

Present and future waves of humanity
The last three Root-Races



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When the hour strikes, the wicked shall be destroyed by fire and their power annihilated. And their names shall be blotted out of the holy books. 15

Continents evolve on parallel lines with races; and races, with soil and climate.

Enoch stands for the first subrace of the Fifth Root-Race, and for the two preceding Root-Races with their fourteen subraces. 16

While the Puranas pay more attention to spiritual causes than to effects, the Bible plunges the faithful into material genesis, nearly skips the pre-Adamic races, and then proceeds developing its allegories concerning the Fifth Root-Race. 16

The appearance of the Great Continents follows the order of evolution of the Great Races, from the First to the Fifth. Europe is the Fifth Continent. 17

Human races evolved on parallel lines with the evolution of three geological strata, from which their complexion was as much derived as it was determined by the climate of those zones. The three fundamental colours are red, yellow, and black. When mixed in variable quantities with the white of the skin, they give rise to numerous shades. 18

The first subrace of the Aryan Fifth Race witnessed the doom of the last of Atlanteans 850,000 years ago. The fourth, that of the last island of Atlantis, 11,000 years ago. 19

The early Aryans were giants. But they have since degenerated morally and physically. 21

Incas were the first offshoot of the first subrace of the Fifth Race. 21

They were followed by the Egyptians and the early Chinese. 21

Aryan Hindus were the last offshoot of the first subrace. 21

Aeolians, Dorians, and Ionians were remnants of Atlantean stock. 21

But the blood of the true Roman was Hellenic from its beginning. 22

Today's spiritually highest men are the Aryan Asiatics; those intellectually highest are their white conquerors, men of the seventh subrace. 22

Redskins, Eskimos, Papuans, Australians, Polynesians, all are dying out now. The time is drawing near when there will remain nothing but three great human types, the White, the Yellow, and the African Black, with their Atlanto-European divisions. 23

The ape is not a product of natural evolution but an accidental cross-breed between animal and man.

It is the ape that is a "special and unique instance," not man. The pithecoïd is an accidental creation, the result of an unnatural process, a forced growth. 24

Still, he is "a god on earth who had fallen into matter" or generation. 24

Apes appeared millions of years after the "speaking men," and are the latest contemporaries of the Aryan Root-Race. Their unprogressed Egos were compelled by Karma to incarnate in animal forms as a punishment for the bestiality they displayed from the late Third to the early Fourth Root-Race. They are dwarfed and degraded examples of ourselves as we were then. The "speechless men" will become speaking animals (men of a lower order) in the Fifth Round, perhaps at the close of the Sixth Root-Race. 25

The Hindus attribute a divine origin to apes and monkeys because they recognise that these "senseless" mortals of the Third Race were once gods from another plane. 26

Man is a unity only at his origin and at his very end, not in-between

Up to the Fifth Race, animal and man were on a par as to suffering, in their efforts to unfold divine consciousness here on earth. Today, karma weighs heavily on the shoulders of thinking, therefore, responsible men. 28

The heaviest Karma of our race was generated by ourselves in the previous race. As Atlanteans, we misused our divine powers and made the holy tabernacle, designed for a god, fane of every spiritual iniquity.	28
Yet, in its infancy, mankind "was of one lip and of one speech," had one doctrine and one philosophy.	29
The deadly strife between spirit and matter, light and darkness, goodness and evil, began on our globe with the first appearance of contrasts and opposites in vegetable and animal nature, and continued more fiercely than ever after man had become the selfish and wicked being he now is.	29
Man is a Unity only at his origin and at his very end. In the intermediate period, there is a ceaseless struggle between divine wisdom and its earthly reflection, between truth and error. If man can emerge from the region of lust and iniquity victorious, he may rebecome what he was before and retire into the Silence and Darkness whence he came.	30
The ancients revered the pristine spirituality of their divine ancestors. The modern anthropomorphists prefer to worship male gods that they "created" after their own fleshly organs.	31
Æther and Ether compared and contrasted.	
The ancients divided the senses into five simply because their teachers stopped at the hearing, as being a sense that became limited at the beginning of the Fifth Race.	33
As the sixth sense has hardly sprouted above the soil of materiality, few can at present enjoy the legitimate outgrowth and endowments of the higher life.	33
Men of the Fourth Round have now reached the latter half of the Fifth Root-Race. Those of the Fifth Round, though only in their First Root-Race, are immeasurably higher than we are today, spiritually if not intellectually.	34
Man is the child of Cyclic Necessity.	
Humanity has crossed the meridian of perfect adjustment between spirit and matter, or equilibrium between spiritual perception and brain intellect.	35
Ether has begun purging the dross of sensuality, and is dawning upwards toward Æther.	36
Though the earthly spirit of the Fourth Race is still strong in us, we are approaching the time when the pendulum of evolution will direct its swing decidedly upwards, bringing us back on a parallel line with the primitive Third Root-Race in Spirituality.	36
The formation of the next subrace has already begun in America.	37
Americans are the germs of the last two subraces of the Fifth Root-Race, in preparation for the emergence of the Sixth.	37
Global submersions and destructions by wave and volcanic fire will spell the end of our Fifth Race. But when the Sixth Race commences there will be no more Americans.	38
Man is the child of Cyclic Destiny. Cycles of Materiality will be succeeded by Cycles of Spirituality, and fully developed faculties will open up the sixth sense. The majority of future men will be glorious Adepts.	39
Unfortunately, the mind of the present generation is not ready to receive occult truths. Such will be the privilege of the advanced thinkers of the Sixth Root-Race.	39
The Rays of the Divine Monad are not destined to become wholly self-conscious and self-dependant entities in this Round, before the Last Root-Race in the Last Round of this Manvantara.	40
The entrance into a dark room through the same aperture of one ray of sunlight following another will not constitute two rays, but one ray intensified.	40

Even in the coming Seventh Root-Race, at the close of the Fourth Round, while our four lower principles will be fully developed that of Manas will be only proportionately so. 40

Bhaumika or Earthly Manvantara (Drawing). 41

Sixth Root-Race: The Enlightened

Having lost spirituality in favour of physical development at the close of the Fourth Root-Race, we are now gradually but imperceptibly losing physicality until the Sixth Race will be on a par with the spirituality of the Second, the long extinct prehistoric race. Then, all human iniquities will have vanished into endless space, and ether into Æther. 43

The first Five Root-Races are symbolised by a five-faced Shiva who, in the Sixth, will be called the six-faced or six-pointed star. 43

Toward the beginning of the next Root-Race man will finally come of age, and many of the hitherto secret knowledge will become common knowledge. 44

The last subrace of the Sixth Root-Race will be flourishing on top of old "Lemuria" and "Atlantis," the continents of which will have resurfaced by then. The British Isles will be no more as they are the first part of Europe to be destroyed by submarine volcanos and water; France and other lands will follow suit. 44

The so-called "fourth dimension of space" is the sixth characteristic of matter and harbinger of the sixth sense.

Water, one of four primordial Elements, was transmitted to us by the Fourth Root-Race, as we shall transmit Æther, the Fifth Element, to the Sixth. Then our sixth sense shall be awakened. 45

"The fourth dimension" is an unfortunate verbalism. Space and time are often viewed outside mental perceptions and experiences rather as what they truly are, fanciful generalizations of lower minds. Giving reality to abstractions is an error of realism. 45

The next characteristic of matter or "permeability" (spiritual sight) will correspond to the sixth sense, that of "normal clairvoyance," for any perception must be related to senses. Then, those who have been seeking a "fourth dimension" to explain the passage of matter through matter shall find what they sought, the sixth characteristic of matter. 46

Since the three dimensions (length-breadth-thickness) belong but to one characteristic of matter (extension), common sense justly rebels against the suggestion that there can be more than three. 46

Normal, spiritual clairvoyance is the opposite of psychic; the latter is abnormal and counterfeit. 46

The Third Eye or Eye of Dangma of the stanzas of Dzyan will open again, and the minds of those who will live at that time shall be awakened and become as pellucid as crystal. 47

Seventh Root-Race: Immortal Gods

By the middle of the Seventh Root-Race, the struggle between the two Opposing Powers (Buddhi and Kama-Manas, on our plane) will have almost died out. Everything that is irredeemably sinful and wicked will have been eliminated. What may have survived will be swept away by Karmic tidal-waves in the shape of scavenger-plagues, geological convulsions, and other means of destruction. 48

The Adept in charge of the Seventh Root-Race will be the future Planetary Spirit, a Dhyani-Chohan who shall instruct the First Root-Race of the Fifth Round after the scheduled obscuration of our planet. 49

He will appear as Maitreya-Buddha, the last of Avatars and Buddhas. 49

Each Root-Race is a new “birth” or transformation of the same company of actors, one of seven keynotes for many a subsequent birth in subraces, each carrying the Divine Monad higher and higher until it reaches the Seventh Race. 49

Men who will be thus transformed by virtue at the end of our Kali Age of Darkness shall be the seeds of future human beings, and shall give birth to the ultimate race that, following the laws of the Krita Age of Purity, will be born of immaculate parents. 50

Peoples at the end of the Sixth and Seventh Root-Races will be sexless again. They will correspond to the “Pudding Bags” of the First in appearance, but empowered by the highest intelligence and spirituality. 50

They will be led by Dharmaprabhasa Buddha, who shall appear when gender and all other illusions of separateness will no longer exist. 51

Then the Adepts and Initiates of the Seventh Root-Race will once more create mind-born Immaculate Sons. 51

Finally, when the sixth sense has awakened the seventh, Chrēstos shall be regenerated as Christos and will illumine the souls of all men. “And they will listen to my voice; and they shall become one flock under one Shepherd.” 51

A glimpse of the close of the Seventh Root-Race in the Seventh Round, when all men shall be equal to Angels.

The great cycle of (and struggle for) conscious life begun with the separation of the sexes and will end in the Last Race of the Last Round. 53

Humanity is already on the ascending arc. At the close of the Forty-Ninth Race in the Seventh Round of this Manvantara, the Divine Monad shall be pure again, unsullied by evil and temptation, as it was in the very beginning. It shall then be transported to new heights of consciousness by the aroma of its cumulative earthly experience and wisdom. 53

Until the Last Battle in the Last Round is fought and won, the Holy Tree of Life cannot wither. 54

That is why the Hindu sage has to light the First and extinguish the Forty-Ninth Fire before reaching his final deliverance. 54

He who, through a long series of births under Karmic law, shall reach the end of the Manvantara, shall become “equal unto the Angels,” and shall die no more. 54

Suggested reading for students.

From our Secret Doctrine's Third Proposition Series. 57





Anthropogenesis, the Third Fundamental Proposition of Theosophy, is the subject matter of Volume II of *The Secret Doctrine*. Selected fragments of a hitherto occult anthropo-geological evolution on planet earth, were first examined in 2011.

This study is the third of four parts:

- 1 "Proposition 3 - The first four Root-Races"
- 2 "Appendices to the first four Root-Races"
- 3 "Proposition 3 - The last three Root-Races" ♥
- 4 "Appendix on the Divine Instructors of our Race"

We have since integrated all four parts in a 242pp volume, under the holding title "Evolution of the human life-wave on earth." This volume can be found in the same Series and in [Google Books](#).

For a quick overview of Anthropogenesis, look up "Crowning achievement of the Great Sacrifice," also in the same Series.

Independent thinkers may consult with profit related works, diagrams, and drawings in this Series, and in our Planetary Rounds and Globes Series.

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Quick definitions

Impulses of Monadic Consciousness proceed spirally, in curves that never re-enter into themselves but ever ascend to higher planes,¹ in a seven-fold pattern along a chain of seven man-bearing Globes (Planets or Spheres), re-visiting each one seven times.

Seven Monadic passages through Planet Earth complete a Globe Round. Each terrestrial passage gives rise to a new Root-Race of humanity, commencing with the Ethereal and ending up with the Spiritual on parallel lines of physical and moral evolution.² The bulk of present day humanity, scattered on the face of the globe, belongs to the Fifth Root-Race.

Globe Rounds evolve the Divine Monad spiritually; Planetary Rounds, physically and psychically.

A Planetary Round or Ring is a single circuit of the Divine Monad through Seven Globes. Each round evolves nascent material nature³ through the successive development of seven Occult Elements, Fire, Air, Water, Earth, so far,⁴ by repeating on a higher scale the evolutionary work of the preceding round.⁵

The Secret Doctrine focuses narrowly on the current, Fourth Round, of our Earth's minor manvantara. It is not concerned with other planets, except incidentally.⁶

Note to students

Two compilations on the "Planetary Rounds of the Divine Monad," in our Planetary Rounds and Globes Series, are complementary to the subject matter and should be studied immediately after.

Wider and more complex relations of the Doctrine of Globe Rounds with other Doctrines will be examined in future studies.

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¹ Cf. *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (THE STRUGGLE FOR EXISTENCE) XI p. 151

² Cf. *Secret Doctrine*, I p. 160

³ Cf. *ibid.*, I p. 231

⁴ Cf. *ibid.*, I p. 252

⁵ Cf. *ibid.*, I p. 187

⁶ Cf. *ibid.*, I p. 160

Fifth Root-Race: The Aryan

Divine Kings incarnated on earth to teach nascent humanity.

The Atlanteans were the first purely human, earthly race; Aryans, are the second.

The Atlanteans . . . belonged to the Fourth, while the Āryans and their Semitic Branch are of the Fifth Race. Plato, while repeating the story as narrated to Solon by the priests of Egypt, intentionally confuses (as every *Initiate* would) the two continents, and assigns to the small island which sunk last all the events pertaining to the two enormous continents, the prehistoric and traditional. Therefore, he describes the *first couple*, from whom the whole island was peopled, as being formed of the Earth. In saying so, he means neither Adam and Eve, nor yet his own Hellenic forefathers. His language is simply allegorical, and by alluding to “Earth,” he means “matter,” as the Atlanteans were really the first purely *human* and *terrestrial* race — those that preceded it being more divine and ethereal than human and solid.¹

“Two nations are in thy womb,” saith the Lord to Rebekah.

By the law of analogy and permutation, in the *Chaldean Book of Numbers*, as also in the “Books of Knowledge” and of “Wisdom,” the “seven primordial worlds” mean also the “seven primordial” races (sub-races of the First Root-Race of the *Shadows*); and, again, the Kings of Edōm are the sons of “Esau the father of the Edōmites,”² *i.e.*, Esau represents in the Bible the race which stands between the Fourth and the Fifth, the Atlantean and the Āryan. “Two *nations* are in thy womb,” saith the Lord to Rebekah; and Esau was *red* and *hairy*. From verse 24 to 34, ch. xxv of *Genesis* contains the allegorical history of the birth of the Fifth Race.³

The wise leaders of our race lived their lives in learning, not teaching.

[The Secret Doctrine] is the uninterrupted record covering thousands of generations of Seers whose respective experiences were made to test and to verify the traditions passed orally by one early race to another, of the teachings of higher and exalted beings, who watched over the childhood of Humanity. That for long ages, the “Wise Men” of the Fifth Race, of the stock saved and rescued from the last cataclysm and shifting of continents, had passed their lives *in learning, not teaching*. How did they do so? It is answered: by checking, testing, and verifying in every department of na-

¹ *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 266

² *Genesis* xxxvi, 43

³ *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 705; [on the destruction of the worlds in the *Zohar* and Kabbalistic treatises.]

ture the traditions of old by the independent visions of great adepts; *i.e.*, men who have developed and perfected their physical, mental, psychic, and spiritual organisations to the utmost possible degree. No vision of one adept was accepted till it was checked and confirmed by the visions — so obtained as to stand as independent evidence — of other adepts, and by centuries of experiences.¹

What they knew, they passed on in solemn silence and secrecy to the elect.

It was a common claim of all the ancient nations that the real mysteries of what is called so unphilosophically, *creation*, were divulged to the elect of our (fifth) race by its first dynasties of *divine* Rulers — gods in flesh, “divine incarnations,” or *Avatars*, so called. The last Stanzas, given from the *Book of Dzyan* in *The Secret Doctrine* (Vol. II, p. 21), speak of those who ruled over the descendants .” . . produced from the Holy stock,” and .” . . Who redescended, who made peace with the fifth [race], who taught and instructed it . . . ”²

They are the Sons of the Fire, the King-Instructors who incarnated here on earth to teach nascent Humanity.

The “Rays” [of Third Logos] are the “Sons of the Fire-mist,” produced by the *Third Creation*, or Logos. The actual “Sons of the Fire” of the Fifth Race and Sub-races are so called simply because they by their wisdom belong, or are nearer to, the hierarchy of the divine “Sons of the Fire-Mist,” the highest of the planetary Chohans or Angels. But the Sons of the Fire here spoken of as addressing the Sons of the Earth are, in this case, the King-Instructors who incarnated on this earth to teach nascent Humanity. As “Kings” they belong to the divine dynasties of which every nation, India, Chaldea, Egypt, Homeric Greece, etc., has preserved a tradition or record in some form or other. The name “Sons of the Fire-Mist” was also given to the Hierophants of old. They are certainly sub-divisions of the Third Logos. They are the Fire-Chohans or Angels, the Ether Angels, the Air and Water Angels, and the Angels of the Earth. The seven lower Sephīrōth are the earthly angels and correspond to the seven hierarchies of the seven elements, five of which are known, and two unknown.³

They are led by Gautama Shakyamuni, called the Fourth and Fifth Buddha because during the Fourth Round He presides over the Fifth Root-Race.

Our present period is a Bhadra Kalpa [Kalpa of the Sages], and the exoteric teaching makes it last 236 million years. It is “so called because 1,000 Buddhas or sages appear in the course of it.” (*Sanskrit-Chinese Dict.*) “Four Buddhas have already appeared” it adds; but as out of the 236 million, over 151 million years have already elapsed, it does seem a rather uneven distribution of Buddhas. This is the way exoteric or popular religions confuse everything. Esoteric philosophy teaches us that every Root-Race has its chief Buddha or Reformer, who appears also in the seven sub-races as a Bodhisattva (*q.v.*). Gautama Śākyamuni was the fourth, and also the

¹ *Secret Doctrine*, I pp. 272-73

² *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (THE ROOTS OF RITUALISM – VII) XI p. 85

³ *ibid.*, (TRANSACTIONS OF THE BLAVATSKY LODGE – X) X pp. 394-95; [on whether the Sons of the Fire are Rays of the Third Logos.]

fifth Buddha: the fifth, because we are the fifth root-race; the fourth, as the chief Buddha in this *fourth* Round. The Bhadra Kalpa, or the “period of stability,” is the name of our present Round, esoterically — its duration applying, of course, only to our globe (D), the “1,000” Buddhas being thus in reality limited to but forty-nine in all.¹

He is Samanta Bhadra, a Universal Sage.

The name of one of the four *Bodhisattvas* of the Yogāchāra School, of the Mahāyāna (the Great Vehicle) of Wisdom of that system. There are four terrestrial and three celestial Bodhisattvas: the first four only act in the present races, but in the middle of the fifth Root-race appeared the fifth Bodhisattva, who, according to an esoteric legend, was Gautama Buddha, but who, having appeared too early, had to disappear bodily from the world for a while.²

In Hindu Occultism, divine consciousness and its human reflections on earth are symbolised by Vaivasvata Manu who is in charge of our present Fourth Round, the Indian Noah and progenitor of the thinking men of the present Fifth Race, one of forty-nine that emanated from the Root-Manu.³

Our *Manas*, or Ego, proceeds from, and is the Son (figuratively) of Mahat. Vaivasvata Manu (the Manu of our own fifth race and Humanity in general) is the chief personified representative of the *thinking* Humanity of the fifth Root-race; and therefore he is represented as the eldest Son of the Sun and an *Agnishvāta* Ancestor. As “*Manu*” is derived from *Man*, to think, the idea is clear. Thought in its action on human brains is endless. Thus Manu is, and contains the potentiality of all the thinking forms which will be developed on earth from this particular source. In the exoteric teaching he is the beginning of this earth, and from him and his daughter Ilā humanity is born; he is a unity which contains all the pluralities and their modifications. Every Manvantara has thus its own Manu and from this Manu the various Manus or rather all the *Mānasa* of the Kalpas will proceed. As an analogy he may be compared to the white light which contains all the other rays, giving birth to them by passing through the prism of differentiation and evolution. But this pertains to the esoteric and metaphysical teachings.⁴



¹ *Theosophical Glossary*: Bhadrakalpa

² *ibid.*, Samanta Bhadra; [cf. Vairochana, “the best translator of the semi-esoteric Canon of Northern Buddhism, and a contemporary of the great Samantabhadra.” *ibid.*]

³ Cf. “. . . whereas the Hindu *Purānas* speak of one Vaivasvata Manu, we affirm that there were several, the name being a generic one.” *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 251

⁴ *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (TRANSACTIONS OF THE BLAVATSKY LODGE – VI) X pp. 363-64; [on whether Manu is a unity also of human consciousness personified, or an individualization of the Thought Divine for manvantaric purposes.]

Humanity has now come of age.

Our Fifth Root-Race begun its existence 1,000,000 years ago.

Now our Fifth Root-Race has already been in existence — as a race *sui generis* and quite free from its parent stem — about 1,000,000 years; therefore it must be inferred that each of the four preceding Sub-Races has lived approximately 210,000 years; thus each Family-Race has an average existence of about 30,000 years. Thus the European “Family Race” has still a good many thousand years to run,¹ although the nations or the innumerable spines² upon it, vary with each succeeding “season” of three or four thousand years. It is somewhat curious to mark the comparative approximation of duration between the lives of a “Family-Race” and a “Sidereal year.”³

The Great Cataclysm that sunk the Fourth Continent beneath the floor of what is now the Atlantic Ocean took place 200,000 after the dawn of our race.

The *semi*-universal deluge⁴ known to geology (first glacial period) must have occurred just at the time allotted to it by the Secret Doctrine: namely, 200,000 years (in round numbers) after the commencement of our FIFTH RACE, or about the time assigned by Croll and Stockwell for the first glacial period: *i.e.*, about 850,000 years ago. Thus, as the latter disturbance is attributed by geologists and astronomers to “an extreme eccentricity of the Earth’s orbit,” and as the Secret Doctrine attributes it to the same source, but with the addition of another factor, the shifting of the Earth’s axis . . .⁵

We have since passed the middle point in the Great Cycle. The door for further sparks of the Divine Fire entering the human kingdom is now closed and the balance struck.

The last human Monad incarnated before the beginning of the 5th Root-Race. The cycle of *metempsychosis* for the human monad is closed, for we are in the Fourth Round and the Fifth Root-Race.⁶



Humanity's Fifth Root-Race (Drawing).

There now follows a drawing from our Planetary Rounds and Globes Series. — ED. PHIL.

¹ [Cf. “Every Sidereal Year the tropics recede from the pole *four degrees* in each revolution from the equinoctial points, as the equator rounds through the *Zodiacal* constellations. Now, as every astronomer knows, at present the tropic is only twenty-three degrees and a fraction less than half a degree from the equator. Hence it has still 2½ degrees to run before the end of the Sidereal year; which gives humanity in general, and our civilized races in *particular*, a reprieve of about 16,000 years.” *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 331]

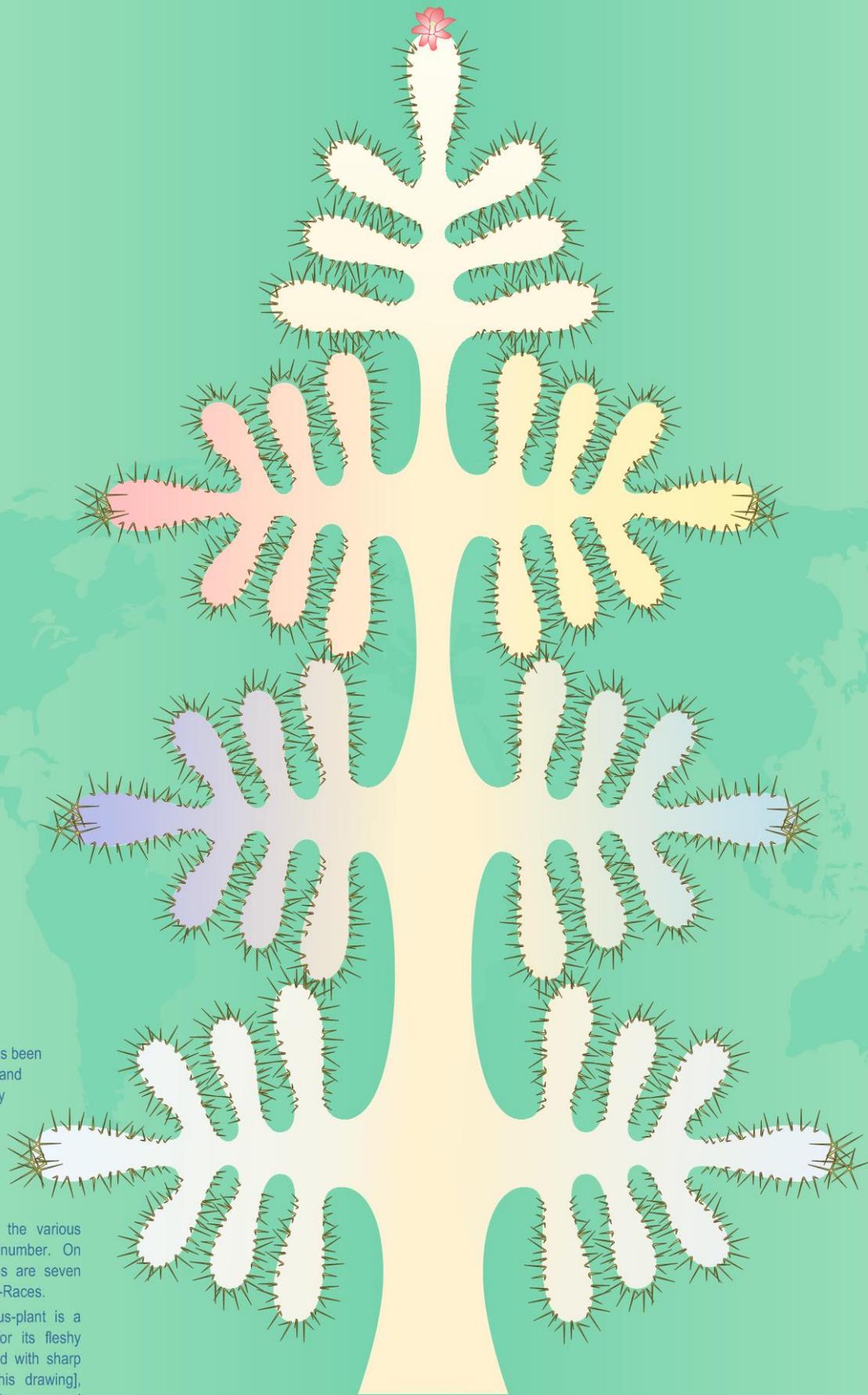
² [*i.e.*, of the Cactus. Look up drawing overleaf. — ED. PHIL.]

³ *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 435

⁴ [*i.e.*, “that great Cataclysm, which befell the Fourth, really human, though gigantic Race, the one which preceded the *Āryan*.” *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 144]

⁵ *ibid.*, II pp. 144-45

⁶ *ibid.*, I pp. 184-85



The human Race has been compared to a tree, and this serves admirably as an illustration.

The main stem of a tree may be compared to the Root-Race.

Its larger limbs to the various Sub-Races; 7 in number. On each of these limbs are seven Branches, or Family-Races.

After this the cactus-plant is a better illustration, for its fleshy "leaves" are covered with sharp spines [1,449 in this drawing], each of which may be compared to a nation or tribe of human beings. (Cf. SD II, 434-35)

The term Root-Race applies to one of the seven great Races [e.g., Lemurian, Atlantean, Aryan, etc.], sub-Race to one of its great Branches, and Family-Race to one of the sub-divisions, which include nations and large tribes. (SD II, 198 fn)

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HUMANITY'S FIFTH ROOT-RACE

After *The Secret Doctrine* II, pp. 434-35

Illustration of the Human Race and its branches on Planet Earth, Tree of Life and Knowledge Eternal. The duration of each Root-Race is shown in Diagram 3.

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Though somewhat more refined, the animal propensities of the age are not the less developed for that, for we are still in the acme of materiality.

The “days of Sinners” [*Book of Enoch*, ch. lxxix] meant the days when matter would be in its full sway on Earth, and man would have reached the apex of physical development in stature and animality. That came to pass during the period of the Atlanteans, about the middle point of their Race (the 4th), which was drowned as prophesied by Ūriēl. Since then man began decreasing in physical stature, strength, and years, as will be shown in Volume II. But as we are in the mid-point of our *sub-race* of the Fifth Root Race — the acme of materiality in each — therefore the animal propensities, though more refined, are not the less developed for that: and they are so chiefly in civilized countries.¹

The struggle for animal existence has already begun yielding slowly but surely to the struggle for divine existence.

It is the old, old story, the struggle of matter and spirit, the “survival of the *unfittest*,” because of the strongest and the most material. But the period when nascent Humanity, following the law of the natural and *dual* evolution, was descending along with spirit into matter — is closed. We (Humanity) are now helping matter to ascend toward spirit; and to do that we have to help substance to disenthral itself from the viscous grip of sense. We, of the fifth Root Race, are the direct descendants of the primeval Humanity of that Race; those, who on this side of the Flood tried, by commemorating it, to save the antediluvian Truth and Wisdom, and were worsted in our efforts by the dark genius of the Earth — the spirit of matter, whom the Gnostics called Ialdabaōth and the Jews Jehovah. Think ye, that even the Bible of Moses, the book you know so well and understand so badly, has left this claim of the Ancient Doctrine without witness? It has not. Allow us to close with a (to you) familiar passage, only interpreted in its true light.²

But psychism will seduce and snag many a forerunner of the next subrace.

Your position as the fore-runners of the sixth sub-race of the fifth root-race has its own special perils as well as its special advantages. Psychism, with all its allurements, and all its dangers, is necessarily developing among you, and you must beware lest the Psychic outruns the Manasic and Spiritual development. Psychic capacities held perfectly under control, checked and directed by the Manasic principle, are valuable aids in development. But these capacities running riot, controlling instead of controlled, using instead of being used, lead the Student into the most dangerous delusions and the certainty of moral destruction. Watch therefore carefully this development, inevitable in your race and evolution-period so that it may finally work for good and not for evil; and receive, in advance, the sincere and potent blessings of Those whose good-will will never fail you, if you do not fail yourselves.³

¹ *Secret Doctrine*, I pp. 609-10

² *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (THE BABEL OF MODERN THOUGHT) XIII p. 98

³ *ibid.*, (LETTER TO THE FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION) XIII p. 173

When the hour strikes, the wicked shall be destroyed by fire and their power annihilated. And their names shall be blotted out of the holy books.¹

It is a well-established belief among the Eastern, and especially the Mongolian and Tibetan, Occultists that toward the end of every race, when mankind reaches its apex of knowledge in that cycle, dividing into two distinct classes, it branches off — one as the “Sons of Light” and the other as the “Sons of Darkness,” or initiated Adepts and natural-born magicians or — *mediums*. Toward the very close of the race, as their mixed progeny furnishes the first pioneers of a new and a higher race, there comes the last and supreme struggle during which the “Sons of Darkness” are usually exterminated by some great cataclysm of nature — by either fire or water. Atlantis was submerged, hence the inference that that portion of the mankind of the fifth race which will be composed of “natural-born magicians” will be exterminated at the future great cataclysm by — fire.²



¹ Note to Students by ED. PHIL. — “It is not lawful for the Occultist to seek or even to thirst for revenge; let him Wait, until sin pass away; for their [the sinners’] names shall be blotted out of the holy books [the astral records]; their seed shall be destroyed, and their spirits slain.”

Blavatsky Collected Writings, (THE BOOK OF ENOCH, ORIGIN AND FOUNDATION OF CHRISTIANITY) XIV p. 86; [& quoting from the *Book of Enoch*, Archbishop Laurence’s translation, ch. cv, 21.]

² *ibid.*, (FOOTNOTES TO “GLEANNINGS FROM ÉLIPHAS LÉVI”) IV pp. 45-46

Continents evolve on parallel lines with races; and races, with soil and climate.

Enoch stands for the first subrace of the Fifth Root-Race, and for the two preceding Root-Races with their fourteen subraces.

Esoterically, Enoch is the “Son of man,” the first; and symbolically, the first Sub-Race of the *Fifth* Root Race.¹ 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.²

While the Puranas pay more attention to spiritual causes than to effects, the Bible plunges the faithful into material genesis, nearly skips the pre-Adamic races, and then proceeds developing its allegories concerning the Fifth Root-Race.

The *Purānas* on the one hand, and the Jewish Scriptures on the other, are based on the same scheme of evolution, which, read esoterically and expressed in modern language, would be found to be quite as scientific as much of what now passes current as the final word of recent discovery. The only difference between the two schemes is, that the *Purānas*, giving as much, and perhaps more attention to the causes than to the effects, allude to the pre-Cosmic and pre-*Genesis* periods rather than to those of so-called Creation, whereas the Bible, saying only a few words of the former period, plunges forthwith into material genesis, and, while nearly skipping the *pre-Adamic* races, proceeds with its allegories concerning the Fifth Race.³



¹ 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.

² *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (THE BOOK OF ENOCH, ORIGIN AND FOUNDATION OF CHRISTIANITY) XIV p. 86

³ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 251-52

The appearance of the Great Continents follows the order of evolution of the Great Races, from the First to the Fifth.¹ Europe is the Fifth Continent.

The Fifth Continent was America; but, as it is situated at the Antipodes,² it is Europe and Asia Minor, almost coeval with it, which are generally referred to by the Indo-Āryan Occultists as the fifth. If their teaching followed the appearance of the Continents in their geological and geographical order, then this classification would have to be altered. But as the sequence of the Continents is made to follow the order of evolution of the Races, from the first to the fifth, our Āryan Root-Race, Europe must be called the fifth great Continent. The Secret Doctrine takes no account of islands and peninsulas, nor does it follow the modern geographical distribution of land and sea. Since the day of its earliest teachings and the destruction of the great Atlantis, the face of the earth has changed more than once. There was a time when the delta of Egypt and Northern Africa belonged to Europe, before the formation of the Straits of Gibraltar, and a further upheaval of the continent, changed entirely the face of the map of Europe. The last serious change occurred some 12,000 years ago,³ and was followed by the submersion of Plato's little Atlantic island, which he calls Atlantis after its parent continent. Geography was part of the mysteries, in days of old. Says the *Zohar*:

These secrets (of land and sea) were divulged *to the men of the secret science*, but not to the geographers.⁴

The claim that physical man was originally a colossal pre-tertiary giant, and that he existed 18,000,000 years ago, must of course appear preposterous to admirers of, and believers in, modern learning. The whole *posse comitatus* of biologists will turn away from the conception of this third race Titan of the Secondary age, a being fit to fight as successfully with the then gigantic monsters of the air, sea, and land, as his forefathers — the ethereal prototypes of the Atlantean — had little need to fear that which could not hurt him. The modern anthropologist is quite welcome to laugh at our Titans, as he laughs at the Biblical Adam, and as the theologian laughs at his pithecoïd ancestor. The Occultists and their severe critics may feel that they have pretty well mutually squared their accounts by this time. Occult sciences claim less and give more, at all events, than either Darwinian Anthropology or Biblical Theology.

¹ The Great Continents:

1. Imperishable Sacred Land
2. Hyperborean
3. Lemuria
4. Atlantis
5. Europe

² [Pātāla or the Nether World, as America is called in India.]

³ One more "coincidence":

"Now it is proved that in geologically recent times, *this region of North Africa was in fact a peninsula of Spain*, and that its union with Africa was effected on the north by the rupture of the Straights of Gibraltar, and on the South by an *upheaval to which the Sahara owes its existence*. The shores of this former sea of Sahara are still marked by the shells of the same snails that live on the shores of the Mediterranean."

(Prof. Oscar Schmidt, *Doctrine of Descent and Darwinism*, p. 224)

⁴ Part III, folio 10a, Amsterdam ed.

Nor ought the Esoteric Chronology to frighten any one; for, with regard to figures, the greatest authorities of the day are as fickle and as uncertain as the Mediterranean wave. As regards the duration of the geological periods alone, the learned men of the Royal Society are all hopelessly at sea, and jump from one million to five hundred millions of years with the utmost ease, as will be seen more than once during this comparison.¹

Human races evolved on parallel lines with the evolution of three geological strata, from which their complexion was as much derived as it was determined by the climate of those zones. The three fundamental colours are red, yellow, and black. When mixed in variable quantities with the white of the skin, they give rise to numerous shades.

Esotericism now classes these seven variations [of complexion and type], with their four great divisions, into only *three* distinct primeval races — as it does not take into consideration the First Race, which had neither type nor colour, and hardly an objective, though colossal form. The evolution of these races, their formation and development, went *pari passu* and on parallel lines with the evolution, formation, and development of three geological strata, from which the human complexion was as much derived as it was determined by the climates of those zones. It names three great divisions, namely, the RED-YELLOW, the BLACK, and the BROWN-WHITE.² The Āryan races, for instance, now varying from dark brown, almost black, red-brown-yellow, down to the whitest creamy colour, are yet all of one and the same stock — the Fifth Root-Race — and spring from one single progenitor, called in Hindu *exotericism* by the generic name of Vaivasvata Manu, the latter, remember, being that generic personage, the Sage, who is said to have lived over 18,000,000 years ago, and also 850,000 years ago — at the time of the sinking of the last remnants of the great continent of Atlantis,³ and who is said to live even *now* in his mankind.

The light yellow is the colour of the first SOLID human race, which appeared after the middle of the Third Root-Race (*after its fall* into generation — as just explained), bringing on the final changes. For, it is only at that period that the last transformation took place, which brought forth man as he is now, only on a magnified scale. This Race gave birth to the Fourth Race; “Śiva” gradually transforming that portion of Humanity which became “black with sin” into *red-yellow* (the red Indians and the Mongolians being the descendants of these) and finally into brown-white races — which now, together with the yellow Races, form the great bulk of Humanity. The al-

¹ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 8-9

² “There are,” says Topinard (English edition of *Anthropology*, with preface by Professor Broca), “THREE fundamental elements of colour in the human organism: namely, the *red*, the *yellow*, and the *black*, which, mixed in variable quantities with the white of the tissues, give rise to those numerous shades seen in the human family.” Here is science unintentionally supporting Occultism again.

³ It must be remembered that the “last remnants” here spoken of, refer to those portions of the “great continent” which still remained, and not to any of the numerous islands which existed contemporaneously with the continent. Plato’s “island” was, for instance, one of such remnants; the others having sunk at various periods previously. An occult “tradition” teaches that such submersions occur whenever there is an eclipse of the “spiritual sun.”

legory in *Linga-Purāna* is curious, as showing the great ethnological knowledge of the ancients.¹

The first subrace of the Aryan Fifth Race witnessed the doom of the last of Atlanteans 850,000 years ago. The fourth, that of the last island of Atlantis, 11,000 years ago.

The three Zodiacs belong to three different epochs: namely, to the last three family races of the fourth Sub-race of the Fifth Root-race, each of which must have lived approximately from 25 to 30,000 years. The first of these (the “Āryan-Asiatics”) witnessed the doom of the last of the populations of the “giant Atlanteans”² who perished some 850,000 years ago (the Ruta and Daitya Island-Continents) toward the close of the Miocene Age.³ The fourth sub-race witnessed the destruction of the last remnant of the Atlanteans — the Āryo-Atlanteans in the last island of Atlantis, namely, some 11,000 years ago. In order to understand this the reader is asked to glance at the diagram of the genealogical tree of the Fifth Root-Race — generally, though hardly correctly, called the Āryan race, and the explanations appended to it.⁴

¹ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 249-50; [on Stanza X.39b.]

² The term “Atlantean” must not mislead the reader to regard these as one race only, or even a nation. It is as though one said “Asiatics.” Many, multityped, and various were the Atlanteans, who represented several *humanities*, and almost a countless number of races and nations, more varied indeed than would be the “Europeans” were this name to be given indiscriminately to the five existing parts of the world; which, at the rate colonization is proceeding, will be the case, perhaps, in less than two or three hundred years. There were brown, red, yellow, white and black Atlanteans; giants and dwarfs (as some African tribes comparatively are, even now).

³ Says a teacher in *Esoteric Buddhism*, on p. 64: “In the Eocene age, even in its very first part, the great cycle of the fourth race men, the [Lemuro] Atlanteans, had already reached its highest point [of civilization], and the great continent, the father of nearly all the present continents, showed the first symptoms of sinking. . . .” And on page 70, it is shown that Atlantis as a whole perished during the Miocene period. To show how the continents, races, nations and cycles overlap each other, one has but to think of Lemuria, the last of whose lands perished about 700,000 years before the beginning of the Tertiary period (see p. 65 of the same work), and the last of “Atlantis” only 11,000 years ago; thus both overlapping — one the Atlantean period, and the other the Āryan.

⁴ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 433-34.

[*Note 20 by Boris de Zirkoff, (ibid., pp. 805-6):* It is obvious from H.P. Blavatsky’s own words closing this paragraph that she is not too happy about the necessity of using the term *Āryan* in a racial or ethnic sense. Lack of adequate terms for various aspects of the esoteric philosophy has created many difficulties for students who have been forced to use existing words with additional and often very strained meanings.

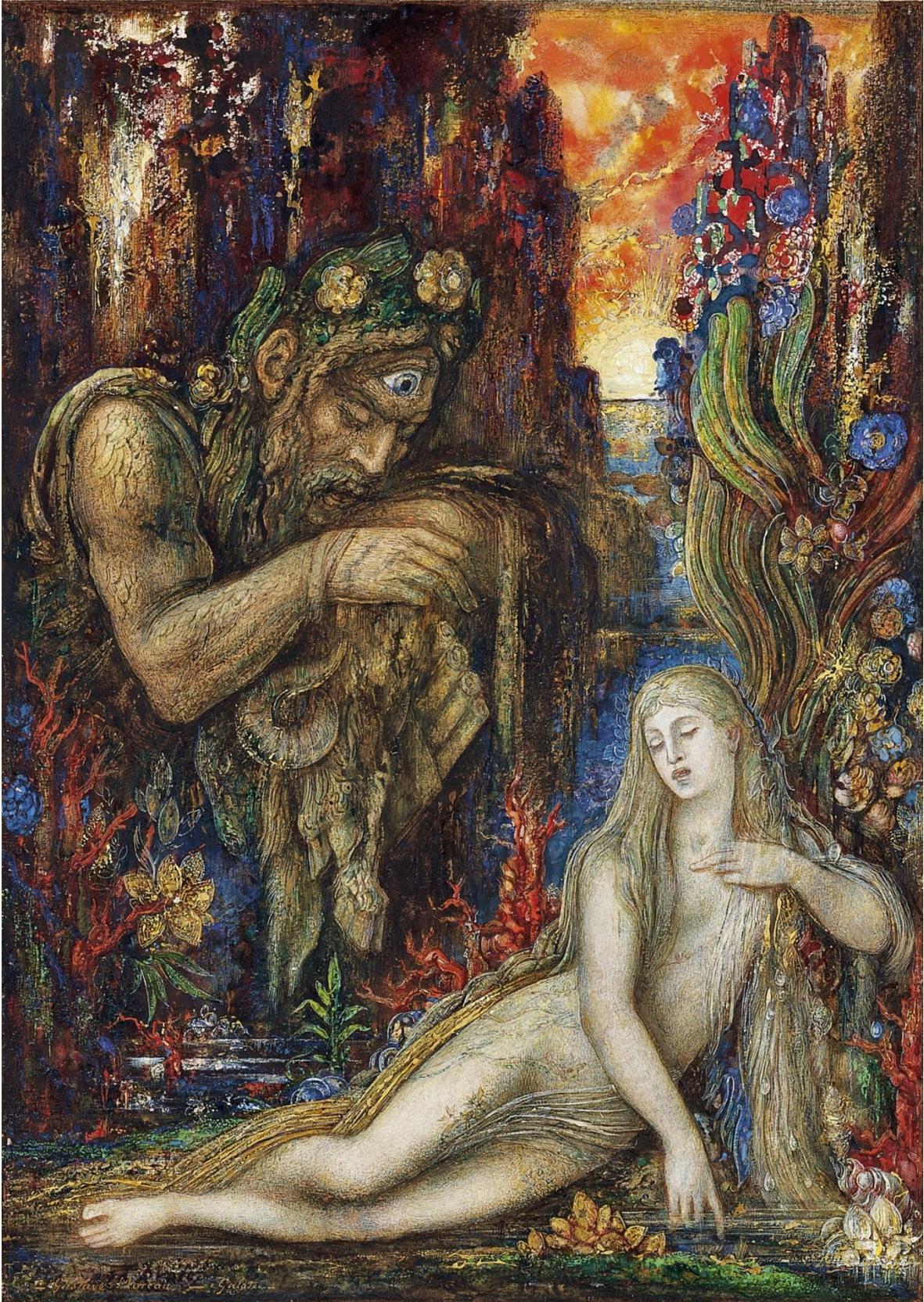
Āryan, as a term, similarly to the expression *Indo-European*, began to be used by modern scholars especially to indicate a family of languages, but from the beginning it has been found very difficult to keep apart the use of the word as indicating languages and the application of the term not only to the speakers of the languages at any given period but also the supposed original speakers of these languages. The effect of this confusion has often been serious.

In Sanskrit, the term *Ārya* (Avestan *airya*; Old Persian *ariya*, whence Persian *Iran*; and *Ario* — in Teutonic and Keltic names) means noble, respectable, honourable, highly esteemed, worthy. Hence the term *Āryāvarta* to designate the abode of the noble or excellent ones, the sacred land of the Āryans.

As Occidental scholarship developed, the term *Āryan* began to denote a member of the people which spoke the language from which the Indo-European languages are derived. The existence of a prehistoric Āryan people was first assumed by philologists from the close relationship and inferred common origin of the Indo-European languages. This people was supposed to have dwelt in central Asia and thence to have separated in two streams of migration, one toward Persia and India, and one toward Europe. In more recent years ethnologists have seriously disputed the Asiatic or even the common Āryan origin of the peoples of Europe, while most philologists themselves have made Europe rather than Asia the centre of dispersion. In ethnology today, Āryan has become a rather loose term for an Āryan-speaking individual of the so-called Caucasian race — another very inadequate term. Even the great Max Müller himself, a scholar who had to use the term in his own research and writings, said once: “To me an ethnologist who speaks of an *Āryan* race, *Āryan* blood, *Āryan* eyes and hair, is as great a sinner as a linguist who speaks of a dolichocephalic dictionary or a brachycephalic grammar.”

The student should consult the rather comprehensive text on “Historical Difficulties” and “Esoteric History” — some of it dictated to H.P. Blavatsky by her Teachers — in Volume V of the *Collected Writings*, pp. 198-241]

[The above articles can be found in our Atlantean Realities Series. — ED. PHIL.]



Polyphemus spying on Galatea (1896) Gustave Moreau, Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza, Madrid

The early Aryans were giants. But they have since degenerated morally and physically.

It was the belief of entire antiquity, Pagan and Christian, that the earliest mankind was a race of giants. Certain excavations in America in mounds and in caves, have already yielded in isolated cases groups of skeletons of nine and twelve feet high. These belong to tribes of the early Fifth Race, now degenerated to an average size of between five and six feet. But we can easily believe that the Titans and Cyclopes of old really belonged to the Fourth (Atlantean) Race, and that all the subsequent legends and allegories found in the Hindu *Purānas* and the Greek Hesiod and Homer, were based on the hazy reminiscences of real Titans — men of a superhuman tremendous physical power, which enabled them to defend themselves, and hold at bay the gigantic monsters of the Mesozoic and early Cainozoic times — and of actual Cyclopes — three-eyed mortals.¹

Incas were the first offshoot of the first subrace of the Fifth Race.

Incas [is] the name given to the creative gods in the Peruvian Theogony, and later to the rulers of the country. “The Incas, *seven* in number have re-peopled the earth after the Deluge,” Coste makes them say (I, iv, p. 19). They belonged at the beginning of the *fifth* Root-race to a dynasty of divine kings, such as those of Egypt, India and Chaldea.²

They were followed by the Egyptians and the early Chinese.

The two most ancient people of the Fifth Root-Race, the Hindu Āryans and the Egyptians, adding to them the early Chinese races (the remnants of the Fourth or Atlantean Race) — based the whole of their mysteries on number 10.³

Aryan Hindus were the last offshoot of the first subrace.

[Alice D. Le Plongeon, writing on “Ancient Races,” wonders whether the elephant worship in India may not be an outgrowth of mammoth worship in America. To this H.P. Blavatsky remarks:]

We would rather say that it is the other way about. The Āryan Hindu is the last offshoot of the first sub-race of the fifth Root-race which is now the dominant one.⁴

Aeolians, Dorians, and Ionians were remnants of Atlantean stock.⁵

By the connection together of the old Greeks and Romans without distinction, was meant that the primitive Latins were swallowed by Magna Græcia. 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.

¹ *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 293

² *Theosophical Glossary*: Incas

³ *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 603

⁴ *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (MISCELLANEOUS NOTES) XII p. 382

⁵ Look up “Aeolians, Dorians, Ionians” in our Hellenic and Hellenistic Series. — ED. PHIL.

The “old Romans” were Hellenes in a new ethnological disguise; the still older Greeks — the real blood ancestors of the future Romans.¹

But the blood of the true Roman was Hellenic from its beginning.

The Founders of Rome were decidedly a *mongrel* people, made up of various scraps and remnants of the many primitive tribes — only a few really Latin families, the descendants of the distinct sub-race that came along with the Umbro-Sabellians from the East remaining. And, while the latter preserved their distinct colour down to the Middle Ages through the Sabine element, left unmixed in its mountainous regions — the blood of the true Roman *was Hellenic blood* from its beginning. The famous Latin league is no fable but history. The succession of kings descended from the Trojan Æneas is a fact; and, the idea that Romulus is to be regarded as simply the symbolical representative of a people, as Æolus, Dorius, and Ion were once, instead of a living man, is as unwarranted as it is arbitrary. It could only have been entertained by a class of historiographers bent upon condoning their sin in supporting the *dogma* that Shem, Ham, and Japhet were the historical, once living ancestors of mankind, — by making a burnt offering of every really historical but *non-Jewish* tradition, legend, or record which might presume to a place on the same level with these three privileged archaic mariners instead of humbly grovelling at their feet as “absurd myths” and old wives’ tales and superstitions.

Today’s spiritually highest men are the Aryan Asiatics; those intellectually highest are their white conquerors, men of the seventh subrace.

Our fourth Round Humanity has its one great cycle, and so have her races and sub-races. The “curious rush”² is due to the double effect of the former — the beginning of its downward course; — and of the latter (the small cycle of your “sub-race”) running on to its apex. Remember, you belong to the fifth Race, yet you are but a *Western* sub-race. Notwithstanding your efforts, what you call civilization is confined only to the latter and its off-shoots in America. Radiating around, its deceptive light may seem to throw its rays a greater distance than it does in reality. There is no “rush” in China, and of Japan you make but a caricature.³

I told you before now, that the highest people now on earth (spiritually) belong to the first sub-race of the fifth *Root Race*, and those are the Aryan Asiatics; the highest race (physical intellectuality) is the last sub-race of the fifth — yourselves the white conquerors. The majority of mankind belongs to the seventh sub-race of the fourth *Root race*, — the above mentioned Chinamen and their off-shoots and branchlets (Malayans, Mongolians, Tibetans, Javanese, etc., etc., etc.) and remnants of other sub-races of the fourth — and the seventh sub-race of the third race. All these, fallen, degraded semblances of humanity are the direct lineal descendants of highly civi-

¹ *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (ESOTERIC HISTORY) V pp. 214-16

² [Replying to the question: “Is there any way of accounting for what seems the curious rush of human progress within the last two thousand years, as compared with the relatively stagnant condition of the fourth round people up to the beginning of modern progress?”]

³ *Mahatma Letter* 23b (93b) p. 146; 3rd Combined ed.

lized nations neither the names nor memory of which have survived except in such books as *Popol-Vuh* and a few others unknown to Science.¹

Redskins, Eskimos, Papuans, Australians, Polynesians, all are dying out now. The time is drawing near when there will remain nothing but three great human types, the White, the Yellow, and the African Black, with their Atlanto-European divisions.

Why does this (Karmic) sterility attack and root out certain races at their “appointed hour”? The answer that it is due to a “mental disproportion” between the colonizing and aboriginal races is obviously evasive, since it does not explain the sudden “checks to fertility” which so frequently supervene. The dying out of the Hawaiians, for instance, is one of the most mysterious problems of the day. Ethnology will sooner or later have to recognize with Occultists that the true solution has to be sought for in a comprehension of the workings of Karma. As Lefèvre remarks, “the time is drawing near when there will remain nothing but three great human types” (before the Sixth Root-Race dawns), the white (Āryan, Fifth Root-Race), the yellow, and the African negro — with their crossings (Atlanto-European divisions). Redskins, Eskimos, Papuans, Australians, Polynesians, etc., — all are dying out. Those who realize that every Root-Race runs through a gamut of seven sub-races with seven branchlets, etc., will understand the “why.” The tide-wave of incarnating EGOS has rolled past them to harvest experience in more developed and less senile stocks; and their extinction is hence a Karmic necessity.²



¹ *Mahatma Letter* 23b (93b) p. 151; 3rd Combined ed.

² *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 780; [& quoting A. Lefèvre, *La Philosophie*, 1879]

The ape is not a product of natural evolution but an accidental cross-breed between animal and man.

From *The Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 260-63.

It is the ape that is a “special and unique instance,” not man. The pithecoïd is an accidental creation, the result of an unnatural process, a forced growth.

Occultism denies that all the preceding forms of human life belonged to types lower than our own, for it is not so. But simply because the “missing link,” such as to prove the existing theory undeniably, will never be found by palæontologists. Believing as we do that man has evolved from, and passed through, (during the preceding Rounds), the lowest forms of every life, vegetable and animal, on earth, there is nothing very degrading in the idea of having the orang-utan as an ancestor of our physical form. Quite the reverse; as it would forward the Occult doctrine with regard to the final evolution of everything in terrestrial nature into man, most irresistibly. One may even enquire how it is that biologists and anthropologists, having once firmly accepted the theory of the descent of man from the ape — how it is that they have hitherto left untouched the future evolution of the existing apes into man? This is only a logical sequence of the first theory, unless Science would make of man a privileged being, and his evolution a *non*-precedent in nature, quite a *special* and unique case. And that is what all this leads physical Science to. The reason, however, why the Occultists reject the Darwinian, and especially the Haeckelian, hypothesis is because it is the ape which is, in sober truth, a special and unique instance, not man. The pithecoïd is *an accidental creation*, a forced growth, the result of an unnatural process.

The occult doctrine, is, we think, more logical. It teaches a cyclic, never varying law in nature, the latter having no personal, “special design,” but acting on a uniform plan that prevails through the whole manvantaric period and deals with the land worm as it deals with man. Neither the one nor the other have sought to come into being, hence both are under the same evolutionary law, and both have to progress according to Karmic law. Both have started from the same neutral centre of Life and both have to remerge into it at the consummation of the cycle.

It is not denied that in the preceding Round man *was* a gigantic ape-like creature; and when we say “man” we ought perhaps to say, the rough mould that was developing for the use of man in this Round only — the middle, or the transition point of which we have hardly reached. Nor was man what he is now during the first two and a half Root-races. That point he reached, as said before, only 18,000,000 years ago, during the Secondary period, as we claim.

Still, he is “a god on earth who had fallen into matter” or generation.

Till then he was, according to tradition and Occult teaching, “a god on earth who had fallen into matter,” or generation. This may or may not be accepted, since the Secret Doctrine does not impose itself as an infallible dogma, and since, whether its prehistoric records are accepted or rejected, it has nothing to do with the question of the

actual man and his inner nature; the Fall mentioned above having left no original sin on Humanity. But all this has been sufficiently dealt with.

Furthermore, we are taught that the transformations through which man passed on the descending arc — which is centrifugal for spirit and centripetal for matter — and those he prepares to go through, henceforward, on his ascending path, which will reverse the direction of the two forces — viz., matter will become centrifugal and spirit centripetal — that all such transformations *are next in store for the anthropoid ape also*, all those, at any rate, who have reached the remove next to man in this Round — and these will all be men in the Fifth Round, as present men inhabited ape-like forms in the Third, the preceding Round.¹

Apes appeared millions of years after the “speaking men,” and are the latest contemporaries of the Aryan Root-Race. Their unprogressed Egos were compelled by Karma to incarnate in animal forms as a punishment for the bestiality they displayed from the late Third to the early Fourth Root-Race. They are dwarfed and degraded examples of ourselves as we were then. The “speechless men” will become speaking animals (men of a lower order) in the Fifth Round, perhaps at the close of the Sixth Root-Race.



Behold, then, in the modern denizens of the great forests of Sumatra the degraded and *dwarfed* examples — “blurred copies,” as Mr. Huxley has it — of ourselves, as we (the majority of mankind) were in the earliest sub-races of the Fourth Root-race during the period of what is called the “Fall into generation.” The ape we know is not the product of natural evolution but an *accident*, a cross-breed between an animal being, or form, and man. As has been shown in the present Volume (anthropogenesis), it is the speechless animal that first started sexual connection, having been the first to separate into males and females. Nor was it intended by Nature that man should follow the bestial example — as shown by the comparatively painless procreation of their species by the animals, and the terrible suffering and danger of the same in the woman. The ape is, indeed, as remarked in *Isis Unveiled*,² “a transformation of species most directly connected with that of the human family — a *bastard branch engrafted on their own stock before the final perfection of the latter*” — or man. The

apes are millions of years later than the speaking human being, and are the latest

¹ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 260-62

² Vol. II, p. 278. [Picture above: Lilith (1892) John Maler Collier, Atkinson Art Gallery, Southport, England]

contemporaries of our Fifth Race. Thus, it is most important to remember that the *Egos* of the apes are entities compelled by their Karma to incarnate in the animal forms, which resulted from the bestiality of the *latest* Third and the earliest Fourth Race men. They are entities who had already reached the “human stage” before this Round. Consequently, they form an exception to the general rule. The numberless traditions about Satyrs are no fables, but represent an extinct race of animal men. The animal “Eves” were their foremothers, and the human “Adams” their forefathers; hence the *Kabbalistic allegory of Līlith or Lilatu*, Adam’s *first* wife, whom the Talmud describes as a *charming* woman, *with long wavy hair*, i.e., — a female hairy animal of a character now unknown, still a female animal, who in the Kabbalistic and Talmudic allegories is called the female reflection of Sammāēl, Sammāēl-Līlith, or man-animal united, a being called *Hayāh Bishā*, the Beast or Evil Beast.¹ It is from this unnatural union that the present apes descended. The latter are truly “speechless men,” and will become speaking animals (or men of a lower order) in the Fifth Round, while the adepts of a certain school hope that some of the *Egos* of the apes of a higher intelligence will reappear at the close of the Sixth Root-race. What their form will be is of secondary consideration. The form means nothing. Species and genera of the flora, fauna, and the highest animal, its crown — man, change and vary according to the environments and climatic variations, not only with every Round, but every Root-Race likewise, as well as after every geological cataclysm that puts an end to, or produces a turning point in the latter. In the Sixth Root-Race the fossils of the Orang, the Gorilla and the Chimpanzee will be those of extinct quadrumanous mammals; and new forms — though fewer and ever wider apart as ages pass on and the close of the Manvantara approaches — will develop from the “cast off” types of the human races as they revert once again to astral, out of the mire of physical, life. There were none before man, and they will be extinct before the Seventh Race develops. Karma will lead on the monads of the unprogressed men of our race and lodge them in the newly evolved human frames of the thus physiologically regenerated baboon.²

The Hindus attribute a divine origin to apes and monkeys because they recognise that these “senseless” mortals of the Third Race were once gods from another plane.

The inner, now concealed, man, was then [in the beginnings] the external man. The progeny of the Dhyānis [Pitris], he was “the son like unto his father.” Like the lotus, whose external shape assumes gradually the form of the model within itself, so did the form of man in the beginning evolve from within without. After the cycle in which man began to procreate his species after the fashion of the present animal kingdom, it became the reverse. The human foetus follows now in its transformation all the forms that the physical frame of man had assumed throughout the three Kalpas [Rounds] during the tentative efforts at plastic formation around the monad by senseless, because imperfect, matter, in her blind wanderings. In the present age, the physical embryo is a plant, a reptile, an animal, before it finally becomes man, evolving within himself his own ethereal

¹ Zohar, ii, 255-59

² Secret Doctrine, II pp. 262-63

counterpart, in his turn. In the beginning it was that counterpart [astral man] which, being senseless, got entangled in the meshes of matter.

But this “man” belongs to the fourth Round. As shown, the MONAD had passed through, journeyed and been imprisoned in, every transitional form throughout every kingdom of nature during the three preceding Rounds. But the monad which becomes human *is not the Man*. In this Round — with the exception of the highest mammals after man, the anthropoids¹ destined to die out in this our race, when their monads will be liberated and pass into the astral human forms (or the highest elementals)² of the Sixth and the Seventh Races, and then into lowest human forms³ in the fifth Round — no units of either of the kingdoms are animated any longer by monads destined to become human in their next stage, but only by the lower Elementals of their respective realms.

The last human Monad incarnated before the beginning of the 5th Root-Race.⁴



¹ Nature never repeats herself, therefore the anthropoids of our day have not existed at any time since the middle of the Miocene period; when, like all crossbreeds, they began to show a tendency, more and more marked as time went on, to return to the type of their first parent, the black and yellow gigantic Lemuro-Atlantean. To search for the “Missing Link” is useless. To the scientists of the closing sixth Root-race, millions and millions of years hence, our modern races, or rather their fossils, will appear as those of small insignificant apes — an extinct species of the *genus homo*.

² These “Elementals” will become human Monads, in their turn, only at the next great planetary Manvantara.

³ Such anthropoids form an exception because they were not intended by Nature, but are the direct product and creation of “senseless” man. The Hindus give a divine origin to the apes and monkeys because the men of the Third Race were gods from another plane who had become “senseless” mortals. This subject had already been touched upon in *Isis Unveiled* twelve years ago as plainly as was then possible. On pp. 278-279, Vol. II, the reader is referred to the Brahmins, if he would know the reason of the regard they have for the monkeys. For then he (the reader) would “perhaps learn — were the Brahman to judge him worthy of an explanation — that the Hindu sees in the ape but what Manu desired he should: the transformation of species most directly connected with that of the human family — a bastard branch engrafted on their own stock before the final perfection of the latter. He might learn, further, that in the eyes of the educated ‘heathen’ the spiritual or *inner* man is one thing, and his terrestrial, physical casket another. That physical nature, the great combination of physical correlations of forces ever creeping onward towards perfection, has to avail herself of the material at hand; she models and remodels as she proceeds, and finishing her crowning work in man, presents him alone as a fit tabernacle for the overshadowing of the divine Spirit.”

⁴ *Secret Doctrine*, I pp. 184-85

Man is a unity only at his origin and at his very end, not in-between

Up to the Fifth Race, animal and man were on a par as to suffering, in their efforts to unfold divine consciousness here on earth. Today, karma weighs heavily on the shoulders of thinking, therefore, responsible men.

We know [“we,” the *Initiates*] that the whole creation [*omnis creatura* or *creature*, in the *Vulgate*] groaneth and travaileth [in childbirth] in pain together until now. (*Romans* viii, 22)¹

This is plainly saying that man and animal are on a par on earth, as to suffering, in their evolutionary efforts toward the goal and in accordance with Karmic law. By “until now,” is meant up to the fifth race. To make it still plainer, the great Christian Initiate explains by saying:

Not only they [the animals], but ourselves also, which have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. (viii, 23)

Yes, it is we, men, who have the “first-fruits of the Spirit,” or the direct Parabrahmic light, our *Ātma* or seventh principle, owing to the perfection of our fifth principle (*Manas*), which is far less developed in the animal. As a compensation, however, their Karma is far less heavy than ours. But that is no reason why they too should not reach one day that perfection that gives the fully evolved man the Dhyanchohanik form.²

The heaviest Karma of our race was generated by ourselves in the previous race. As Atlanteans, we misused our divine powers and made the holy tabernacle, designed for a god, fane of every spiritual iniquity.

The “eye of Śiva” did not become entirely atrophied before the close of the Fourth Race. When spirituality and all the divine powers and attributes of the deva-man of the Third had been made the handmaidens of the newly-awakened physiological and psychic passions of the physical man, instead of the reverse, the eye lost its powers. But such was the law of Evolution, and it was, in strict accuracy, no FALL. The sin was not in using those newly-developed powers, but in *misusing* them; in making of the tabernacle, designed to contain a god, the fane of every *spiritual* iniquity. And if we say “sin,” it is merely that everyone should understand our meaning; as the term *Karma*³ would be the right one to use in this case; while the reader who would feel perplexed at the use of the term “spiritual” instead of “physical” iniquity, is reminded

¹ “*Omnis creatura ingemiscit, et parturit usque adhuc,*” in the original Latin translation.

² *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (HAVE ANIMALS SOULS? – III) VII pp. 45-46; [full text in our Blavatsky Speaks Series. — ED. PHIL.]

³ Karma is a word of many meanings, and has a special term for almost every one of its aspects. It means, as a synonym of sin, the performance of some action for the attainment of an object of *worldly*, hence *selfish*, desire, which cannot fail to be hurtful to somebody else. Karman is action, the Cause; and Karma again is “the law of ethical causation”; the *effect* of an act produced egotistically, when the great law of harmony depends on altruism.

of the fact that there can be no physical iniquity. The body is simply the irresponsible organ, the tool of the *psychic*, if not of the “Spiritual man.” While in the case of the Atlanteans, it was precisely the Spiritual being which sinned, the Spirit element being still the “Master” principle in man, in those days. Thus it is in those days that the heaviest Karma of the Fifth Race was generated by our Monads.¹

Yet, in its infancy, mankind “was of one lip and of one speech,” had one doctrine and one philosophy.

In the beginning of time, or rather, in the childhood of the fifth Race, “the whole earth was of one *lip* and of one speech,” saith chapter xi of *Genesis*. Read esoterically, this means that mankind had one universal doctrine, a philosophy, common to all; and that men were *bound* by one religion, whether this term be derived from the Latin word *relegere*, “to gather, or be united” in speech or in thought, from *religens*, revering the gods,” or, from *religare*, “to be bound fast together.” Take it one way or the other, it means most undeniably and plainly that our forefathers from beyond the “flood” accepted in common one *truth* — *i.e.*, they believed in that aggregate of subjective and objective *facts* which form the consistent, logical and harmonious whole called by us the *Wisdom-Religion*.²

The deadly strife between spirit and matter, light and darkness, goodness and evil, began on our globe with the first appearance of contrasts and opposites in vegetable and animal nature, and continued more fiercely than ever after man had become the selfish and wicked being he now is.

And then, *men will arise from the dead* and immortality come.³

Now the latter is of course purely allegorical. It stands in the occult sense, that materialism and sin being called death, the materialist, or the unbeliever, is “a dead man” — spiritually. Occultism has never regarded the physical personality as *the* man; nor has Paul, if his *Epistle to the Romans* (vi-vii), is correctly understood. Thus mankind, arrived “at the appointed time” (the end of our present *Round*), at the end of the cycle of gross material flesh, will, with certain bodily changes, have come to a clearer spiritual perception of the truth. Redemption from flesh means a proportionate redemption from sin. Many are those who *seeing will believe*, and, in consequence, *rise “from the dead.”* By the middle of the Seventh Race, says an occult prophecy, the struggle of the two conflicting Powers (*Buddhi* and *Kama-Manas*) will have almost died out. Everything that is irredeemably sinful and wicked, cruel and destructive, will have been eliminated, and that which is found to survive will be swept away from being, owing, so to speak, to a Karmic tidal-wave in the shape of scavenger-plagues, geological convulsions and other means of destruction. The Fifth Round will bring forth a higher kind of Humanity; and, as intelligent Nature always proceeds gradually, the last Race of this Round must necessarily develop the needed materials thereof. Meanwhile, we are still in the Fifth Race of the Fourth Round only, and in the Kaliyuga, into the bargain. The deadly strife between spirit and matter, between Light

¹ *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 302

² *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (THE BABEL OF MODERN THOUGHT) XIII p. 98

³ *Zamyād Yasht*, xix, 89 *et seq.*

and Goodness and Darkness and Evil, began on our globe with the first appearance of contrasts and opposites in vegetable and animal nature, and continued more fiercely than ever after man had become the selfish and personal being *he now is*. Nor is there any chance of its coming to an end before falsehood is replaced by truth, selfishness by altruism, and supreme justice reigns in the heart of man. Till then, the noisy battle will rage unabated. It is selfishness, especially; the love of *Self* above all things in heaven and earth, helped by human vanity, which is the begetter of the seven mortal sins. No; Ashmogh, the cruel “biped serpent,” is not so easily reduced. Before the poor creature now in the clutches of Darkness is liberated through Light, it has to know itself. Man, following the Delphic injunction, has to become acquainted with, and gain the mastery over, every nook and corner of his heterogeneous nature, before he can learn to discriminate between HIMSELF and his *personality*. To accomplish this difficult task, two conditions are absolutely requisite: one must have thoroughly realised in practice the noble Zoroastrian precept: “Good thoughts, good words, good deeds,” and must have impressed them indelibly on his soul and heart, not merely as a lip-utterance and form-observance. Above all, one has to crush *personal vanity* beyond resurrection.¹

Man is a Unity only at his origin and at his very end. In the intermediate period, there is a ceaseless struggle between divine wisdom and its earthly reflection, between truth and error. If man can emerge from the region of lust and iniquity victorious, he may rebecome what he was before and retire into the Silence and Darkness whence he came.

The doctrines of Theosophy are simply the faithful echoes of Antiquity. Man is a *Unity* only at his origin and at his end. All the Spirits, all the Souls, gods and demons emanate from and have for their root-principle the SOUL OF THE UNIVERSE says Porphyry (*De Sacrifice*).² Not a philosopher of any notoriety who did not believe

- 1 In reincarnation (metempsychosis),
- 2 In the plurality of principles in man, or that man had *two* Souls of separate and quite different natures; one perishable, the *Astral Soul*, the other incorruptible and immortal; and
- 3 That the former was not the man whom it represented — “neither his spirit nor his body, but his *reflection*, at best.”

This was taught by Brahmans, Buddhists, Hebrews, Greeks, Egyptians, and Chaldeans; by the post-diluvian heirs of the pre-diluvian Wisdom, by Pythagoras and Socrates, Clemens Alexandrinus, Synesius, and Origen, the oldest Greek poets as much as the Gnostics, whom Gibbon shows as the most refined, learned and enlightened men of all ages (See *The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, ch. xv). But

¹ *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (DEVIL'S OWN THOUGHTS ON ORMUZD AND AHRIMAN) XIII, pp. 128-29

² [Porphyry's text entitled *De sacrificio et magia* appears to be a mediaeval condensation of Book II of his *De abstinentia carnis* (On Abstinence from Animal Food). This condensed version in its Latin form is appended to Iamblichus' *De mysteriis Egyptiorum*, etc., Venice, 1497, and London, 1552, 1570, 1577. Thomas Taylor has translated the complete text of *De abstinentia* in his *Select Works of Porphyry*, London, 1823, wherein occurs, in Book II, 37, a passage somewhat similar to what H.P. Blavatsky mentions in the text above. — *Boris de Zirkoff*.

Note to Students by ED. PHIL. — Look up “Plutarch on why eating animals is repulsive” and “Taylor's Vindication of the Rights of Brutes,” in our Down to Earth Series.]

the rabble was the same in every age: superstitious, self-opinionated, materializing every most spiritual and noble idealistic conception and dragging it down to its own low level, and — ever adverse to philosophy.

But all this does not interfere with that fact, that our “fifth Race” man, analysed esoterically as a septenary creature,¹ was ever *exoterically* recognized as mundane, sub-mundane, terrestrial and supra-mundane, Ovid graphically describing him as:²

Bis duo sunt homines — *manes, caro, spiritus, umbra*
Quattuor has partes tot loca suscipiunt.
Terra tegit carnem, tumulum circumvolat umbra,
Orcus habet manes, spiritus astra petit.³

The ancients revered the pristine spirituality of their divine ancestors. The modern anthropomorphists prefer to worship male gods that they “created” after their own fleshly organs.⁴

Thus the pristine bi-sexual unity of the human *Third* Root-Race is an axiom in the Secret Doctrine. Its virgin individuals were raised to “Gods,” because that Race represented their “divine Dynasty.” The moderns are satisfied with worshipping the male heroes of the Fourth Race, who created gods after their own sexual image, whereas the gods of primeval mankind were “male and female.”

As stated in Volume I, the humanities developed co-ordinately, and on parallel lines with the four Elements, every new Race being physiologically adapted to meet the additional element. Our Fifth Race is rapidly approaching the Fifth Element⁵ — call it interstellar ether, if you will — which has more to do, however, with psychology than with physics.⁶

¹ [Cf. “Each of the seven races send seven ramifying branchlets from the Parent Branch: and through each of these in turn man *has* to evolve before he passes on to the next higher race; and that — *seven times*. Well may you open wide your eyes, good friend, and feel puzzled — it is so. The branchlets typify varying specimens of humanity — physically and spiritually — and no one of us can miss one single rung of the ladder.” *Mahatma Letter* 18 (62) p. 116; 3rd Combined ed.]

² [Note 1 by Boris de Zirkoff: In her essay on “Chinese Spirits,” immediately following the present article, H.P. Blavatsky quotes these verses again, attributing them to a “Latin poet.” They are also quoted, in a somewhat incomplete form, in *Isis Unveiled*, I p. 362, where they are attributed to Lucretius who is supposed to portray old Ennius as saying these words. The two last lines only occur again in *Isis Unveiled*, I p. 37, where they are attributed to Ovid again. In spite of an exhaustive search having been made, no such verses have been found either in Lucretius or in Ovid.]

Note 2 by ED. PHIL: Latin epitaph quoted by Tiberius Hemsterhuis in *Luciani colloquia et Timon*, 1708, and by John Carr in his 1779 translation of Lucian’s *Sale of Lives*, Vol. II, “Diogenes and Hercules,” p. 105 *fn.* tracing man’s lower four-fold aspects after death. *i.e.*,

The flesh (carnem, visible body or sthūla-śarīra) is concealed by the earth;
The shadow (umbra, astral body or linga-śarīra) hovers over the grave;
The ghost (manes, animal self or kāma-manas) descends to the underworld (kāma-loka);
The spirit (spiritus, or inner man freed from its earthy prison) ascends to the stars.]

³ *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (THEORIES ABOUT REINCARNATION AND SPIRITS) VII pp. 198-99

⁴ Look up “The Origin of Good and Evil” and “The Original Sin is a Jewish invention,” in our Black versus White Magic Series. — ED. PHIL.

⁵ [Not Ether, which is the lining or gross body of Akāśa but *Æther*, Akāśa itself. Consult “Akasha vs. Astral Light,” in our Secret Doctrine’s First Proposition Series, to find out the difference between the two. The distinguishing features of *Æther* and Ether are herein presented overleaf. — ED. PHIL.]

⁶ *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 135

Æther and Ether compared and contrasted.¹

Æther	Ether
Æther is, formless and supernal.	Ether is physical and infernal.
Symbolised by the “fiery waters” of Space, only rudimentally differentiated.	Symbolised by liquid water, <i>i.e.</i> , fully differentiated matter.
Father of the Universe and the all-vivifying Spirit of Cosmic Matter.	Mother of differentiated matter vivified by the Fire of Æther.
Equivalent to the Father-Creator, Zeus or Pater-Æther.	Equivalent to the infernal Serpent-Tempter, the Astral Light of the Kabbalists.
Æther-Fire is the Spirit of Fire, the active male generative principle.	Ether is the Soul of Matter and Light of Fire, the passive female principle, from which everything in this Universe emanates.
Æther-Ākāśa are the fifth and sixth principles of the Body of Kosmos, thus corresponding to Buddhi-Manas in Man.	The Ether of Space is the lowest of the septenate division of Ākāśa-Pradhāna, <i>i.e.</i> , primordial Fire-Substance.
Æther has the same relation to Cosmos and our little Earth, as Manas to the Monad and the Body.	Ether has nought to do with Spirit, but a good deal with subjective matter and our Earth.
Ākāśa is the noumenon of the Cosmic Septenary and synthesis of Æther.	Ether is one of seven Cosmic Principles, and the lining of Ākāśa.
Æther-Chaos-Ākāśa is the Soul of the Universe and noumenon of the Astral Light.	The Astral Light is no “light,” it is the dark side of Ether, teeming with conscious, semi-conscious, and unconscious entities.
Æther is Ākāśa, in its higher aspect.	Ether is Ākāśa in its lowest aspect, cosmic sediment mingling with the highest layer of Astral Light. Beginning with the Fifth Root-Race, it will develop fully only at the beginning of the Fifth Round.
Æther is unevolved Spirit becoming objective matter.	Ether is objective matter rebecoming subjective Spirit, when it eludes our physical senses.



¹ Table excerpted from “Aether and Ether.” Look up this title in our Confusing Words Series. — ED. PHIL.

The ancients divided the senses into five simply because their teachers stopped at the hearing, as being a sense that became limited at the beginning of the Fifth Race.

The division of the physical senses into five, comes to us from great antiquity. But while adopting the number, no modern philosopher has asked himself how these senses could exist, *i.e.*, be perceived and used in a self-conscious way, unless there was the *sixth* sense, mental perception to register and record them; and (this for the Metaphysicians and Occultists) the SEVENTH to preserve the spiritual fruition and remembrance thereof, as in a Book of Life which belongs to Karma. The ancients divided the senses into five, simply because their teachers (the Initiates) stopped at the *hearing*, as being that sense which developed in the *physical plane* (got dwarfed rather, limited to this plane) only at the beginning of the Fifth Race. (The Fourth Race already had begun to lose the *spiritual* condition, so pre-eminently developed in the Third Race.)¹

As the sixth sense has hardly sprouted above the soil of materiality, few can at present enjoy the legitimate outgrowth and endowments of the higher life.

As to the 6th sense of this, our race, it has hardly sprouted above the soil of its materiality. It is highly unreasonable, therefore, to expect for the men of the 5th to sense the nature and essence of that which will be fully *sensed* and perceived but by the 6th — let alone the 7th race — *i.e.*, to enjoy the legitimate outgrowth of the evolution and endowments of the future races with only the help of our present limited senses. The exceptions to this quasi universal rule have been hitherto found only in some rare cases of constitutional, abnormally precocious individual evolutions; or, in such, where by early training and special methods, reaching the stage of the 5th Rounders, some men in addition to the natural gift of the latter have fully developed (by certain occult methods) their sixth, and in still rarer cases their seventh, sense. As an instance of the former class may be cited the Seeress of Prévorst; a creature born *out of time*, a rare precocious growth, ill adapted to the uncongenial atmosphere that surrounded her, hence a martyr ever ailing and sickly. As an example of the other, the Count St. Germain may be mentioned. Apace with the anthropological and physiological development of man runs his spiritual evolution. To the latter, purely intellectual growth is often more an impediment than a help. An instance: Radiant stuff — “the fourth state of matter” — has been hardly discovered, and no one — the eminent discoverer himself not excepted — has yet any idea of its full importance, its possibilities, its connection with physical phenomena, or even its bearing upon the most puzzling scientific problems.² How then can any “Adept” attempt to prove the fallacy of much that is predicated in the nebular and solar theories when the only means by which he could successfully prove his position is an appeal to, and the exhibition of, that sixth sense consciousness which the physicist cannot postulate? Is not this plain?³

¹ *Secret Doctrine*, I p. 535 fn.

² [See note by Boris de Zirkoff, pp. 264-65, *ibid.*]

³ *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (REPLIES TO AN ENGLISH F.T.S.) V pp. 144-45

Men of the Fourth Round have now reached the latter half of the Fifth Root-Race. Those of the Fifth Round, though only in their First Root-Race, are immeasurably higher than we are today, spiritually if not intellectually.

We men of the fourth round are already reaching the latter half of the fifth race of our fourth round humanity, while the men (the few earlier comers) of the fifth round, though only in their first race (or rather class), are yet immeasurably higher than we are — spiritually if not intellectually; since with the completion or full development of this fifth principle (intellectual soul) they have come nearer than we have, are closer in contact with their sixth principle Buddhi. Of course many are the differentiated individuals even in the fourth r. as germs of principles are not equally developed in all, but such is the rule.¹



¹ *Mahatma Letter* 15 (67) p. 93; 3rd Combined ed.

will be finally reached. Nevertheless, as every sub-race and nation have their cycles and stages of developmental evolution repeated on a smaller scale, it must be the more so in the case of a Root-Race. Our race then has, as a Root-race, crossed the equatorial line and is cycling onward on the Spiritual side; but some of our sub-races still find themselves on the shadowy descending arc of their respective national cycles; while others again — the oldest — having crossed their crucial point, which alone decides whether a race, a nation, or a tribe will live or perish, are at the apex of spiritual development as sub-races.¹

Ether has begun purging the dross of sensuality, and is dawning upwards toward Æther.

Make a difference between Æther and Ether, the former being divine, the latter physical and *infernal*. Ether is the lowest of the septenate division of Ākāśa-Pradhāna, primordial Fire-Substance. Æther-Ākāśa is the fifth and sixth principles of the body of Kosmos — thus corresponding to Buddhi-Manas, in Man; *Ether* is its Kosmic sediment mingling with the highest layer of the Astral Light. Beginning with the fifth root-race, it will develop fully only at the beginning of the fifth round. Æther is Ākāśa in its higher aspect, and *Ether* Ākāśa, in its lowest. In one sense it is equivalent to the Father-Creator, Zeus, Pater Æther; on the other to the infernal Serpent-Tempter, the Astral Light of the Kabbalists. In the latter case it is fully differentiated matter, in the former only rudimentally differentiated. In other words, Spirit becomes objective matter; and objective matter rebecomes subjective Spirit, when it eludes our meta-physical senses. Æther has the same relation to the Cosmos and our little Earth, as Manas to the Monad and body. Therefore, Ether has nought to do with Spirit, but a good deal, with subjective matter and our Earth.²

Though the earthly spirit of the Fourth Race is still strong in us, we are approaching the time when the pendulum of evolution will direct its swing decidedly upwards, bringing us back on a parallel line with the primitive Third Root-Race in Spirituality.

“When the seed of the animal man is cast into the soil of the animal woman, that seed cannot germinate unless it has been fructified by the five virtues [the fluid of, or the emanation from, the principles] of the six-fold Heavenly man. Wherefore the Microcosm is represented as a Pentagon, within the Hexagon Star, the Macrocosm.”³
. . . Mankind in its first prototypal, shadowy form, is the offspring of the Elōhīm of Life (or Pitris); in its qualitative and physical aspect it is the direct progeny of the “Ancestors,” the lowest Dhyānis, or Spirits of the Earth; for its moral, psychic, and spiritual nature, it is indebted to a group of divine Beings, the name and characteristics of which will be given in Volume II. Collectively, men are the handiwork of hosts of various spirits; distributively, the tabernacles of those hosts; and occasionally and singly, the vehicles of some of them. In our present all-material Fifth Race, the earthly Spirit of the Fourth is still strong in us; but we are approaching the time when the pendulum of evolution will direct its swing decidedly upwards, bringing Humanity

¹ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 300-1

² *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (TRANSACTIONS OF THE BLAVATSKY LODGE – IX) X p. 384; [on what relation does Ether stand to Spirit and Matter.]

³ Ἀνθρώπος [Man], a work on Occult Embryology, Bk. I

back on a parallel line with the primitive Third Root-Race in Spirituality. During its childhood, mankind was composed wholly of that Angelic Host, who were the indwelling Spirits that animated the monstrous and gigantic tabernacles of clay of the Fourth Race — built by (as they are now also), and composed of, countless myriads of lives.¹ This sentence will be explained later on in the present *Commentary*. The “tabernacles” have improved in texture and symmetry of form, growing and developing with the globe that bore them; but the physical improvement took place at the expense of the spiritual inner man and nature. The three middle principles in earth and man became with every race more material; the Soul stepping back to make room for the physical intellect; the essence of elements becoming the material and composite elements now known.²

The formation of the next subrace has already begun in America.

Since the beginning of the Atlantean Race many million years have passed, yet we find the last of the Atlanteans, still mixed up with the Āryan element, 11,000 years ago. This shows the enormous overlapping of one race over the race which succeeds it, though in character and external type the elder loses its characteristics, and assumes the new features of the younger race. This is proved in all the formations of mixed human races. Now, Occult philosophy teaches that even now, under our very eyes, the new Race and [sub] Races are preparing to be formed, and that it is in America that the transformation will take place, and has already silently commenced.

Pure Anglo-Saxons hardly three hundred years ago, the Americans of the United States have already become a nation apart, and, owing to a strong admixture of various nationalities and inter-marriage, almost a race *sui generis*, not only mentally, but also physically . . .

Americans are the germs of the last two subraces of the Fifth Root-Race, in preparation for the emergence of the Sixth.

Thus the Americans have become in only three centuries a “primary race,” *pro tem.*, before becoming a race apart, and strongly separated from all other now existing races. They are, in short, the germs of the *Sixth* sub-race, and in some few hundred years more, will become most decidedly the pioneers of that race which must succeed to the present European or fifth sub-race, in all its new characteristics. After this, in about 25,000 years, they will launch into preparations for the seventh sub-race; until, in consequence of cataclysms — the first series of those which must one day destroy Europe, and still later the whole Āryan race (and thus affect both Americas), as also most of the lands directly connected with the confines of our continent and isles — the Sixth Root-Race will have appeared on the stage of our Round. When shall this be? Who knows save the great Masters of Wisdom, perchance, and they are as silent upon the subject as the snow-capped peaks that tower above them. All we know is,

¹ Science, dimly perceiving the truth, may find bacteria and other infinitesimals in the human body, and see in them but occasional and abnormal visitors to which diseases are attributed. Occultism — which discerns a life in every atom and molecule, whether in a mineral or human body, in air, fire or water — affirms that our whole body is built of such lives, the smallest bacteria under the microscope being to them in comparative size like an elephant to the tiniest infusoria.

² *Secret Doctrine*, I pp. 224-25; [Look up also Appendices A to D.]

that it will silently come into existence; so silently, indeed, that for long millenniums shall its pioneers — the peculiar children who will grow into peculiar men and women — be regarded as anomalous *lusus naturæ*, abnormal oddities physically and mentally. Then, as they increase, and their numbers become with every age greater, one day they will awake to find themselves in a majority. It is the present men who will then begin to be regarded as exceptional mongrels, until these die out in their turn in civilised lands; surviving only in small groups on islands — the mountain peaks of today — where they will vegetate, degenerate, and finally die out, perhaps millions of years hence, as the Aztecs have, as the Nyam-Nyam and the dwarfish Mūla-Kurumba of the Nilgiri Hills are dying. All these are the remnants of once mighty races, the recollection of whose existence has entirely died out of the remembrance of the modern generations, just as we shall vanish from the memory of the Sixth Race Humanity. The Fifth will overlap the Sixth Race for many hundreds of millenniums, changing with it slower than its new successor, still changing in stature, general physique, and mentality, just as the Fourth overlapped our Āryan race, and the Third had overlapped the Atlanteans.

Global submersions and destructions by wave and volcanic fire will spell the end of our Fifth Race. But when the Sixth Race commences there will be no more Americans.

This process of preparation for the Sixth great Race must last throughout the whole sixth and seventh sub-races (*vide supra*, the diagram of the Genealogical Tree of the Fifth Race).¹ But the *last* remnants of the Fifth Continent will not disappear until sometime after the birth of the *new* Race; when another and *new* dwelling, the sixth continent, will have appeared above the *new* waters on the face of the globe, so as to receive the new stranger. To it also will emigrate and settle all those who shall be fortunate enough to escape the general disaster. When this shall be — as just said — it is not for the writer to know. Only, as nature no more proceeds by sudden jumps and starts, than man changes suddenly from a child into a mature man, the final cataclysm will be preceded by many smaller submersions and destructions both by wave and volcanic fires. The exultant pulse will beat high in the heart of the race now in the American zone, but there will be no more Americans when the Sixth Race commences; no more, in fact, than Europeans; for they will have now become a *new race*, and many new nations. Yet the Fifth will not die, but survive for a while: overlapping the new Race for many hundred thousands of years to come, it will become transformed with it — slower than its new successor — still getting entirely altered in mentality, general physique, and stature. Mankind will not grow again into giant bodies as in the case of the Lemurians and the Atlanteans; because while the evolution of the Fourth Race led the latter down to the very bottom of materiality in its physical development, the present Race is on its ascending arc; and the Sixth will be rapidly growing out of its bonds of matter, and even of flesh.

¹ [Cf. "Drawing 4. Humanity's Fifth Root-Race," from our Planetary Rounds and Globes Series, presented above. — ED. PHIL.]

Man is the child of Cyclic Destiny. Cycles of Materiality will be succeeded by Cycles of Spirituality, and fully developed faculties will open up the sixth sense. The majority of future men will be glorious Adepts.

Thus it is the mankind of the New world — one by far the senior of our Old one, a fact men had also forgotten — of *Pātāla* (the Antipodes, or the Nether World, as America is called in India), whose mission and Karma it is, to sow the seeds for a forthcoming, grander, and far more glorious Race than any of those we know of at present [the Fifth]. The Cycles of Matter will be succeeded by Cycles of Spirituality and a fully developed mind. On the law of parallel history and races, the majority of the future mankind will be composed of glorious Adepts. Humanity is the child of cyclic Destiny, and not one of its Units can escape its unconscious mission, or get rid of the burden of its co-operative work with nature. Thus will mankind, race after race, perform its appointed cycle-pilgrimage. Climates will, and have already begun, to change, each tropical year¹ after the other dropping one sub-race, but only to beget another higher race on the ascending cycle; while a series of other less favoured groups — the failures of nature — will, like some individual men, vanish from the human family without even leaving a trace behind.

Such is the course of Nature under the sway of KARMIC LAW: of the ever present and the ever-becoming Nature. For, in the words of a Sage, known only to a few Occultists:

THE PRESENT IS THE CHILD OF THE PAST; THE FUTURE, THE BEGOTTEN OF THE PRESENT. AND YET, O PRESENT MOMENT! KNOWEST THOU NOT THAT THOU HAST NO PARENT, NOR CANST THOU HAVE A CHILD; THAT THOU ART EVER BEGETTING BUT THYSELF? BEFORE THOU HAST EVEN BEGUN TO SAY "I AM THE PROGENY OF THE DEPARTED MOMENT, THE CHILD OF THE PAST," THOU HAST BECOME THAT PAST ITSELF. BEFORE THOU UTTEREST THE LAST SYLLABLE, BEHOLD! THOU ART NO MORE THE PRESENT BUT VERILY THAT FUTURE. THUS, ARE THE PAST, THE PRESENT, AND THE FUTURE, THE EVER-LIVING TRINITY IN ONE — THE MAHĀMĀYĀ OF THE ABSOLUTE IS.²

Unfortunately, the mind of the present generation is not ready to receive occult truths. Such will be the privilege of the advanced thinkers of the Sixth Root-Race.

It is barely possible that the minds of the present generations are not quite ripe for the reception of Occult truths. Such will be the retrospect furnished to the advanced thinkers of the Sixth Root-Race of the history of the acceptance of Esoteric Philosophy — fully and unconditionally. Meanwhile the generations of our Fifth Race will continue to be led away by prejudice and preconceptions. Occult Sciences will have the finger of scorn pointed at them from every street-corner, and everyone will seek to ridicule and crush them in the name, and for the greater glory, of Materialism and

¹ [Note 21 by Boris de Zirkoff, (pp. 446 & 505): H.P. Blavatsky uses the term *Tropical Year* in the same way as the term *Sidereal Year*, meaning the Precessional Cycle of 25,900 ordinary years (at times given as 25,868 years). This should be clearly kept in mind, to avoid a possible confusion with the present-day astronomical term *tropical year* which means the interval between two successive returns of the sun to the vernal equinox. Its length is 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, 46.0 seconds (or 365.24220 days) of mean solar time; it is now diminishing at the rate of 0.53 seconds a century. It is the year of the seasons, the ordinary year to which the calendar must conform. Owing to the westward precession of the equinox, the tropical year is twenty minutes shorter than the sidereal year.]

² *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 444-46

its so-called Science. . . . The Theosophists and Occultists stand arraigned by public opinion, which still holds high the banner of the inductive Sciences.¹

The Rays of the Divine Monad are not destined to become wholly self-conscious and self-dependant entities in this Round, before the Last Root-Race in the Last Round of this Manvantara.

We now come to an important point with regard to the double evolution of the human race. The Sons of Wisdom, or the *spiritual* Dhyānis, had become “intellectual” through their contact with matter, because they had already reached, during previous cycles of incarnation, that degree of intellect which enabled them to become independent and self-conscious entities, *on this plane* of matter. They were reborn only by reason of Karmic effects. They *entered* those who were “ready,” and became the Arhats, or *sages*, alluded to above. This needs explanation.

The entrance into a dark room through the same aperture of one ray of sunlight following another will not constitute two rays, but one ray intensified.

It does not mean that *Monads* entered forms in which other Monads already were. They were “Essences,” “Intelligences,” and *conscious spirits*; entities seeking to become still more conscious by uniting with more developed matter. Their essence was too pure to be distinct from the universal essence; but their “Egos,” or *Manas* (since they are called *Mānasaputra*, born of “Mahat,” or Brahmā) had to pass through earthly human experiences to become *all-wise*, and be able to start on the returning ascending cycle. The *Monads* are not *discrete* principles, limited or conditioned, but rays from that one universal *absolute* Principle. The entrance into a dark room through the same aperture of one ray of sunlight following another will not constitute *two* rays, but one ray intensified. It is not in the course of natural law that man should become a *perfect* septenary being, before the seventh race in the seventh Round. Yet he has all these principles latent in him from his birth. Nor is it part of the evolutionary law that the Fifth principle (*Manas*), should receive its complete development before the *Fifth* Round. All such prematurely developed intellects (on the *spiritual* plane) in our Race are *abnormal*; they are those whom we call the “Fifth-Rounders.”

Even in the coming Seventh Root-Race, at the close of the Fourth Round, while our four lower principles will be fully developed that of Manas will be only proportionately so.

This limitation, however, refers solely to the spiritual development. The intellectual, on the physical plane, was reached during the Fourth Root-Race. Thus, those who were “half ready,” who received “but a spark,” constitute the average humanity which has to acquire its intellectuality during the present Manvantaric evolution, after which they will be ready in the next for the full reception of the “Sons of Wisdom.” While those which “were not ready” at all, the latest Monads, which had hardly evolved from their last transitional and lower animal forms at the close of the Third Round, remained the “narrow-brained” of the Stanza. This explains the otherwise unaccountable degrees of intellectuality among the various races of men — the sav-

¹ *Secret Doctrine*, I p. 298

age Bushman and the European — even now. Those tribes of savages, whose reasoning powers are very little above the level of the animals, are not the unjustly disinherited, or the *unfavoured*, as some may think — nothing of the kind. They are simply those *latest arrivals* among the human Monads, which *were not ready*: which have to evolve during the present Round, as on the three remaining globes (hence on four different planes of being) so as to arrive at the level of the average class when they reach the Fifth Round. One remark may prove useful, as food for thought to the student in this connection. The MONADS of the lowest specimens of humanity (the “narrow-brained” savage South-Sea Islander, the African, the Australian) *had no Karma to work out when first born as men, as their more favoured brethren in intelligence had*. The former are spinning out Karma only now; the latter are burdened with past, present, and future Karma. In this respect the poor savage is more fortunate than the greatest genius of *civilised countries*.¹



Bhaumika or Earthly Manvantara (Drawing).

There now follows a drawing from our Planetary Rounds and Globes Series. — ED. PHIL.

¹ *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 167-68



In Bhaumika Manvantara every Root-Race is separated by a catastrophe, a cataclysm (Cf BCW V 163) — a kind of minor pralaya. Ever-recurring cataclysms by fire and water close the cycle of every Root-Race. (Cf SD II 307 fn & 309)

When a globe of a planetary chain goes into "obscuration" [or dormancy, so that Humanity can rest between two planets] every quality, including heat, retires from it and it remains in statu quo, like the "sleeping Beauty," until Fohat, the "Prince Charmant," awakens it with a kiss. (Cf BCW X 393)

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. (BCW XIV 303)

Root-Race duration in this Round, here on Earth. (BCW XIII 304)

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BHAUMIKA OR EARTHLY MANVANTARA

Human Period of Activity on Planet Earth (Globe D) in this, our Fourth Round, inaugurated by Manu Vaivasvata. It consists of seven distinct Root-Races which are outside purely anthropological division.

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

Sixth Root-Race: The Enlightened

Having lost spirituality in favour of physical development at the close of the Fourth Root-Race, we are now gradually but imperceptibly losing physicality until the Sixth Race will be on a par with the spirituality of the Second, the long extinct prehistoric race. Then, all human iniquities will have vanished into endless space, and ether into Æther.

The whole range of physical phenomena proceed from the *Primary* of Ether — Ākāśa, as dual-natured Ākāśa proceeds from undifferentiated *Chaos*, so-called, the latter being the primary *aspect* of Mūlaprakriti, the root-matter and the first abstract Idea one can form of Parabrahman. Modern Science may divide its hypothetically conceived ether in as many ways as it likes; the *real* Æther of Space will remain as it is throughout. It has its seven principles, as all the rest of nature has, and where there was no Ether *there would be no sound*, as it is the vibrating sound-board in nature in all of its seven differentiations. This is the first mystery the Initiates of old have learned. Our present normal physical senses were (from our present point of view) abnormal in those days of slow and progressive downward evolution and fall into matter. And there was a day when all that which in our modern times is regarded as phenomena, so puzzling to the physiologists now compelled to believe in them — such as thought transference, clairvoyance, clairaudience, etc.; in short, all that which is called now “wonderful and abnormal” — all that and much more belonged to the senses and faculties common to all humanity. We are, however, cycling back and cycling forward; *i.e.*, having lost in spirituality that which we acquired in physical development until almost the end of the Fourth Race, we (mankind) are as gradually and imperceptibly losing now in the physical all that we regain once more in the spiritual *re*-evolution. This process must go on until the period which will bring the Sixth Root-Race on a parallel line with the spirituality of the Second, long extinct mankind.¹

The first Five Root-Races are symbolised by a five-faced Shiva who, in the Sixth, will be called the six-faced or six-pointed star.

Pañchānana (*Sk.*). “Five-faced,” a title of Śiva; an allusion to the five races (since the beginning of the *first*) which he represents, as the ever reincarnating Kumāra throughout the Manvantara. In the sixth root-race he will be called the “six-faced.”² . . . the six-pointed star [symbolises] the coming sixth Race which, as the Secret Doctrine teaches us, will



¹ *Secret Doctrine*, I pp. 536-37

² *Theosophical Glossary*: Pañchānana

originate in America.¹

Toward the beginning of the next Root-Race man will finally come of age, and many of the hitherto secret knowledge will become common knowledge.

Occult philosophy divulges few of its most important vital mysteries. It drops them like precious pearls, one by one, far and wide apart, and only when forced to do so by the evolutionary tidal wave that carries on humanity on slowly, silently, but steadily toward the dawn of the Sixth-Race mankind. For once out of the safe custody of their legitimate heirs and keepers, those mysteries cease to be occult: they fall into the public domain and have to run the risk of becoming in the hands of the selfish — of the *Cains* of the human race — curses more often than blessings.²

Secrets of [Nature] could not be given to anyone but a regular chela of many years' standing and during his successive initiations; mankind as a whole has first to come of age, to reach its majority, which will happen but toward the beginning of its sixth race — before such mysteries can be safely revealed to it.³

The last subrace of the Sixth Root-Race will be flourishing on top of old "Lemuria" and "Atlantis," the continents of which will have resurfaced by then. The British Isles will be no more as they are the first part of Europe to be destroyed by submarine volcanos and water; France and other lands will follow suit.

Of course your Science is right in many of her generalities, but her premises are wrong, or at any rate — very faulty. For instance she is right in saying that while the new America was forming, the ancient Atlantis was sinking and gradually washing away; but she is neither right in her given epochs nor in the calculations of the duration of that sinking. The latter — is the future fate of your British Islands, the first on the list of victims that have to be destroyed by fire (submarine volcanos) and water;⁴ France and other lands will follow suit. When they reappear again, the last seventh Sub-race of the sixth Root race of present mankind will be flourishing on "Lemuria" and "Atlantis" both of which will have reappeared also (their reappearance following immediately the disappearance of the present isles and continents), and very few seas and *great waters* will be found then on our globe, waters as well as land appearing and disappearing and shifting periodically and each in turn.⁵



¹ *Blavatsky Collected Writings* (LITERARY JOTTINGS – A THEOSOPHICAL SCULPTOR) X p. 240; [on a medallion made by Josepha North, F.T.S., Aryan Branch of New York.]

² *Secret Doctrine*, I p. 558

³ *Blavatsky Collected Writings* (REPLY TO AN ENGLISH F.T.S.) V p. 143 *fn.*

⁴ [Cf. "Every Sidereal Year the tropics recede from the pole *four degrees* in each revolution from the equinoctial points, as the equator rounds through the Zodiacal constellations. Now, as every astronomer knows, at present the tropic is only twenty-three degrees and a fraction less than half a degree from the equator. Hence it has still 2½ degrees to run before the end of the Sidereal year; which gives humanity in general, and our civilized races in *particular*, a reprieve of about 16,000 years." *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 331]

⁵ *Mahatma Letter* 23b (93b) pp. 152-53; 3rd Combined ed.

The so-called “fourth dimension of space” is the sixth characteristic of matter and harbinger of the sixth sense.

Water, one of four primordial Elements, was transmitted to us by the Fourth Root-Race, as we shall transmit Æther, the Fifth Element, to the Sixth. Then our sixth sense shall be awakened.

Now *Wind, Air* and *Spirit* have ever been synonymous with every nation. *Pneuma* (Spirit) and *Anemos* (wind) with the Greeks, *Spiritus* and *Ventus* with the Latins, were convertible terms even if dissociated from the original idea of the breath of life. In the “Forces” of Science we see but the *material effect of the spiritual affect* of one or the other of the four primordial Elements, transmitted to us by the 4th Race, as we shall transmit Æther (or rather the gross subdivision of it) in its fullness to the Sixth Root Race.¹

“The fourth dimension” is an unfortunate verbalism. Space and time are often viewed outside mental perceptions and experiences rather as what they truly are, fanciful generalizations of lower minds. Giving reality to abstractions is an error of realism.

The Second Round brought forth and developed two Elements — Fire and Earth — and *its* humanity, adapted to this condition of Nature, if we can give the name Humanity to beings living under conditions unknown to men, was — to use again a familiar phrase in a strictly figurative sense (the only way in which it can be used correctly) — “a two-dimensional species.” The processes of natural development which we are now considering will at once elucidate and discredit the fashion of speculating on the attributes of the *two, three, and four* or more “dimensional Space”; but in passing, it is worthwhile to point out the real significance of the sound but incomplete intuition that has prompted — among Spiritualists and Theosophists, and several great men of Science, for the matter of that² — the use of the modern expression, “the fourth dimension of Space.” To begin with, of course, the superficial absurdity of assuming that Space itself is measurable in any direction is of little consequence. The familiar phrase can only be an abbreviation of the fuller form — the “*Fourth dimension of MATTER in Space.*”³ But it is an unhappy phrase even thus expanded, because while it is perfectly true that the progress of evolution may be destined to introduce us to new characteristics of matter, those with which we are already familiar are really more numerous than the three dimensions.⁴



¹ *Secret Doctrine*, I p. 342

² Professor Zöllner's theory has been more than welcomed by several Scientists — who are Spiritualists — Professors Butlerof and Wagner, of St. Petersburg, for instance.

³ “The giving reality to Abstractions is the error of Realism. Space and Time are frequently viewed as separated from all the concrete experiences of the mind, instead of being generalizations of these in certain aspects.” (Bain, *Logic*, Part II, p. 389; 1873 ed.)

⁴ *Secret Doctrine*, I p. 251

The next characteristic of matter or “permeability” (spiritual sight) will correspond to the sixth sense, that of “normal clairvoyance,” for any perception must be related to senses. Then, those who have been seeking a “fourth dimension” to explain the passage of matter through matter shall find what they sought, the sixth characteristic of matter.

The faculties, or what is perhaps the best available term, the characteristics of matter, must clearly bear a direct relation always to the senses of man. Matter has extension, colour, motion (molecular motion), taste, and smell, corresponding to the existing senses of man, and by the time that it fully develops the next characteristic — let us call it for the moment PERMEABILITY — this will correspond to the next sense of man — let us call it “NORMAL CLAIRVOYANCE”; thus, when some bold thinkers have been thirsting for a fourth dimension to explain the passage of matter through matter, and the production of knots upon an endless cord, what they were really in want of, was a *sixth characteristic of matter*.

Since the three dimensions (length–breadth–thickness) belong but to one characteristic of matter (extension), common sense justly rebels against the suggestion that there can be more than three.

The three dimensions belong really but to one attribute or characteristic of matter — extension; and popular common sense justly rebels against the idea that under any condition of things there can be more than three of such dimensions as length, breadth, and thickness. These terms, and the term “dimension” itself, all belong to one plane of thought, to one stage of evolution, to one characteristic of matter. So long as there are foot rules within the resources of Kosmos, to apply to matter, so long will they be able to measure it three ways and no more; and from the time the idea of measurement first occupied a place in the human understanding, it has been possible to apply measurement in three directions and no more. But these considerations do not militate in any way against the certainty that in the progress of time — as the faculties of humanity are multiplied — so will the characteristics of matter be multiplied also. Meanwhile, the expression is far more incorrect than even the familiar one of the “Sun rising or setting.”¹

Normal, spiritual clairvoyance is the opposite of psychic; the latter is abnormal and counterfeit.

Spiritual clairvoyance is derived from the Sun; all psychic states, diseases, and even lunacy, proceed from the Moon.²

Clairvoyance [is] the faculty of seeing with the inner eye or spiritual sight. As now used it is a loose and flippant term, embracing under its meaning a happy guess due to natural shrewdness or intuition, and also that faculty which was so remarkably exercised by Jacob Boehme and Swedenborg. Real clairvoyance means the faculty of seeing through the densest matter (the latter disappearing at the will and before the

¹ *Secret Doctrine*, I pp. 251-52

² *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (FACTS UNDERLYING ADEPT BIOGRAPHIES) XIV pp. 142-43

spiritual eye of the Seer), and irrespective of time (past, present and future) or distance.¹

At the close of our Race, people, it is said, through suffering and discontent, will become more spiritual. Clairvoyance will become a general faculty. We shall be approaching the spiritual state of the Third and Second Races.²

The Third Eye³ or Eye of Dangma of the stanzas of Dzyan will open again, and the minds of those who will live at that time shall be awakened and become as pellucid as crystal.

For further information and commentaries, see Appendices A to D. — ED. PHIL.



¹ *Theosophical Glossary*: Clairvoyance

² *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (CYCLES AND AVATĀRAS) XIV p. 356 fn. [on *Vishnu-Purāna*, IV, ch. xxiv, 228-29; tr. Wilson]

³ [Synonymous terms by ED. PHIL

Cyclopean Eye, Deva Eye (Devāksha), Dhyāni-Chohans (generic name for the creative powers of the Hierarchy of Compassion), Eye of Śiva, Hanōkh or Hermes (son of Seth and generic name of early seers), Initiator's Instructor, Inner Eye or Seer, 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.]

Seventh Root-Race: Immortal Gods

By the middle of the Seventh Root-Race, the struggle between the two Opposing Powers (Buddhi and Kama-Manas, on our plane) will have almost died out. Everything that is irredeemably sinful and wicked will have been eliminated. What may have survived will be swept away by Karmic tidal-waves in the shape of scavenger-plagues, geological convulsions, and other means of destruction.

And then, *men will arise from the dead* and immortality come.¹

Now the latter is of course purely allegorical. It stands in the occult sense, that materialism and sin being called death, the materialist, or the unbeliever, is “a dead man” — spiritually. Occultism has never regarded the physical personality as *the* man; nor has Paul, if his *Epistle to the Romans* (vi-vii), is correctly understood. Thus mankind, arrived “at the appointed time” (the end of our present *Round*), at the end of the cycle of gross material flesh, will, with certain bodily changes, have come to a clearer spiritual perception of the truth. Redemption from flesh means a proportionate redemption from sin. Many are those who *seeing will believe*, and, in consequence, *rise “from the dead.”* By the middle of the Seventh Race, says an occult prophecy, the struggle of the two conflicting Powers (*Buddhi* and *Kama-Manas*) will have almost died out. Everything that is irredeemably sinful and wicked, cruel and destructive, will have been eliminated, and that which is found to survive will be swept away from being, owing, so to speak, to a Karmic tidal-wave in the shape of scavenger-plagues, geological convulsions and other means of destruction. The Fifth Round will bring forth a higher kind of Humanity; and, as intelligent Nature always proceeds gradually, the last Race of this Round must necessarily develop the needed materials thereof. Meanwhile, we are still in the Fifth Race of the Fourth Round only, and in the Kaliyuga, into the bargain. The deadly strife between spirit and matter, between Light and Goodness and Darkness and Evil, began on our globe with the first appearance of contrasts and opposites in vegetable and animal nature, and continued more fiercely than ever after man had become the selfish and personal being *he now is*. Nor is there any chance of its coming to an end before falsehood is replaced by truth, selfishness by altruism, and supreme justice reigns in the heart of man. Till then, the noisy battle will rage unabated. It is selfishness, especially; the love of *Self* above all things in heaven and earth, helped by human vanity, which is the begetter of the seven mortal sins. No; Ashmogh, the cruel “biped serpent,” is not so easily reduced. Before the poor creature now in the clutches of Darkness is liberated through Light, it has to know itself. Man, following the Delphic injunction, has to become acquainted with, and gain the mastery over, every nook and corner of his heterogeneous na-

¹ *Zamyād Yasht*, xix, 89 *et seq.*

ture, before he can learn to discriminate between HIMSELF and his *personality*. To accomplish this difficult task, two conditions are absolutely requisite: one must have thoroughly realised in practice the noble Zoroastrian precept: “Good thoughts, good words, good deeds,” and must have impressed them indelibly on his soul and heart, not merely as a lip-utterance and form-observance. Above all, one has to crush *personal vanity* beyond resurrection.¹

The Adept in charge of the Seventh Root-Race will be the future Planetary Spirit, a Dhyani-Chohan who shall instruct the First Root-Race of the Fifth Round after the scheduled obscuration of our planet.

Every race had its adepts; and with every new race, we are allowed to give them out as much of our knowledge as the men of that race deserve. The last seventh Race will have its Buddha as every one of its predecessors had; but, its adepts will be far higher than any of the present race, for among them will abide the future Planetary, the Dhyāni-Chohan whose duty it will be to instruct or “refresh the memory” of the first race of the fifth Round men after this planet’s future obscuration.²

He will appear as Maitreya-Buddha, the last of Avatars and Buddhas.

The great Dragon of Wisdom is born of Fire and Water, and into Fire and Water will all be re-absorbed with him.³

As this Bodhisattva is said “to assume any form he pleases” from the beginning of a Manvantara to its end, though his special birthday (memorial day) is celebrated according to the *Chin-kuang ming Ching* (“Luminous Sūtra of Golden Light”) in the second month on the nineteenth day, and that of “Maitreya Buddha”⁴ in the first month on the first day, yet the two are one. He will appear as Maitreya-Buddha, the last of the Avatāras and Buddhas, in the seventh Race. This belief and expectation are universal throughout the East. Only it is not in the *Kali-yuga*, our present terrifically materialistic age of Darkness, the “Black Age,” that a new Saviour of Humanity can ever appear.⁵

Each Root-Race is a new “birth” or transformation of the same company of actors, one of seven keynotes for many a subsequent birth in subraces, each carrying the Divine Monad higher and higher until it reaches the Seventh Race.

When Mr. Sinnett’s *Esoteric Buddhism*, and “Fragments of Occult Truth” are read and comprehended, it will be easy to understand that the “seven births” or transfor-

¹ *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (DEVIL’S OWN THOUGHTS ON ORMUZD AND AHRIMAN) XIII, pp. 128-29

² *Mahatma Letter* 23b (93b) p. 154; 3rd Combined ed.

³ *John* i, 3, 4

⁴ [Cf. “Chagpa-Thog-med is the Tibetan name of Āryāsanga, the founder of the Yogacharyā or Naljorhodpa School. This Sage and Initiate is said to have been taught ‘Wisdom’ by Maitreya Buddha Himself, the Buddha of the Sixth Race, at Tushita (a celestial region presided over by Him), and as having received from Him the five books of *Champai-chos-nga*. The Secret Doctrine teaches, however, that he came from Dejung, or Śambhala, called the ‘source of happiness’ (‘wisdom-acquired’) and declared by some Orientalists to be a ‘fabulous’ place.” *Blavatsky Collected Writings* (“DOCTRINE OF EYE” AND “DOCTRINE OF HEART”) XIV p. 451 *fn.*]

⁵ *Secret Doctrine*, I p. 470; [on Kuan-shih-yin and Kuan-yin. Look up “Kali-Yuga and the Kalki-Avatara,” in our Buddhas and Initiates Series. — ED. PHIL.]

mations refer to the seven births in the *seven root races*. Every such birth being the keynote struck for other and subsequent births in sub-races, each keynote resounding in a higher key than the preceding one on the scale of tones; or, in other words, every new *root-birth* carrying the individuality higher and higher until it reaches the *seventh root-race*, which will bring man finally to the highest, eternal Buddhahood or “Brahma Garbha” in a degree corresponding to that he will have acquired by his enlightenment during his lives on earth.¹

Men who will be thus transformed by virtue at the end of our Kali Age of Darkness shall be the seeds of future human beings, and shall give birth to the ultimate race that, following the laws of the Krita Age of Purity, will be born of immaculate parents.

The *Veda* of the earliest Āryans, before it was written, went forth into every nation of the Atlanto-Lemurians, and sowed the first seeds of all the now existing old religions. The off-shoots of the never dying tree of wisdom have scattered their dead leaves even on Judæo-Christianity. And at the end of the Kali, our present age, Vishnu or the “Everlasting King” will appear as Kalki, and re-establish righteousness upon earth. The minds of those who live at that time shall be awakened, and become as pellucid as crystal. “The men who are thus changed by virtue of that peculiar time [the sixth race] *shall be as the seeds* of other human beings, and shall give birth to a race who shall follow the laws of the Krita age of purity”; *i.e.*, it shall be the seventh race, the race of “Buddhas,” the “Sons of God,” born of *immaculate* parents.²

Peoples at the end of the Sixth and Seventh Root-Races will be sexless again. They will correspond to the “Pudding Bags” of the First in appearance, but empowered by the highest intelligence and spirituality.

The Sympathetic Cords are only found after a certain stage of animal evolution, and are evolving in complexity to form a second Spinal Cord. At the end of the next Round, Humanity will become once more hermaphrodite, male-female, and then there will be two Spinal Cords in the human Body. In the Seventh Race, the two will merge into the one. The sexually creative power of man is not natural, or rather was not at the beginning. It was an abnormal diversion from the course of human or divine nature, and all tends to make away with it. Man in the end of the Sixth and Seventh Races will not have sexual organs. The evolution of the physical Body corresponds to the Races, and with the evolution of the Races the Sympathetic Cords will develop into a true Spinal Cord, the two Cords growing together and so forming one. We are returning up the arc, with self-consciousness added. The Sixth Race will correspond to the “Pudding Bags,” the First Root-Race, but will have the perfection of form with the highest intelligence and spirituality.³

¹ *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (FOOTNOTES TO “YOGA AND KALPA”) VI p. 14

² *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 483

³ *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (E.S. INSTRUCTION No. V) XII pp. 700-1

They will be led by Dharmaprabhasa Buddha,¹ who shall appear when gender and all other illusions of separateness will no longer exist.

The age in which all sexual difference will have ceased to exist, and birth will take place in the *Anupādaka* [parentless] *mode*, as in the second and third Root-races. Esoteric philosophy teaches that it will take place at the end of the sixth and during the seventh and last Root-race in this Round.²

Then the Adepts and Initiates of the Seventh Root-Race will once more create mind-born Immaculate Sons.

The *divine* man dwelt in the animal, and, therefore, when the physiological separation took place in the natural course of evolution — when also “all the animal creation was *untied*,” and males were attracted to females — *that race fell*: not because they had eaten of the fruit of Knowledge and knew good from evil, but because they knew no better. Propelled by the sexless creative instinct, the early sub-races had evolved an intermediate race in which, as hinted in the Stanzas, the higher Dhyāni-Chohans had incarnated.³ “When we have ascertained the extent of the Universe and learnt to know all that there is in it, we will multiply our race,” answer the *Sons of Will and Yoga* to their brethren of the same race, who invite them to do as they do. This means that the great Adepts and Initiated ascetics will “multiply,” *i.e.*, once more produce *Mind-born* immaculate Sons — in the Seventh Root-Race.⁴

Finally, when the sixth sense has awakened the seventh,⁵ Chrēstos shall be regenerated as Christos and will illumine the souls of all men. “And they will listen to my voice; and they shall become one flock under one Shepherd.”⁶

Therefore, the time is still far distant when “all the people of the universe will form one flock under one shepherd.” Human nature will have to be completely modified

¹ *Theosophical Glossary*: Dharmaprabhasa

² *ibid.*, Ratnāvabhāsa Kalpa

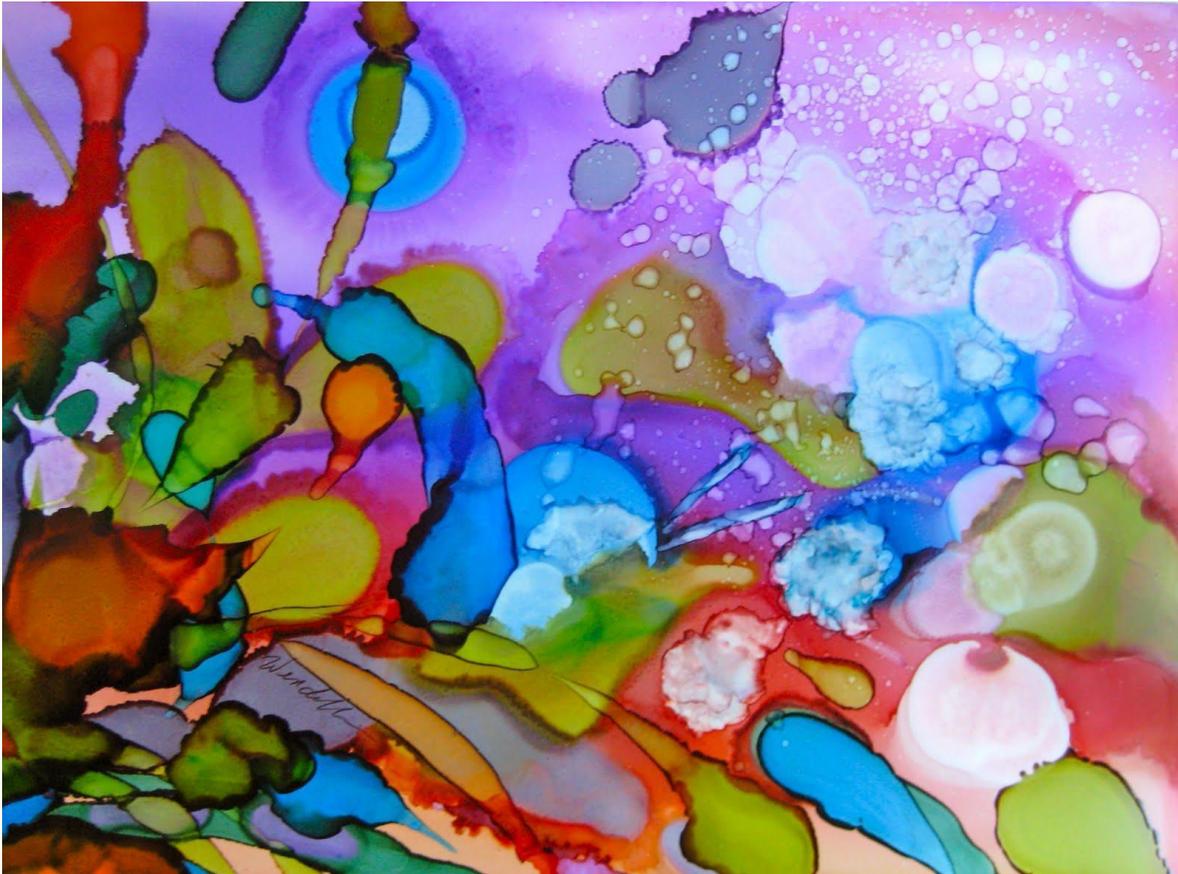
³ This is the “undying race” as it is called in Esotericism, and exoterically the fruitless generation of the first progeny of Daksha, who curses Nārada, the divine Rishi, alleged to have dissuaded the Haryaśvas and the Śabalāśvas, the sons of Daksha, from procreating their species, by saying: “Be born in the womb; there shall not be a resting place for thee in all these regions”; after this Nārada, the representative of that race of *fruitless* ascetics, is said, as soon as he dies in one body, to be reborn in another.

⁴ *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 275

⁵ Cf. “When a man is in his normal condition, the introspective Adept can see the golden Aura pulsating in both the [Pineal and Pituitary] glands, a pulsation, like that of the heart, never ceasing throughout life. This motion, however, under the abnormal condition of effort to develop clairvoyant faculties, becomes intensified, and the Aura takes on a stronger vibratory and pulsating or swinging action. The arc (of the Pituitary Gland) mounts upward, more and more, toward the Pineal Gland, until finally the current striking it, just as when the electric current strikes some solid object, the dormant organ is awakened and set all aglowing with the pure Ākāśic Fire. This is the psycho-physiological illustration of two organs on the physical plane, which are the concrete symbols of, and represent respectively, the metaphysical concepts called Manas and Buddhi. The latter, in order to become conscious on this plane, needs the more differentiated fire of Manas; but *once the sixth sense has awakened the seventh*, the light which radiates from it illuminates the fields of infinitude: for a brief space of time, man becomes omniscient; the Past and the Future, Space and Time, disappear and become for him the Present. If an Adept, he will store that knowledge he thus gains, in his physical memory and nothing — save the crime of indulging in Black Magic — can obliterate the remembrance of it. If only a Chela, portions alone of the whole truth will impress themselves on his memory, and he will have to repeat the process for years, never allowing one speck of impurity to stain him mentally or physically, before he becomes a fully initiated Adept.” *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (E.S. INSTRUCTION No. III) XII pp. 617-18

⁶ *John* x, 16; Weymouth NT

before it occurs. We will have to attain the Seventh Race, according to the prophecy of the Book of *Dzyan*,¹ because it is then that the “Christos” — designated by his various pagan names, as well as those of the Gnostics “heretics” — will reign in the soul of every individual, in the soul of all those who shall have first accepted the *Chrēst*² — I do not say simply those who will have become *Christians*, which is quite another thing. For, let us proclaim it once for all, the word *Christ*, which means the *glorified*, the *triumphant*, and also the “anointed” (from the word *χρίω*, to anoint) cannot be applied to Jesus.^{3, 4}



¹ A Tibetan word, the Sanskrit *Jñāna*, occult wisdom, knowledge.

² A word which is neither the *Krest* (cross) of the Slavs, nor the crucified “Christ” of the Latins. The Ray made manifest from that Centre of Life which is hidden from the eyes of Humanity for and in Eternity, the *Christos*, crucified as a body of flesh and bones!!!

³ [Having drawn to Madame Blavatsky’s attention that, according to certain scholars, this assertion is erroneous, she answered as follows: “I say the scholars are either lying or talking nonsense. Our *Masters* affirm the statement. If the story of Jehoshua or Jesus Ben-Pandira is false, then the whole *Talmud*, the whole Jewish Canon is false. He was the disciple of Jehoshua Ben Perahiah, the fifth President of the Sanhedrin after Ezra who *re-wrote* the Bible. Compromised in the revolt of the Pharisees against Jannæus in 105 B.C., he fled into Egypt carrying the young Jesus with him. This account is far truer than that of the New Testament which has no record in history.”]

⁴ *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (“ESOTERICISM OF CHRISTIAN DOGMA”) VIII pp. 379-80

[Note to Students by ED. PHIL. — “Even according to the Gospels, *Jesus was never anointed*, either as High Priest, as King or as Prophet. ‘As a mortal,’ remarks Nork, ‘he was anointed only once, by a woman, and not because he offered himself as king or High Priest, but, as he said himself, *for his burial*.’ Jesus was a *Chrēstos*: *χρηστός ο Κύριος* (the Lord is good), as St. Peter said (*First Epistle* ii, 3), whether he actually lived during the Christian era or a century earlier, in the reign of Alexander Jannæus and his wife Salome, at Lüd, as stated in the *Sepher Toldoth Jeshu*.” *ibid.* Look up “Gautama and Jesus parallel lives” and “Jesus Ben Pandira, the historical Christ,” in our Buddhas and Initiates Series.]

A glimpse of the close of the Seventh Root-Race in the Seventh Round, when all men shall be equal to Angels.

The great cycle of (and struggle for) conscious life begun with the separation of the sexes and will end in the Last Race of the Last Round.

The life-cycle, or rather the cycle of conscious life, begins with the separation of the mortal animal-man into sexes, and will end with the close of the last generation of men, in the seventh round and seventh race of mankind. Considering we are only in the fourth round and fifth race, its duration is more easily imagined than expressed.¹

Humanity is already on the ascending arc. At the close of the Forty-Ninth Race in the Seventh Round of this Manvantara, the Divine Monad shall be pure again, unsullied by evil and temptation, as it was in the very beginning. It shall then be transported to new heights of consciousness by the aroma of its cumulative earthly experience and wisdom.

The Occult doctrine maintains that, in this Round, the mammals were a later work of evolution than man. Evolution proceeds in cycles. The great Manvantaric cycle of Seven Rounds, beginning in the First Round with mineral, vegetable, and animal, brings its evolutionary work on the descending arc to a dead stop in the middle of the Fourth *Race*, at the close of the first half of the Fourth *Round*. It is on our Earth, then, (the Fourth sphere and the lowest), and in the present *Round*, that this middle point has been reached. And since the Monad has passed, after its "first inmetallization" on Globe A, through the mineral, vegetable, and animal worlds in every degree of the three states of matter, except the last degree of the third or solid state, which it reached only at the "*mid-point of evolution*," it is but logical and natural that at the beginning of the Fourth Round on Globe D, Man should be the first to appear; and also that his frame should be of the most tenuous matter that is compatible with objectivity. To make it still clearer: if the Monad begins its cycle of incarnations through the three objective kingdoms on the descending curved line, it has necessarily to enter on the re-ascending curved line of the sphere as a man also. On the descending arc it is the spiritual which is gradually transformed into the material. On the middle line of the base, Spirit and Matter are equilibrated in Man. On the ascending arc, Spirit is slowly re-asserting itself at the expense of the physical, or matter, so that, at the close of the seventh Race of the Seventh Round, the Monad will find itself as free from matter and all its qualities as it was in the beginning; having gained in addition the experience and wisdom, the fruition of all its personal lives, without their evil and temptations.²



¹ *Key to Theosophy*, § XI (ON THE MYSTERIES OF REINCARNATION) p. 197

² *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 180-81; [on Stanza VIII.28a.]

Until the Last Battle in the Last Round is fought and won, the Holy Tree of Life¹ cannot wither.

Ash Yggdrasil [is] the “Mundane Tree,” the Symbol of the World with the old Norsemen, the “tree of the universe, of time and of life.” It is ever green, for the Norns of Fate sprinkle it daily with the water of life from the fountain of Urd, which flows in Midgard. The dragon Nidhogg gnaws its roots incessantly, the dragon of Evil and Sin; but the Ash Yggdrasil cannot wither, until the Last Battle (the Seventh Race in the Seventh Round) is fought, when life, time, and the world will all vanish and disappear.²

That is why the Hindu sage has to light the First and extinguish the Forty-Ninth Fire before reaching his final deliverance.

This is an esoteric tenet, and the general reader will not make much out of it. But the Theosophist who has read *Esoteric Buddhism* may compute the 7 by 7 of the *forty-nine* “days,” and the *forty-nine* “fires,” and understand that the allegory refers esoterically to the seven human consecutive root-races with their seven subdivisions. Every monad is born in the first and obtains deliverance in the last seventh race. Only a “Buddha” is shown reaching it during the course of one life.³

He who, through a long series of births under Karmic law, shall reach the end of the Manvantara, shall become “equal unto the Angels,” and shall die no more.

“But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world [Nirvana],⁴ and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.”⁵



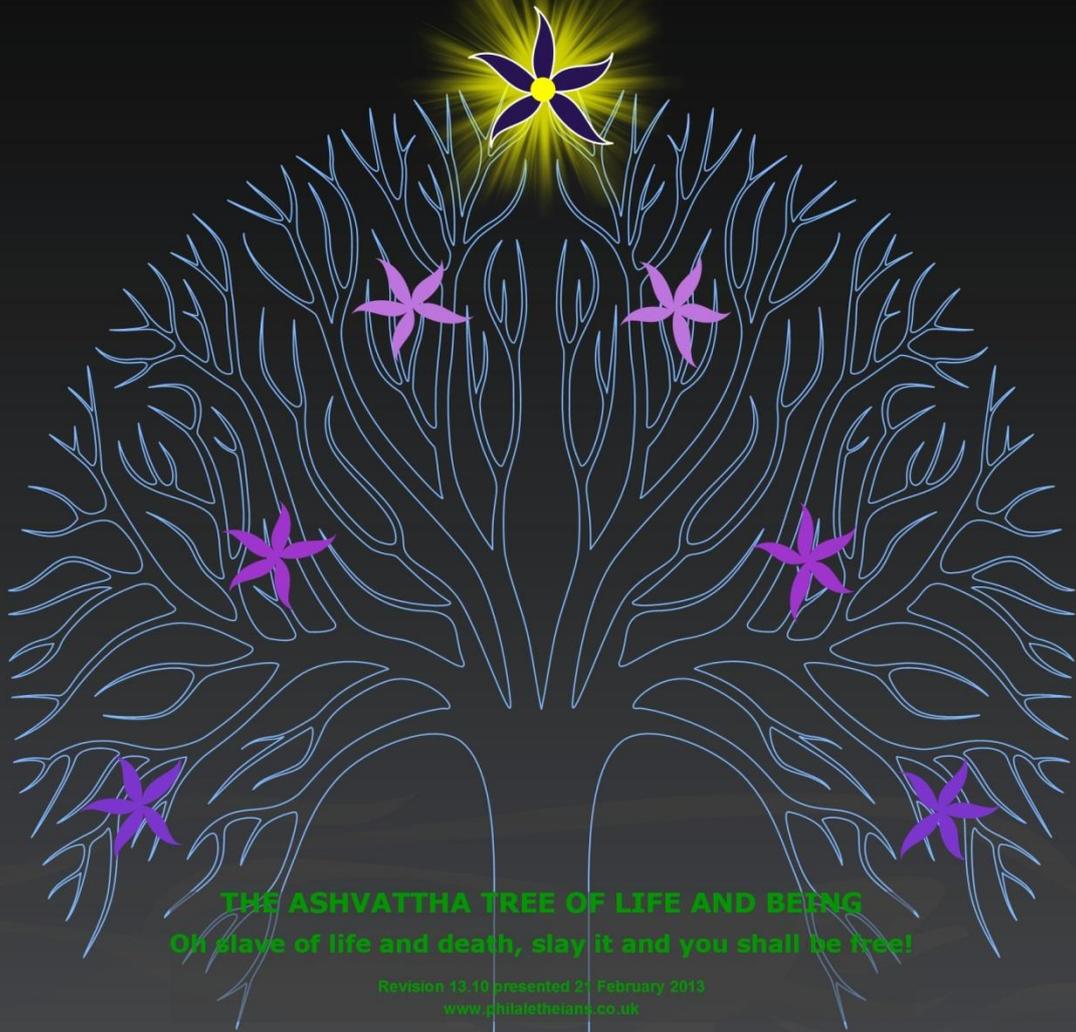
¹ Cf. “. . . The trunk of the ASVATTHA (the tree of Life and Being, the Rod of the caduceus) grows from and descends at every Beginning (every new manvantara) from the two dark wings of the Swan [HANSAs] of Life. The two Serpents, the ever-living and its illusion (Spirit and matter) whose two heads grow from the one head between the wings, descend along the trunk, interlaced in close embrace. The two tails join on earth (the manifested Universe) into one, and this is the great illusion, O Lanoo!” *Secret Doctrine*, I p. 549; [quoting *Commentary on the Esoteric Doctrine*]

² *Theosophical Glossary*: Ash Yggdrasil. [“Drawing 7. The Ashvattha Tree of Life and Being,” from our Planetary Rounds and Globes Series, herein presented overleaf. — ED. PHIL.]

³ *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (THE ORIGIN OF EVIL) VIII p. 115 *fn.*

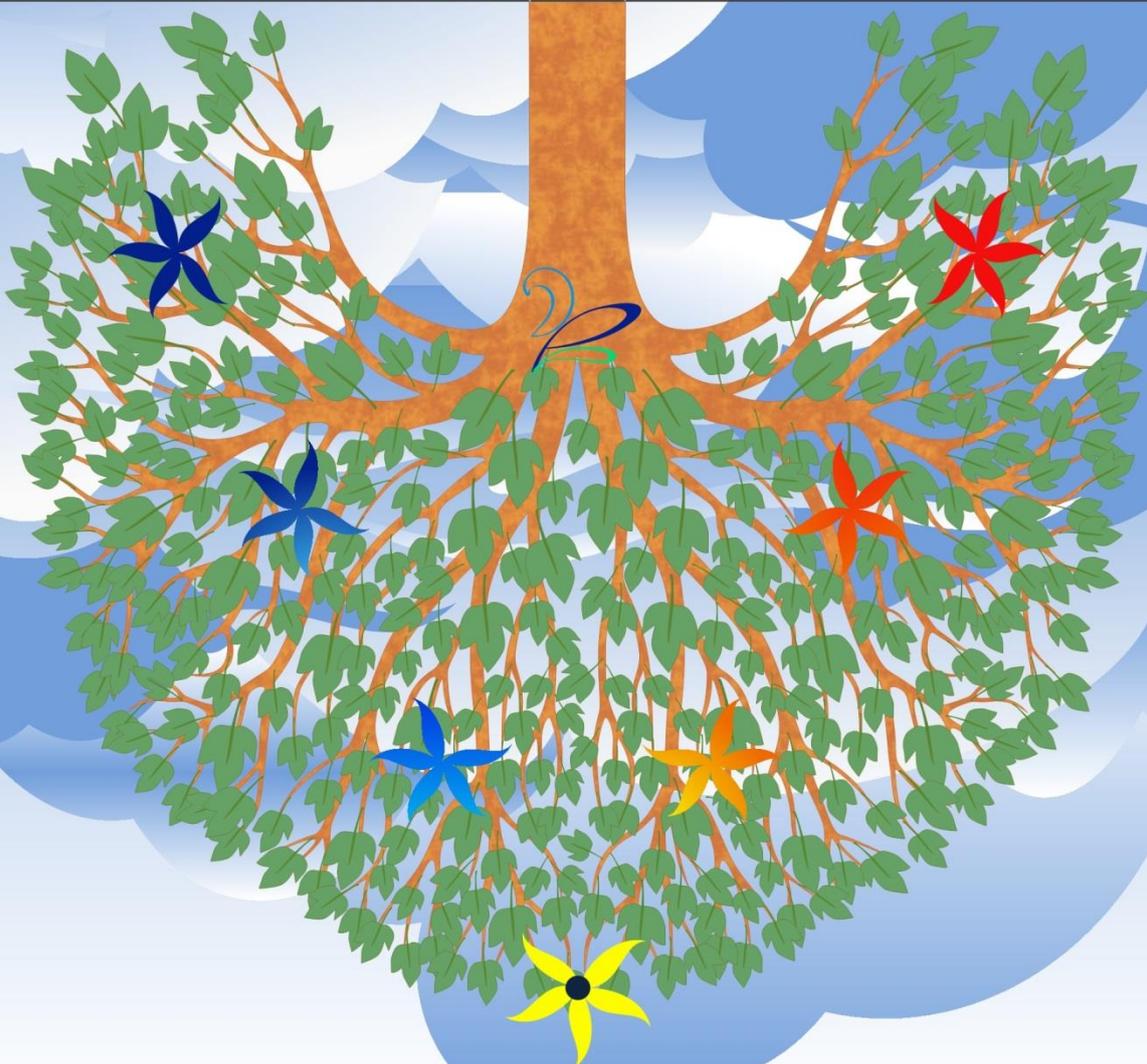
⁴ This word [αἰών], translated in the *New Testament* “world” to suit the official interpretation, means rather an “age” (as shown in the *Revised Version*) or one of the periods during the Manvantara, a Kalpa, or Aeōn. Esoterically, the sentence would read: “He who shall reach, through a series of births and Karmic law, the state in which Humanity shall find itself after the Seventh Round and the Seventh Race, when comes Nirvāna, Moksha, and when man becomes ‘equal unto the Angels’ or Dhyāni-Chohans, is a ‘son of the resurrection’ and ‘can die no more’; then there will be no marriage, as there will be no difference of sexes” — a result of our present materiality and animalism. *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (THE DANGERS OF PRACTICAL MAGIC) XIV p. 58 *fn.*

⁵ *Luke* xx, 35-36; KJV



THE ASHVATTHA TREE OF LIFE AND BEING
Oh slave of life and death, slay it and you shall be free!

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