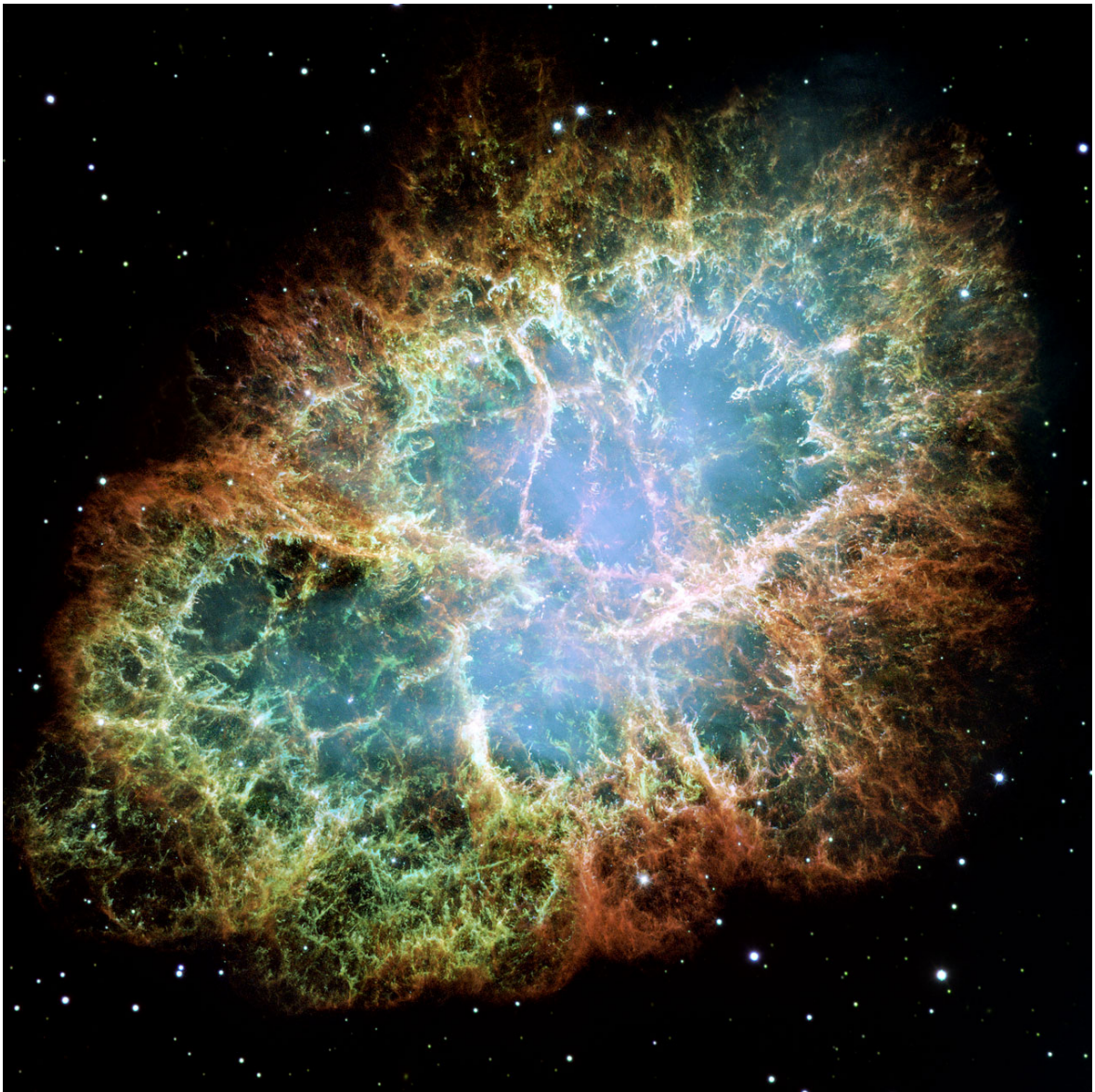


*Creation in
Ten occult aphorisms*



EXTRACTS FROM A PRIVATE COMMENTARY,¹ *hitherto secret*:

The Secret Doctrine, I pp. 289-92

xvii “*The Initial Existence in the first twilight of the Mahā-Manwantara [after the MAHĀ-PRALAYA that follows every age of Brahmā] is a CONSCIOUS SPIRITUAL QUALITY. In the manifested WORLD [solar systems] it is, in its OBJECTIVE SUBJECTIVITY, like the film from a Divine Breath to the gaze of the entranced seer. It spreads as it issues from LAYA² throughout infinity as a colourless spiritual fluid. It is on the SEVENTH PLANE, and in its SEVENTH STATE in our planetary world.*³

xviii “*It is Substance to OUR spiritual sight. It cannot be called so by men in their WAKING STATE; therefore they have named it in their ignorance ‘God-Spirit.’*

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xix “*It exists everywhere and forms the first UPĀDHI [foundation] on which our World [solar system] is built. Outside the latter it is to be found in its pristine purity only between [the solar systems or] the Stars of the Universe, the worlds already formed or forming; those in LAYA resting meanwhile in its bosom. As its substance is of a different kind from that known on earth, the inhabitants of the latter, seeing THROUGH IT, believe in their illusion and ignorance that it is empty space. There is not one finger’s breath [ANGULA] of void Space in the whole Boundless [Universe]. . . .*

xx “*Matter or Substance is septenary within our World, as it is so beyond it. Moreover, each of its states or principles is graduated into seven degrees of density. SŪRYA [the Sun], in its visible reflection, exhibits the first, or lowest state of the seventh, the highest state of the Universal PRESENCE, the pure of the pure, the first manifested Breath of the ever Unmanifested SAT [Be-ness]. All the Central physical or objective Suns are in their substance the lowest state of the first Principle of the BREATH. Nor are any of these any more than the REFLECTIONS of their PRIMARIES which are concealed from the gaze of all but the Dhyāni-Chohans, whose Corporeal substance belongs to the fifth division of the seventh Principle of the Mother substance, and is, therefore, four degrees higher than the solar reflected substance. As there are seven Dhātus [principal substances in the human body], so there are seven Forces in Man and in all Nature.*

xxi “*The real substance of the concealed [Sun] is a nucleus of Mother substance.⁴ It is the heart and the matrix of all the living and existing Forces in our solar universe. It is the Kernel from which proceed to spread on their cyclic journeys all the Powers that set in action the atoms in their functional duties, and the focus within which they again meet in their SEVENTH ESSENCE every eleventh year. He who tells thee he has*

¹ This (teaching) does not refer to Prakriti-Purusha beyond the boundaries of our small universe.

² The ultimate quiescent state: the *Nirvāna* condition of the seventh Principle.

³ The teaching is all given from our plane of consciousness.

⁴ Or the “dream of Science,” the primeval really homogeneous matter, which no mortal can make objective in this *Race* or *Round* either.

seen the sun, laugh at him⁵ as if he had said that the sun moves really onward on his diurnal path. . . .

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xxiii “It is on account of his septenary nature that the Sun is spoken of by the ancients as one who is driven by seven horses equal to the metres of the Vedas; or, again, that, though he is identified with the SEVEN “Gana” [classes of being] in his orb, he is distinct from them,⁶ as he is, indeed; as also that he has SEVEN RAYS, as indeed he has . . .

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xxv “The Seven Beings in the Sun are the Seven Holy Ones, Self-born from the inherent power in the matrix of Mother-substance. It is they who send the Seven Principal Forces, called rays, which at the beginning of Pralaya will centre into seven new Suns for the next Manvantara. The energy from which they spring into conscious existence in every Sun, is what some people call Vishnu [see foot-note below], which is the Breath of the ABSOLUTENESS.

We call it the One manifested life — itself a reflection of the Absolute . . .

xxvi “The latter must never be mentioned in words or speech LEST IT SHOULD TAKE AWAY SOME OF OUR SPIRITUAL ENERGIES THAT ASPIRE towards ITS state, gravitating ever onward unto IT spiritually, as the whole physical universe gravitates towards ITS manifested centre — cosmically.

xxvii “The former — the Initial existence — which may be called while in this state of being the ONE LIFE, is, as explained, a FILM for creative or formative purposes. It manifests in seven states, which, with their septenary subdivisions, are the FORTY-NINE Fires⁷ mentioned in sacred books . . .

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xxix “The first is the . . . ‘Mother’ [prima MATERIA]. Separating itself into its primary seven states, it proceeds down cyclically;⁸ when having consolidated itself in its LAST principle as GROSS MATTER, it revolves around itself and informs, with the seventh emanation of the last, the first and the lowest element [the Serpent biting its own tail]. In a hierarchy, or order of being, the seventh emanation of her last principle is:

“(a) In the mineral, the spark that lies latent in it, and is called to its evanescent being by the POSITIVE awakening the NEGATIVE [and so forth]. . . .

⁵ “Vishnu, in the form of the Solar active energy, neither ever rises nor sets, and is, at once, the *sevenfold Sun* and distinct from it,” says the *Vishnu-Purāna* (Bk. II, ch. xi; Wilson, Vol. II, p. 296).

⁶ “In the same manner as a man, approaching a mirror, placed upon a stand, beholds, in it, his own image, so the energy (or reflection) of Vishnu [the Sun] is never disjoined . . . but remains, month by month, in the sun (as in the mirror), which is there stationed” (*ibid.*, p. 297).

⁷ In *Vishnu-Purāna* and other *Purānas*.

⁸ See the Hermetic “Nature,” “going down cyclically into matter when she meets ‘heavenly man.’”

“(b) *In the plant it is that vital and intelligent Force which informs the seed and develops it into the blade of grass, or the root and sapling. It is the germ which becomes the UPĀDHI of the seven principles of the thing it resides in, shooting them out as the latter grows and develops.*

“(c) *In every animal it does the same. It is its life-principle and vital power, its instinct and qualities; its characteristics and special idiosyncrasies . . .*

“(d) *To man, it gives all that it bestows on all the rest of the manifested units in nature; but develops, furthermore, the reflection of all its FORTY-NINE FIRES in him. Each of his seven principles is an heir in full to, and a partaker of, the seven principles of the “great Mother.” The breath of her first principle is his spirit [Ātman]. [We call it, erroneously, the seventh. — H.P.B.]⁹ Her second principle is BUDDHI [soul]. The third furnishes him with*

(a) the brain stuff on the physical plane, and

*(b) with the MIND that moves it — [which is the human soul. — H.P.B.]
— according to his organic capacities.*

“(e) *It is the guiding Force in the Cosmic and terrestrial elements. It resides in the Fire provoked out of its latent into active being; for the whole of the seven subdivisions of the * * * principle reside in the terrestrial Fire. It whirls in the breeze, blows with the hurricane, and sets the air in motion, which element participates in one of its principles also. Proceeding cyclically, it regulates the motion of the water, attracts and repels the waves¹⁰ according to fixed laws of which its seventh principle is the informing soul.*

“(f) *Its four higher principles contain the germ that develops into the Cosmic Gods; its three lower ones breed the lives of the Elements [Elementals].*

“(g) *In our Solar world, the One Existence is Heaven and the Earth, the Root and the flower, the Action and the Thought. It is in the Sun, and is as present in the glow-worm. Not an atom can escape it. Therefore, the ancient Sages have wisely called it the manifested God in Nature. . . .”¹¹*



⁹ [Instead of First. — ED. PHIL.]

¹⁰ The writers of the above knew perfectly well the physical cause of the tides, of the waves, etc. It is the informing Spirit of the whole Cosmic solar body that is meant here, and which is referred to whenever such expressions are used from the mystic point of view.

¹¹ *Secret Doctrine*, I pp. 289-92