on the psychic and spiritual plane, it is equally true that the Ātman alone *warms* the inner man; *i.e.*, it enlightens it with the ray of divine life and alone is able to impart to the inner man, or the reincarnating Ego, its immortality. Thus, as we shall find, for the first three and a half Root-Races, up to the middle or turning point, it is the astral shadows of the “progenitors,” the lunar Pitris, which are the formative powers in the Races, and which build and gradually force the evolution of the physical form towards perfection — this, at the cost of a proportionate loss of spirituality. Then, from the turning point, it is the Higher Ego, or incarnating principle, the *Nous* or *Mind*, which reigns over the animal Ego, and rules it whenever it is not carried down by the latter. In short, Spirituality is on its ascending arc, and the animal or physical impedes it from steadily progressing on the path of its evolution only when the selfishness of the *personality* has so strongly infected the real *inner* man with its lethal *virus*, that the upward attraction has lost all its power on the thinking reasonable man. In sober truth, vice and wickedness are an *abnormal*, *unnatural* manifestation, at this period of our human evolution — at least they ought to be so. The fact that mankind was never more selfish and vicious than it is now, civilized nations having succeeded in making of the first an ethical characteristic, of the second an art, is an additional proof of the exceptional nature of the phenomenon.¹⁰⁰

It is, then, the Moon that plays the largest and most important part, as well in the formation of the Earth itself, as in the peopling thereof with human beings. The “Lunar Monads” or Pitris, the ancestors of man, become in reality man himself. They are the “Monads” who enter on the cycle of evolution on Globe A, and who, passing round the chain of planets, evolve the human form as has just been shown. At the beginning of the human stage of the Fourth Round on this Globe, they “ooze out” their astral doubles from the “ape-like” forms which they had evolved in Round III. And it is this subtle, finer form, which serves as the model round which Nature builds physical man. These “Monads” or “divine sparks” are thus the “Lunar” ancestors, the Pitris themselves. For these “Lunar Spirits” have to become “Men “ in order that their “Monads” may reach a higher plane of activity and self-consciousness, *i.e.*, the plane of the *Mānasaputras*, those who endow the “senseless” shells, created and informed by the Pitris, with “mind” in the latter part of the Third Root-Race.¹⁰¹

¹⁰⁰ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 109-10

¹⁰¹ *Ibid.*, I pp. 180-81

Appendix D.

The fall of Spirit into Matter and its primal division into self and not-self, altruism and egotism, man and woman

The allegory of the “fall” of man and the fire “stolen” by Prometheus is another version of proud Lucifer’s “rebellion.”

. . . hurled down to the bottomless pit — *Orcus*. In the religion of the Brahmans, Mahāsura, the Hindu Lucifer, becomes envious of the Creator’s resplendent light, and at the head of a legion of inferior spirits rebels against Brahmā, and declares war against him. Like Hercules, the faithful Titan, who helps Jupiter and restores to him his throne, Śiva, the third person of the Hindu trinity, hurls them all from the celestial abode into Andhera, the region of eternal darkness. But here the fallen angels are made to repent of their evil deed, and in the Hindu doctrine they are all afforded the opportunity to progress. In the Greek fiction, Hercules, the Sun-god, descends to Hades to deliver the victims from their tortures; and the Christian Church also makes her incarnate god descend to the dreary Plutonic regions and overcome the rebellious ex-archangel. In their turn the kabalists explain the allegory in a semi-scientific way. Adam the second, or the first-created race which Plato calls gods, and the Bible the Elōhīm, was not triple in his nature like the earthly man: *i.e.*, he was not composed of soul, spirit, and body, but was a compound of sublimated astral elements into which the “Father” had breathed an immortal, divine spirit. The latter, by reason of its godlike essence, was ever struggling to liberate itself from the bonds of even that flimsy prison; hence the “sons of God,” in their imprudent efforts, were the first to trace a future model for the cyclic law. But, man must not be “like one of us,” says the Creative Deity, one of the Elōhīm “intrusted with the fabrication of the lower animal.”¹⁰² And thus it was, when the men of the first race had reached the summit of the first cycle, they lost their balance, and their second envelope, the grosser clothing (astral body), dragged them down the opposite arc.¹⁰³

The sacred fire that Prometheus allegedly stole from Zeus is the flame of conscious intellect, the spark that animates Manas, our fifth principle, and makes us Thinking men; it is also the generating and sexual flame.

The terrible crime was merely the natural result of the law of evolution: that is the races — hardly solidified at first — of our androgynous and *semi*-ethereal prototypes, materializing themselves little by little, taking on a physical body, then separating into distinct males and females, finally *procreated* carnally after they had formerly *created* their likenesses by entirely different methods which will be explained some day (if, however, one may express by the word *create* an idea quite contrary to that of engender).

¹⁰² See Plato, *Timaeus*, 41, 42, 69

¹⁰³ *Isis Unveiled*, I p. 299

This “audacious revolt” is again an *anthropomorphic* and *personifying* allegory that we owe to the Church, which materialized, in order to disguise them the better, all the ancient ideas — old as the world. It was a philosophic doctrine imbedded in the esoteric meaning of the Promethean legend. The sacred fire which he stole from the Gods is the flame of conscious intellect, the spark which animates the fifth principle, or *Manas*; it is also the generating and sexual flame; that spark is the reflection — if not the very essence — of the Archangels or *Monads*, forced by their *karma* from the preceding *manvantara*, to incarnate in the astral forms of the *third* great pre-Adamite race before its “fall” — the fall of *Spirit into Matter*. That supposed “revolt,” that “theft” of the *creative* fire, is a result of Evolution (of which the Darwinian theory is but the rough exterior husk on the physical or material plane).

Now, since men had discovered the secret of creation and were creating in their turn and populating the earth, what was the use of god-creators?

Once endowed with the creative fire, completely evolved mankind had no further need for the help of the Powers or creative Gods, such as the *Elōhīm* of chapter ii of *Genesis*. *Men became creative Gods*, in their turn, able to give life to beings like themselves; whence the Greek allegory of Ouranos mutilated by Saturn-Kronos, who in turn finds himself mutilated by his son Jupiter; the allusion is perfectly transparent; since men had discovered, thanks to Prometheus, the *secret of the various methods of creation*, and were creating in their turn, what was the use of god-creators?

The so-called *theft* of the creative fire is, according to Enoch, the crime which caused the guilt of the *fallen* angels, of whom the Church has made Satan and his Host.¹⁰⁴

The descent of man into matter is the downward arc of a Circle of Necessity, where his primordial spirituality becomes increasingly eclipsed by nascent mentality.

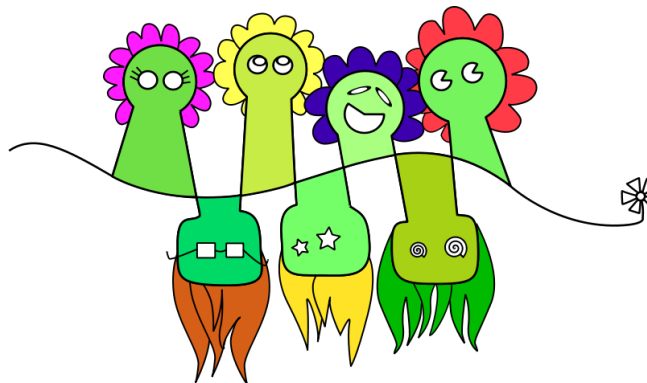
It will be observed that this philosophy of cycles, which was allegorized by the Egyptian Hierophants in the “circle of necessity,” explains at the same time the allegory of the “Fall of man.” According to the Arabian descriptions, each of the seven chambers of the Pyramids — those grandest of all cosmic symbols — was known by the name of a planet. The peculiar architecture of the Pyramids shows in itself the drift of the metaphysical thought of their builders. The apex is lost in the clear blue sky of the land of the Pharaohs, and typifies the primordial point lost in the unseen universe from whence started the first race of the spiritual prototypes of man. Each mummy, from the moment that it was embalmed, lost its physical individuality in one sense; it symbolized the human race. Placed in such a way as was best calculated to aid the exit of the “soul,” the latter had to pass through the seven planetary chambers before it made its exit through the symbolical apex. Each chamber typified, at the same time, one of the seven spheres, and one of the seven higher types of physico-spiritual humanity alleged to be above our own. Every 3,000 years, the soul, representative of its race, had to return to its primal point of departure before it underwent another

¹⁰⁴ *Blavatsky Collected Writings* (NOTES ON ABBÉ ROCA'S “ESOTERICISM OF CHRISTIAN DOGMA”) VIII pp. 386-87; Cf. “I am ignorant of what the erudite Abbé Roca intends to disclose to the world in his next volume on the subject of the “Fall from Eden” which he regards as a cataclysm, “punishment of a frightful crime, of an audacious revolt”; but I can assure him that the opinion of the “Theosophists-Chelas” upon the subject is already formed in advance.” *Ibid.*, p. 386

evolution into a more perfected spiritual and physical transformation.¹⁰⁵ We must go deep indeed into the abstruse metaphysics of Oriental mysticism before we can realize fully the infinitude of the subjects that were embraced at one sweep by the majestic thought of its exponents.¹⁰⁶

Ādi, and probably Adam, is the First Man or the “Third First Man,” one who belongs to the Third Race.

Ādi is the generic name in our Doctrine of all the first men, *i.e.*, the first speaking races, in each of the seven zones — hence probably “Ad-am.” And such first men, in every nation, are credited with having been taught the divine mysteries of creation. Thus, the Sabaeans (according to a tradition preserved in the Sūfī works) say that when the “Third First Man” left the country adjacent to India for Babel, a tree¹⁰⁷ was given to him, then another and a third tree, whose leaves recorded the history of all the races; the “Third First Man” meant one who belonged to the Third Root-Race, and yet the Sabaeans call him Adam. The Arabs of Upper Egypt, and the Mohammedans generally, have recorded a tradition that the Angel Azāzēl brings a message from the Wisdom-Word of God to Adam whenever he is reborn; this the Sūfis explain by adding that this book is given to every Seli-Allah (“the chosen one of God”) for his wise men. The story narrated by the Kabalists — namely, that the book given to Adam before his Fall (a book full of mysteries and signs and events which either had been, were, or were to be) was taken away by the Angel Raziel after Adam’s Fall, but again restored to him lest men might lose its wisdom and instruction; that this book was delivered by Adam to Seth, who passed it to Enoch, and the latter to Abraham, and so on in succession to the most wise of every generation — relates to all nations, and not to the Jews alone.¹⁰⁸



¹⁰⁵ [Herodotus, *History*, II, § 123.]

¹⁰⁶ *Isis Unveiled*, I pp. 296-97

¹⁰⁷ A tree is symbolically a book — as “pillar” is another synonym of the same.

¹⁰⁸ *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (EASTERN GUPTA VIDYĀ AND KABALAH) XIV p. 175

Man may be made out of stardust but not of clay

The idea that the human tabernacle is built by countless lives, just in the same way as the rocky crust of our Earth was, has nothing repulsive in it for the true mystic.

On Stanza VII.5. THE SPARK HANGS FROM THE FLAME BY THE FINEST THREAD OF FOHAT. IT JOURNEYS THROUGH THE SEVEN WORLDS OF MAYA (a). IT STOPS IN THE FIRST (*Kingdom*), AND IS A METAL AND A STONE; IT PASSES INTO THE SECOND (*Kingdom*), AND BEHOLD — A PLANT; THE PLANT WHIRLS THROUGH SEVEN FORMS AND BECOMES A SACRED ANIMAL; (*the first shadow of the physical man*) (b).

FROM THE COMBINED ATTRIBUTES OF THESE, MANU (*man*), THE THINKER, IS FORMED.

WHO FORMS HIM? THE SEVEN LIVES; AND THE ONE LIFE (c). WHO COMPLETES HIM? THE FIVEFOLD LHA. AND WHO PERFECTS THE LAST BODY? FISH, SIN, AND SOMA (*the moon*) (d).

(c) Science teaches us that the living as well as the dead organism of both man and animal are swarming with bacteria of a hundred various kinds; that from without we are threatened with the invasion of microbes with every breath we draw, and from within by leucomaines, aerobes, anaerobes, and what not. But Science never yet went so far as to assert with the occult doctrine that our bodies, as well as those of animals, plants, and stones, are themselves altogether built up of such beings; which, except larger species, no microscope can detect. So far, as regards the purely animal and material portion of man, Science is on its way to discoveries that will go far towards corroborating this theory. Chemistry and physiology are the two great magicians of the future, who are destined to open the eyes of mankind to the great physical truths. With every day, the identity between the animal and physical man, between the plant and man, and even between the reptile and its nest, the rock, and man — is more and more clearly shown. The physical and chemical constituents of all being[s] found to be identical, chemical science may well say that there is no difference between the matter which composes the ox and that which forms man. But the Occult doctrine is far more explicit. It says: Not only the chemical compounds are the same, but the same infinitesimal *invisible lives* compose the atoms of the bodies of the mountain and the daisy, of man and the ant, of the elephant, and of the tree which shelters him from the sun. Each particle — whether you call it organic or inorganic — *is a life*.

Every atom in the Universe is both life-giving to form when receiving the transmigrating soul, and death-giving when the latter's hour has struck. It creates and kills. It is self-generating and self-destroying.

Every atom and molecule in the Universe is both *life-giving* and *death-giving* to that form, inasmuch as it builds by aggregation universes and the ephemeral vehicles ready to receive the transmigrating soul, and as eternally destroys and changes the *forms* and expels those souls from their temporary abodes. It creates and kills; it is self-generating and self-destroying; it brings into being, and annihilates, that mystery of mysteries — the *living body* of man, animal, or plant, every second in time

and space; and it generates equally life and death, beauty and ugliness, good and bad, and even the agreeable and disagreeable, the beneficent and maleficent sensations. It is that mysterious LIFE, represented collectively by countless myriads of lives, that follows in its own sporadic way the hitherto incomprehensible law of Atavism; that copies family resemblances as well as those it finds impressed in the aura of the generators of every future human being, a mystery, in short, that will receive fuller attention elsewhere. For the present, one instance may be cited in illustration. Modern science begins to find out that ptomaine (the alkaloid poison generated by decaying matter and corpses — a *life* also), extracted with the help of volatile ether, yields a smell as strong and equal to that of the freshest orange-blossoms; but that free from oxygen, these alkaloids yield either a most sickening, disgusting smell, or the most agreeable aroma, which recalls that of the most delicately scented flowers. And it is suspected that such blossoms owe their agreeable smell to the poisonous ptomaine; the venomous essence of certain mushrooms (fungi) being nearly identical with the venom of the cobra of India, the most deadly of serpents.¹⁰⁹ Thus, having discovered the effects, Science has to find their PRIMARY causes; and this it can never do without the help of the old sciences, of alchemy, occult botany and physics. We are taught that every physiological change, in addition to pathological phenomena, diseases — nay, life itself — or rather the objective phenomena of life, produced by certain conditions and changes in the tissues of the body which allow and force life to act in that body — that all this is due to those unseen CREATORS and DESTROYERS that are called in such a loose and general way, microbes.¹¹⁰ Such experimenters as Pasteur are the best friends and helpers of the Destroyers and the worst enemies of the Creators — if the latter were not at the same time destroyers too. However it may

¹⁰⁹ The French savants Arnaud, Gautier, and Villiers, have found in the saliva of living men the same venomous alkaloid as in that of the toad, the salamander, the cobra, and the trigonocephalus of Portugal. It is proven that venom of the deadliest kind, whether called ptomaine, or leucomaine, or alkaloid, is generated by living men, animals, and plants. The same savant, Gautier, discovered an alkaloid in the fresh meat of an ox and in its brains, and a venom which he calls *xantho-creatinine* similar to the substance extracted from the poisonous saliva of reptiles. It is the muscular tissues, as being the most active organ in the animal economy, that are suspected of being the generators or factors of venoms, having the same importance as carbonic acid and urea in the functions of life, which venoms are the ultimate products of inner combustion. And though it is not yet fully determined whether poisons can be generated by the animal system of living beings, without the participation and interference of microbes, it is ascertained that the animal does produce venomous substances in its physiological or living state.

¹¹⁰ It might be supposed that these “fiery lives” and the microbes of science are identical. This is not true. The “fiery lives” are the seventh and highest subdivision of the plane of matter, and correspond in the individual with the One Life of the Universe, though only on that plane. The microbes of science are the first and lowest sub-division on the second plane — that of material *prāna* (or life). The physical body of man undergoes a complete change of structure every seven years, and its destruction and preservation are due to the alternate function of the fiery lives as “destroyers” and “builders.” They are “builders” by sacrificing themselves in the form of vitality to restrain the destructive influence of the microbes, and, by supplying the microbes with what is necessary, they compel them under that restraint to build up the material body and its cells. They are “destroyers” also when that restraint is removed and the microbes, unsupplied with vital constructive energy, are left to run riot as destructive *agents*. Thus, during the first half of a man’s life (the first *five* periods of seven years each) the “fiery lives” are indirectly engaged in the process of building up man’s material body; life is on the ascending scale, and the force is used in construction and increase. After this period is passed, the age of retrogression commences, and, the work of the “fiery lives” exhausting their strength, the work of destruction and decrease also commences.

An analogy between cosmic events in the descent of spirit into matter for the first half of a manvantara (planetary as human) and its ascent at the expense of matter in the second half, may here be traced. These considerations have to do solely with the plane of matter, but the restraining influence of the “fiery lives” on the lowest sub-division of the second plane — the microbes — is confirmed by the fact mentioned in the footnote on Pasteur (*vide supra*), that the cells of the organs, when they do not find sufficient oxygen for themselves, adapt themselves to that condition and form *ferments*, which, by absorbing oxygen from substances coming in contact with them, ruin the latter. Thus the process is commenced by one cell robbing its neighbour of the source of its vitality when the supply is insufficient, and the ruin so commenced steadily progresses.

be, one thing is sure in this: The knowledge of these primary causes and of the ultimate essence of every element, of its lives, their functions, properties, and conditions of change — constitutes the basis of MAGIC. Paracelsus was, perhaps, the only Occultist in Europe, during the last centuries since the Christian era, who was versed in this mystery. Had not a criminal hand put an end to his life, years before the time allotted him by Nature, physiological Magic would have fewer secrets for the civilized world than it now has.

(d) But what has the Moon to do in all this, we may be asked? What have “Fish, Sin and Moon” in the apocalyptic saying of the Stanza to do in company with the “Life-microbes”? With the latter nothing, except availing themselves of the tabernacle of clay prepared by them; with divine perfect man everything, since “Fish, Sin and Moon” make conjointly the three symbols of the immortal Being.

This is all that can be given. Nor does the writer pretend to know more of this strange symbol than may be inferred about it from exoteric religions, from the mystery perhaps, which underlies the *Matsya* (fish) *Avatāra* of Vishnu, the Chaldean Ōannēs — the Man-Fish, recorded in the imperishable sign of the Zodiac, *Pisces*, and running throughout the two Testaments in the personages of Joshua “Son of the Fish (Nun)” and Jesus; the allegorical “Sin” or Fall of Spirit into matter, and the Moon — in so far as it relates to the “Lunar” ancestors, the Pitris.¹¹¹

Man, from the First down to the Seventh Root-Race, is composed of one and the same company of actors, who have descended from higher spheres to perform their artistic tour on this, our Planet Earth.

These worlds are all the earthly duplicates of their heavenly prototypes, the mortal and temporary reflections and shadows of the more durable, if not eternal, races dwelling in other, to us, invisible worlds. The souls of the men of our Fifth Race derive their elements from these four worlds — Root-Races — that preceded ours: namely, our intellect, *Manas*, the fifth principle, our passions and mental and corporeal appetites. A conflict having arisen, called “war in heaven,”¹¹² among our prototypical worlds, war came to pass, aeōns later, between the Atlanteans¹¹³ of Asiāh, and those of the third Root-Race, the *Bnēy ha-Elōhīm* or the “Sons of God,”¹¹⁴ and then evil and wickedness were intensified. Mankind (in the last sub-race of the third Root-Race) having

. . . sinned in their first parent [a physiological allegory, truly!], from whose soul every human soul is an emanation,

says the *Zohar*, men were “exiled” into more material bodies to

. . . expiate the sin and become proficient in goodness.

To accomplish the cycle of necessity, rather, explains the doctrine; to progress on their task of evolution, from which task none of us can be freed, neither by death nor

¹¹¹ *Secret Doctrine*, I pp. 260-64

¹¹² [See “Seven Wars in Heaven and on Earth” in our *Secret Doctrine’s* Third Proposition Series.]

¹¹³ See *Esoteric Buddhism*, by A.P. Sinnett, Fifth Edition, 1885. [Reprinted by Wizards Bookshelf, in 1973 & 1981, with index.]

¹¹⁴ See *Isis Unveiled*, Vol. I, pp. 589-95. The “Sons of God” and their war with the giants and magicians.

suicide, for each of us have to pass through the “Valley of Thorns” before he emerges into the plains of divine light and rest. And thus men will continue to be born in new bodies

. . . till they become sufficiently pure to enter a higher form of existence.

This means only that Mankind, from the First down to the last, or Seventh Race, is composed of one and the same company of actors, who have descended from higher spheres to perform their artistic tour on this our planet, Earth. Starting as pure spirits on our downward journey around the world (verily!) with the knowledge of truth — now feebly echoed in the Occult Doctrines — inherent in us, cyclic law brings us down to the reversed apex of matter, which is lost down here on earth and the bottom of which we have already struck; and then, the same law of spiritual gravity will make us slowly ascend to still higher, still purer spheres than those we started from.¹¹⁵

If the student can understand how Spirit falls into Matter and the self-sacrifice of Cain and Abel, i.e., the loss of spiritual potency of the Second Race that transformed Humanity into the physical men of the Third, he will also solve the riddle of the Divine Hermaphrodite.

Of course to our grossly material minds even the sublime symbolism of Kosmos conceived in the matrix of Space after the divine Unit had entered into and fructified it with Its holy fiat, will no doubt suggest materiality. Not so with primitive mankind. The initiatory rite in the Mysteries of the self-sacrificing Victim that dies a spiritual death to save the world from destruction — really from depopulation — was established during the Fourth Race, to commemorate an event, which, physiologically, has now become the Mystery of Mysteries among the world-problems. In the Jewish script it is Cain and the female Abel who are the sacrificed and sacrificing couple — both immolating themselves (as permutations of Adam and Eve, or the dual Jehovah) and shedding their blood “of separation and union,” for the sake of and to save mankind by inaugurating a new physiological race. Later still, when the neophyte, as already mentioned, in order to be reborn once more into his lost spiritual state, had to pass through the entrails (the womb) of a *virgin* heifer¹¹⁶ killed at the moment of the rite, it involved again a mystery and one as great, for it referred to the process of birth, or rather the first entrance of man onto this earth, through Vāch — “the melodious cow who milks forth sustenance and water” — and who is the female Logos. It had also reference to the same self-sacrifice of the “divine Hermaphrodite” — of the third Root-Race — the transformation of Humanity into truly physical men, after the loss of spiritual potency. When, the fruit of evil having been tasted along with the fruit of good, there was as a result the gradual atrophy of spirituality and a strengthening of the materiality in man, then he was doomed to be born thenceforth through the present process. This is the Mystery of the Hermaphrodite, which the Ancients kept so secret and veiled. It was neither the absence of moral feeling, nor the presence of gross sensuality in them that made them imagine their Deities under a dual aspect; but rather their knowledge of the mysteries and processes of primitive Na-

¹¹⁵ Blavatsky *Collected Writings*, (POST-CHRISTIAN SUCCESSORS TO MYSTERIES) XIV pp. 302-3

¹¹⁶ The Āryans replaced the living cow by one made of gold, silver or any other metal, and the rite is preserved to this day, when one desires to become a Brahman, a twice-born, in India.

ture. The Science of Physiology was better known to them than it is to us now. It is in this that lies buried the key to the Symbolism of old, the true focus of national thought, and the strange dual-sexed images of nearly every God and Goddess in both pagan and monotheistic Pantheons.¹¹⁷

Jehovah is merely a composite name for membrum virile and womb, and nothing more. In one sense Jehovah is Noah or, literally translated, the British Inch!¹¹⁸

The Jewish “Deity name J’hovah, is a compound of two words, viz., of *Jāh* [or *Yāh*] (y, i, or j, *Yōd*, the tenth letter of the alphabet) and *hovah* (Havāh, or Eve),” says a Kabbalistic authority, J. Ralston Skinner of Cincinnati, U.S.A. And again, “The word Jehovah, or *Jāh-Eve*, has the primary meaning of existence or being as male female.” It means Kabbalistically the latter, indeed, and nothing more; and as repeatedly shown is entirely phallic. Thus, verse 26 in the IVth chapter of *Genesis*, reads in its disfigured translation . . . “then began men to call upon the name of the Lord,” whereas it ought to read correctly . . . “then began men to call themselves by the name of *Jāh-hovah*” or males and females, which they had become after the separation of sexes. In fact the latter is described in the same chapter, when Cain (the male or *Jāh*) “rose up against Abel, his (*sister*, not) brother and slew him” (*spilt his blood*, in the original). Chapter IV of *Genesis* contains in truth, the allegorical narrative of that period of anthropological and physiological evolution which is described in the *Secret Doctrine* when treating of the third Root-Race of mankind. It is followed by Chapter V as *a blind*; but ought to be succeeded by Chapter VI, where the Sons of God took as their wives the daughters of men or of the giants. For this is an allegory hinting at the mystery of the *Divine Egos* incarnating in mankind, after which the hitherto *senseless* races “became mighty men, . . . men of renown” (v. 4), having acquired minds (*manas*) which they had not before.¹¹⁹



¹¹⁷ *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (TRACES OF THE MYSTERIES) XIV pp. 290-91

¹¹⁸ For further analysis, see “The Holy of Holies and Its degradation” in our Black versus White Magic Series.

¹¹⁹ *Theosophical Glossary*: Jehovah