

# ABSOLUTENESS

"One night the stars ceased shining in darkness, and deserted it, falling down like rain upon the earth, where they are now hidden." [Ch'un ch'in] These stars are the Monads. (SD I, 571)

In Esoteric philosophy the Demiurge or Logos, regarded as the CREATOR, is simply an abstract term, an idea, like "army." As the latter is the all-embracing term for a body of active forces or working units — soldiers — so is the Demiurge the qualitative compound of a multitude of Creators or Builders. (SD I, 380 fn) [The Secret Doctrine] . . . Admits a Logos or a collective "Creator" of the Universe; a Demiourgos — in the sense implied when one speaks of an "Architect" as the "Creator" of an edifice, whereas that Architect has never touched one stone of it, but, while furnishing the plan, left all the manual labour to the masons; in our case the plan was furnished by the Ideation of the Universe, and the constructive labour was left to the Hosts of intelligent Powers and Forces. But that Demiourgos is no personal deity, — *i.e.*, an imperfect extra-cosmic god, — but only the aggregate of the Dhyān-Chohans and the other forces. (Ibid. 279-80)

## Related terms

Adityas  
 Agnishvattas  
 Asuras  
 Born in the Body of Night  
 Dhyanis, Fire, Spiritual  
 Elohim  
 Fashioners of Inner Man  
 Fiery Egos  
 Gandharvas  
 Gods of Will  
 Great Sacrifice  
 Guardians  
 Hierarchs  
 Hyparxis  
 Initiator  
 Kabeiroi  
 Kapila  
 Karttikeya  
 Kumaras  
 Llas  
 Lords of the Flame  
 Lords of Wisdom  
 Manas  
 Manasa(s)  
 Manasadyanis  
 Manasapitris  
 Manasaputras  
 Manasvin  
 Manus  
 Maruts  
 Mind-Born Ascetics  
 Nirmanakayas  
 Pitris, Agnishvatta  
 Pitris, Incorporeal  
 Planetary Logos  
 Planetary Spirits  
 Rudras  
 Solar Ancestors  
 Solar Angels  
 Solar Devas  
 Solar Pitris  
 Sons of Fire-Mist  
 Sons of Flame, of Wisdom  
 Sons of Mahat  
 Sons of Viraj  
 Sons of Will, of Yoga  
 Sons, of Ad, of Fire  
 Vedhas  
 Virgin Ascetics  
 Virgin-Born  
 Watchers Silent  
 Watchers Solitary

Super-terrestrial

**Dhyān-Chohans Class I**  
**Dhyān-Chohans Class II**  
**Dhyān-Chohans Class III**

**Human Kingdom**  
**Animal Kingdom**  
**Plant Kingdom**  
**Mineral Kingdom**

Sub-terrestrial

**Elementals Class I**  
**Elementals Class II**  
**Elementals Class III**



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