

The Atlantean Origin of Greeks and Romans



Abstract and train of thoughts¹

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¹ Frontispiece by Alex Fishgoyt.

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WHEN THE CYCLIC HOUR for the climax of the geologic changes in the earth's surface finally arrived, the catastrophe occurred during which the greater part of Atlantis and its population, largely of sorcerers, perished beneath the sea; yet many islands survived, some of them of large extent, such as Ruta and Daitya. But the wiser and more holy portions of the Atlanteans had left Atlantis before this, migrating to the high tablelands of Asia: they were the forefathers of the Turanians, Mongols, Chinese, and other ancient nations.¹

Said the priests of Sais to Solon, according to Plato:

. . . you are ignorant of a most illustrious and excellent race of men, who once inhabited your country; from whence you and your whole city descended,² though a small seed only of this admirable people is now remaining . . . [Our] writings relate what prodigious strength your city formerly tamed, when a mighty warlike power, rushing from the Atlantic sea, spread itself with hostile fury over all Europe and Asia.³

The Greeks were but the dwarfed and weak remnant of that once glorious nation.⁴

¹ Cf. *Encyclopedic Theosophical Glossary*

² For a full discussion of the relations between the *old* Greeks and Romans, and the Atlantean colonists, see *Five Years of Theosophy*, pp. 308-46; [and see our compilation under the title "Antiquity of the Atlanto-Aryan tribes in Europe," in the same series. — ED. PHIL.]

³ *Timæus*, 24e. [Cf. Thos. Taylor, *The Works of Plato*, Vol. II, pp. 468, 469]

⁴ The story about Atlantis and all the traditions thereon were told, as all know, by Plato in his *Timæus* [24e-25d] and *Critias* [or *Atlanticus*]. Plato, when a child, had it from his grandsire Critias, aged ninety, who in his youth had been told of it by Solon, his father Dropides' friend — Solon, one of the *Grecian Seven Sages*. No more reliable source could be found, we believe.

[See "The story of the island kingdom of Atlantis as told by the Critias of Plato," in the same series. — ED. PHIL.]

Of a single sub-race of the Aryan Race of Humanity, the progenitors of the Egyptians, Phœnicians, Greeks, and the northern stocks had emigrated from the lofty plateau of Asia westward and settled in the emerging new lands of Europe.

What was this nation? The Secret Doctrine teaches that it was the latest, seventh sub-race of the Atlanteans, already swallowed up in one of the early sub-races of the Āryan stock, one that had been gradually spreading over the continent and islands of Europe, as soon as they had begun to emerge from the seas. Descending from the high plateaux of Asia, where the two Races had sought refuge in the days of the agony of Atlantis, it had been slowly settling and colonizing the freshly emerged lands. The emigrant sub-race had rapidly increased and multiplied on that virgin soil; had divided into many families, which in their turn divided into nations. Egypt and Greece, the Phœnicians, and the Northern stocks, had thus proceeded from that one sub-race.¹

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In the *Odyssey*² the Kuklopes (Cyclops) are the Libyan shepherds; and Herodotus describes them as miners and great builders. They are the ancient Titans or giants, who in Hesiod forge bolts for Zeus.³ They are the biblical *Zamzummim* from the land of the giants, the *Anākīm*.⁴

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Thousands of years later, other races — the remnants of the Atlanteans — “yellow and red, brown and black,” began to invade the new continent. There were wars in which the new comers were defeated; and they fled, some to Africa, others to remote countries. Some of these lands became in course of time — owing to new geological convulsions — islands. Being thus forcibly separated from the continents, the result was that the undeveloped tribes and families of the Atlantean stock fell gradually into a still more abject and savage condition.⁵

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The word “historical” is used, because, although historians have dwarfed almost absurdly the dates that separate certain events from our modern day, nevertheless, once that they are known and accepted, they belong to history. Thus the Trojan War is an historical event; and though even less than 1,000 years B.C. is the date as-

¹ *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 743

² [Book IX, 187-192]

³ [*Theogony*, 198-201]

⁴ *Isis Unveiled*, I p. 567

⁵ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 743-44

signed to it [by the profane historian], yet in truth it is nearer 6,000 than 5,000 years B.C.¹

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The records of the Occultists make no difference between the “Atlantean” ancestors of the old Greeks and Romans. Partially corroborated and in turn contradicted by licensed, or recognised History, *their* records teach that of the ancient Latini of classic legend called Itali; of that people, in short, which, crossing the Apennines (as their Indo-Āryan brothers — let this be known — had crossed *before them* the Hindoo-Koosh) entered from the north the peninsula — there survived at a period long before the days of Romulus *but the name and — a nascent language*. Profane History informs us that the Latins of the “mythical era,” got so Hellenised amidst the rich colonies of *Magna-Graecia* that there remained nothing in them of their primitive Latin nationality. It is the Latins proper, it says, those pre-Roman Italians who, by settling in Latium had from the first kept themselves free from the Greek influence, who were the ancestors of the Romans. Contradicting exoteric History, the occult Records affirm that if, owing to circumstances too long and complicated to be related here, the settlers of Latium preserved their primitive nationality a little longer than their brothers who had first entered the peninsula with them after leaving the East (which was *not* their original home), they lost it very soon, for other reasons. Free from the Samnites during the first period, they did not remain free from other invaders. While the Western historian puts together the mutilated, incomplete records of various nations and people, and makes them into a clever mosaic according to the best and most probable plan and rejects entirely traditional fables, the occultist pays not the slightest attention to the vain self-glorification of alleged conquerors or their lithic inscriptions. Nor does he follow the stray bits of so-called historical information, oft concocted by interested parties and found scattered hither and thither, in the fragments of classical writers, whose original texts themselves have often been tampered with. The Occultist follows the ethnological affinities and their divergences in the various nationalities, races and sub-races, in a more easy way; and he is guided in this as surely as the student who examines a geographical map. As the latter can easily trace by their differently coloured outlines the boundaries of the many countries and their possessions; their geographical superficies and their separations by seas, rivers and mountains; so the Occultist can by following the (to him) well distinguishable and defined *auric shades and gradations of colour in the inner-man* unerringly pronounce to which of the several distinct human families, as also, to what particular respective group, and even small sub-group of the latter belongs such or another people, tribe, or man. This will appear hazy and incomprehensible to the many who know nothing of ethnic varieties of nerve-aura and disbelieve in any “inner-man” theory, scientific but to the few. The whole question hangs upon the reality or unreality of the existence of this inner-man whom clairvoyance has discovered, and

¹ *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 437 *fn.*

whose odyle or nerve emanations von Reichenbach proves. If one admits such a presence and realizes intuitively that, being closer related to the one invisible Reality, the *inner* type must be still more pronounced than the outer physical type, then it will be a matter of little, if any difficulty, to conceive our meaning. For, indeed, if even the respective physical idiosyncrasies and special characteristics of any given person make his nationality usually distinguishable by the physical eye of the ordinary observer — let alone the experienced ethnologist: the Englishman being commonly recognizable at a glance from the Frenchman, the German from the Italian, not to speak of the typical differences between human root-families¹ in their anthropological division — there seems little difficulty in conceiving that the same, though far more pronounced difference of type and characteristics should exist between the *inner* races that inhabit these “fleshly tabernacles.” Besides this easily discernible psychological and *astral* differentiation, there are the documentary records in their unbroken series of chronological tables, and the history of the gradual branching off of races and sub-races from the three *geological*, primeval Races, the work of the Initiates of all the archaic and ancient temples up to date, collected in our *Book of Numbers*, and other volumes.²

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It will thus appear that the objectionable statements on *pp.* 56 and 62 of *Esoteric Buddhism*, which are alleged to create a “historical difficulty,” were not made by Mr. Sinnett’s correspondent to bolster a Western theory, but in loyalty to historical facts. Whether they can or cannot be accepted in those particular localities, where criticism seems based upon mere conjecture (though honoured with the name of scientific hypothesis), is something which concerns the present writers as little as any casual traveller’s unfavourable comments upon the time-scarred visage of the Sphinx can affect the designer of that sublime symbol. The sentences, “Greeks and Romans were small sub-races . . . of our own Caucasian stock” (*p.* 56), and they were “the remnants of the Atlanteans, the old Greeks and Romans (the modern belong to the fifth race)” *p.* 62, show the real meaning on their face. By the old Greeks “remnants of the Atlanteans” the eponymous ancestors (as they are called by Europeans) of the Aeolians, Dorians and Ionians, are meant. By the connection together of the old Greeks and Romans without distinction, was meant that the primitive Latins were swallowed by Magna Graecia. And by “the modern” belonging “to the fifth race” — both these small branchlets from whose veins had been strained out the last drop of the Atlantean blood — it was implied that the Mongoloid 4th race blood had already been eliminated. Occultists make a distinction between the races intermediate between any two Root-races: the Westerns do not. The “old Romans” were Hellenes in a new eth-

¹ Properly speaking, these ought to be called “Geological Races,” so as to be easily distinguished from their subsequent evolutions — the *root-races*. The Occult Doctrine has naught to do with the Biblical division of Shem, Ham and Japhet, and admires, without accepting it, the latest Huxleyan, physiological division of the human races into their quintuple group of Australioids, Negroids, Mongoloids, Xanthochroi, and the 5th variety of Melanochroi. Yet it says that the *triple* division of the blundering Jews is closer to the truth. It knows but of three entirely distinct primeval races whose evolution, formation and development went *pari passu* and on parallel lines with the evolution, formation, and development of three geological strata; namely, the BLACK, the RED-YELLOW, and the BROWN-WHITE RACES.

² *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (SOME INQUIRIES SUGGESTED BY MR. SINNETT’S *ESOTERIC BUDDHISM* – QUESTION VI, LEAFLETS FROM *ESOTERIC HISTORY*) V, *pp.* 211-14

nological disguise; the still older Greeks — the real blood ancestors of the future Romans. As in a direct relation to this, attention is drawn to the following fact — one of the many in its close historical bearing upon the “mythical” age to which Atlantis belongs. It is a fable and may be charged to the account of historical difficulties. It is well calculated, however, to throw all the old ethnological and genealogical divisions into confusion.¹

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The Egyptian priests had the Zodiacs of the Atlantean Asura-Maya, as the modern Hindus still have. As stated in *Esoteric Buddhism*, the Egyptians, as well as the Greeks and “Romans” some thousand years ago, were “remnants of the Atlanto-Āryans,” *i.e.*, the former, of the older, or the Ruta Atlanteans; the last-named, the descendants of the last race of that island, whose sudden disappearance was narrated to Solon by the Egyptian Initiates. The *human* Dynasty of the older Egyptians, beginning, with Menes, had all the *knowledge* of the Atlanteans, though there was no more Atlantean blood in their veins. Nevertheless, they had preserved all their Archaic records. All this has been shown long ago.² And it is just because the Egyptian Zodiac is between 75,000 and 80,000 years old that the Zodiac of the Greeks is far later. Volney has correctly pointed out³ that it is only 16,984 years old, or up to the present date⁴ 17,082.⁵



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¹ *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (SOME INQUIRIES SUGGESTED BY MR. SINNETT’S *ESOTERIC BUDDHISM* – QUESTION VI, LEAFLETS FROM *ESOTERIC HISTORY*) V pp. 215-16

² This question was amply challenged, and as amply discussed and answered. See *Five Years of Theosophy*, pp. 325 *et seq.*

³ *Ruins of Empires*, Ch. xxii, p. 360. Volney says that, as *Aries* was in its 15th degree 1447 B.C., it follows that the first degree of “*Libra*” could not have coincided with the Vernal Equinox more lately than 15,194 years B.C., to which, if you add 1790 since Christ, when Volney wrote this, it appears that 16,984 years have elapsed since the (Greek or rather Hellenic) origin of the Zodiac.

⁴ [1888]

⁵ *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 436