

*The indissoluble links
between gods and men*



HOT-HERMES IS A GENERIC NAME, as is Enoch (Enoïchion, the “inner, spiritual eye”), *Nebo*, the prophet and seer, *etc.* It is not the proper name of any one living man, but a generic title of many adepts. Their connection in symbolic allegories with the serpent is due to their enlightenment by the solar and planetary gods during the earliest intellectual Race, the Third. They are all the representative patrons of the Secret Wisdom. Asclēpios is the son of the Sun-god Apollo — and he is Mercury; Nebo is the son of Bel-Merodach; Vaivasvata Manu, the great Rishi, is the son of Vivasvat — the Sun or Sūrya, *etc., etc.* And while, astronomically, the Nāgas along with the Rishis, the Gandharvas, Apsarasas, Grāmanīs (or Yakshas, minor gods) Yātudhānas and Devas, are the Sun’s attendants throughout the twelve solar months; in Theogony, and also in anthropological evolution, they are gods and men — when incarnated in the *nether* world. Let the reader be reminded, in this connection, of the fact that Apollonius met in Kashmīr Buddhist *Nāgas* — which are neither serpents zoologically, nor yet the *Nāgas* ethnologically, but “wise men.”

The Bible, from *Genesis* to *Revelation*, is but a series of historical records of the great struggle between white and black Magic, between the Adepts of the right path, the Prophets, and those of the left, the Levites, the clergy of the brutal masses. Even the students of Occultism, though some of them have more archaic MSS. and direct teaching to rely upon, find it difficult to draw a line of demarcation between the *Sōdales* of the Right Path and those of the Left. The great schism that arose between the sons of the Fourth Race, as soon as the first Temples and Halls of Initiation had been erected under the guidance of “the Sons of God,” is allegorized in the Sons of Jacob. That there were two schools of Magic, and that the orthodox Levites did not belong to the *holy* one, is shown in the words pronounced by the dying Jacob.¹

No Theologian, any more than an Orientalist, can ever understand the genealogies of the Prajāpatis, the Manus, and the Rishis, nor the direct connection of these — or their correlation rather — with the Gods, unless he has the key to the old primitive Cosmogony and Theogony, which all the Nations originally had in common. All these gods and demi-gods are found reborn on earth, in various Kalpas and in as various characters; each, moreover, *having his Karma distinctly traced, and every effect assigned to its cause.*²



¹ *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 211; [cf. *Isis Unveiled*, I p. 555.]

² *ibid.*, II p. 248